

## ShelterBox deploys to Samoa, Sumatra and Manila

### Manila

ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members Rotarian Peter Pearce (RC Gosford) and UK SRT Lizzy Treglown are on the ground in Manila assisting those affected by Tropical storm Ondoy. It is reported that approximately 1.87 million people have been affected by this tragedy.

200 ShelterBoxes landed today and this will be the beginning of our efforts to shelter those who lost everything. More reports as they come to hand.



Above photographs from Past RI Director Ken Collins, WA – compiled by PRIP M.A.T. Caparas



Above photos sent by President Ruth Carlos-Martinez from the R.C. Brighton Beach, Victoria

## Samoa

Early yesterday morning a massive 8.3-magnitude quake caused a tsunami in the Pacific, killing at least 140 people in Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga. The wave was reported to be 8-metres high when it hit the regions.

The disaster has claimed the lives of several Australians and more than 140 locals with thousands still missing or hospitalised.

Working with the Rotary Club of Apia, New Zealand SRT members Owen Smith and Walter Van der Kley have been mobilised and will assess the extent for our emergency shelter. 100 ShelterBoxes will be delivered to Samoa and more will be sent over the coming days once assessed.



## Sumatra

Later the same day, a 7.6-magnitude quake hit Indonesia's West Sumatra killing hundreds of people and burying many thousands more. The city of Padang and other areas in Sumatra took the full extent of destruction with the airport closed, roads and communication towers washed away. The airport will hopefully be re-opened later this evening to at least allow shipment of emergency goods including our ShelterBoxes.

Landslides in Pariaman, north of Padang have also buried many villages and cut off roads.

UK SRT Andy Holland is on the ground in Padang and will be joined within 48 hours by newly re-located SRT Mike Greenslade who now calls Australia home.

The extent of emergency shelter is yet to be determined but initial Rotary and government estimates suggest the first shipment of 500 ShelterBoxes will be deployed.

With the wet season nearly upon all of these regions, the need for shelter is paramount.

Please help if you can.  
The need is now.  
\$1200 will allow a survivor family shelter with dignity.

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