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### Shelterbox News: Haiti Six Months

ShelterBox's response to the Haiti earthquake has been the biggest, longest and most complex in the 10-year history of the international disaster relief charity.

The first ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) was mobilized 12 minutes after the earthquake struck. Now, six months later, 22,192 ShelterBoxes have been delivered in Haiti, enough aid for more than 220,000 people.

"This has been the most challenging disaster we've ever had to face. The scale of the destruction was beyond belief," said ShelterBox founder Tom Henderson.

More than 50 highly trained SRT members, from all walks of life, have now volunteered in Haiti for ShelterBox.

One of the SRT members who spent time in Haiti is Bill Decker, current chair of the ShelterBox USA board of directors and business owner in Philadelphia.



## "Huge Difference"



"With the intensive training and on-the-ground experiences we receive as SRT, nothing quite prepares one for the wholesale damage and widespread hardship that is evident at every turn in Haiti," said Decker.

"The households and businesses in rubble, especially near the epicenter in Leogane, was beyond anything I've ever seen. I felt like what I was doing as an individual was only a drop in the bucket, but then I realized that I couldn't drive past these affected areas without seeing a ShelterBox tent with a family inside and I knew that our teams have made a huge difference." ShelterBox is committed to delivering aid to families who are most in need. To this effect, ShelterBox has formed close working relationships with partners such as the International Office for Migration, the French Red Cross, Handicap International, the Jenkins/Penn Haitian Relief Organization and ACTED in order to distribute to the most vulnerable demographics.

Tom Henderson added: "Our staff, volunteers and supporters the world over have worked tirelessly with dedication, passion and commitment, to deliver emergency shelter and life-saving supplies to thousands of Haitian families. Wherever you look in Port-au-Prince you can see a ShelterBox tent.

"This wouldn't have been possible without the overwhelming generosity of our donors. The earthquake moved people to act, and act they have, in a way we have never witnessed before. "During the coming months, we'll be sending another 5,000 ShelterBoxes to Haiti which, will give families the safe, secure shelter they need to start rebuilding their lives."

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1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?