

## Field hospitals set up by ShelterBox



*Four year-old Carlos had his leg amputated last Wednesday. He is now recovering in a ShelterBox tent and is pictured using one of the children's packs sent in the Boxes. Photographs: Mark Pearson*

ShelterBox tents are providing emergency shelter in and around Port au Prince and hundreds more ShelterBoxes arrived on Friday, our time.

ShelterBoxes have been distributed at Bernard Mews Hospital in Freres, a suburb of Port au Prince and at a second hospital in the capital. The use of our tents by hospitals is already helping save lives.

SRT and photographer Mark Pearson said: 'We've been working really hard the past few days setting up tents in two separate hospitals that are having an immediate impact and saving lives. As soon as the tents are up at the hospitals there are patients moving into them.'

The ShelterBox Response Teams already working with the UN, ACTED, Rotarians and the Haitian authorities will soon be joined by another three SRTs who are travelling with an aid convoy into Haiti from the Dominican Republic.

## Most vulnerable now have Shelter



Families with newborn babies and pregnant women have been given emergency shelter by the ShelterBox Response Team members in Haiti.

ShelterBox is prioritising women and children providing tents, blankets, water containers, kitchenware and children's packs – the basics to help set up the family unit.

In the hospitals, orphanages and local communities, ShelterBox is making a difference. A helicopter was loaded with ShelterBoxes and delivered to a local orphanage accompanied by SRT Mark Pearson.

Speaking from Bernard Mews Hospital in Freres, a suburb of Port au Prince, ShelterBox Response Team member Wayne Robinson (US) said: 'Right outside the hospital there have been hundreds of people who have been laying in the sidewalks, on the streets and in blankets right on the ground in unbelievable conditions. They are bleeding, they have missing limbs and there are even women giving birth.'

'We felt this was a good use of the initial boxes that we had here on the ground and we'll be bringing more here and using them as a transitional point to get people out of the elements while they are waiting for treatment at the hospital. Buildings have crashed down all around us here and people are just waiting and waiting to get in here for medical services.'



Google images of the first ShelterBox camps in Haiti

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