

### Our rapid response to the floods in South East Asia



As you will have seen on the news, the monsoon rains have been very severe in South East Asia during August, with hundreds of people killed or missing and many thousands left homeless. The severe flooding has devastated communities and destroyed crops across India, Nepal and Bangladesh, raising fears of food shortages and the risk of disease.

Aquabox has been able to respond rapidly to this disaster. Within days of the floods occurring, Aquaboxes were airlifted into those areas in dire need of support. These boxes had been held in stock in Nepal by our trusted partners as sadly the country endures natural disasters on a regular basis.

Aquabox has long-established partnerships with Rotary in Nepal, the British Gurkha Rifles, Nepal Armed Police, the Nepalese Army and other agencies and we have been able to work through these organisations to respond quickly and effectively.

In view of the magnitude of this disaster we are planning further shipments to Nepal and Bangladesh to provide safe drinking water and humanitarian aid to the communities affected by the flooding, as well as to replenish our strategic stock held in Nepal.

We urgently need to raise the funds for these follow-up shipments and any support you can provide would be really appreciated.



*Boxes being distributed in Nepal*

***Please help Aquabox send the aid so desperately needed.***

You can donate online via our website at [www.aquabox.org](http://www.aquabox.org) or at [www.justgiving.com/aquabox](http://www.justgiving.com/aquabox), or send a cheque to Aquabox, PO Box 5398, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 4ZP. Thank You.

### Aquabox sends aid to East Africa



Over the summer Aquabox has sent several consignments of water filters and humanitarian aid boxes to countries in East Africa to help the victims of famine and drought. According to UNICEF, as many as 27 million people across the region do not have access to safe drinking water, so the probability of water-borne diseases such as diarrhoea and cholera spreading is high, and as always it is the children who are most at risk.

For some months parts of South Sudan have been experiencing a famine following several years of instability in the country's food supply caused by war and drought. It is estimated that almost 5 million people (about half of the South Sudanese population) have been affected.

As food shortages have spread, thousands of people have been fleeing south into neighbouring Uganda and Kenya. Similarly, in Somalia drought and famine are having a devastating effect.

Working with one of our established partners, Christian African Relief Trust (CART,) 250 Aquaboxes and 4 Community Filters were dispatched to Uganda in July. This follows a shipment of 20 Community Filters and 240 Family Filters to Kenya in June (through Humanity First) and 60 Aquaboxes to Malawi in May (also through CART). Earlier this year, in partnership with our sister Rotary charity, Roll Out The Barrel, we shipped 3 Aquaboxes, 10 Community Filters and 48 Family Filters for distribution in Somalia.

## Helping the flood victims in Peru

Peru has been facing one of its worst emergencies in recent years, with over 1 million people affected by torrential rains, flooding and landslides which have hit the country since January. In the Piura province in the north west of the country, one of the worst affected areas, around 300,000 people have been left homeless or without access to clean water. Plan International, a humanitarian organisation with much experience of operating in Peru, is focusing on 4 key areas during the emergency: protection and emotional support, education, water and sanitation, and housing.



Aquabox has responded by sending a consignment of 10 Community Filters and 240 Family Filters to Peru, for distribution by Plan International to those in urgent need of access to clean drinking water.

## Collect free donations for Aquabox every time you shop online!

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Aquabox? Join easyfundraising and every time you shop online Aquabox could receive a donation. There are over 3,000 shops and sites signed up ready to make a donation, including many household names such as Amazon, Booking.com, trainline, John Lewis, M&S, Tesco and Sainsbury's. Visit the easyfundraising website for a complete list of participating retailers.

*To get started, it's as easy as 1, 2, 3...*



- 1) Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aquabox/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aquabox/) and join for free.
- 2) Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
- 3) After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Aquabox at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

***There are no catches or hidden charges and Aquabox will be really grateful for your donations.***



## Matlock Bath primary school visits Aquabox

It was a pleasure to welcome the year 6 group from Matlock Bath Holy Trinity primary school to the Aquabox depot in July. During their visit the children were given a tour of the depot and saw how our water filters turn dirty, potentially contaminated, water into clean drinking water.

They also packed 4 Aquaboxes, each containing over 70 humanitarian aid items and a water filter ready to be shipped out, and put in the boxes some of the toys which they had very kindly brought with them.



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## Music In The Gardens raises over £1,200 for Aquabox

We had a very successful time at Music In The Gardens event in Sheffield, with the highlight of course being selected as the charity for the Saturday evening when 10cc were performing. A team of Aquabox volunteers (pictured right enjoying themselves at the event!) were on hand to talk to the concert goers about the work we do and ask for donations. The total funds raised from the collection buckets came to £585, with a further £665.89 from programme sales giving a total of £1,250.89.



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