



Imagine sitting down to dinner and having the roof collapse on you.

Surya was eating a meal when a staggering 7.8 earthquake struck her home in Nepal. Her father-in-law urged her to get out of the house, but she didn't make it in time. The roof fell in and trapped her. Without the help of her family, who rescued her, Surya would have died.

ShelterBox was able to help Surya and other families in her village. We provided them with a ShelterKit full of materials including tools and tarps to mend and create shelters.

“If another earthquake happened, it wouldn't be like before. The new shelter is safer and I wouldn't be trapped again.”

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Being a new mom can be difficult enough. Imagine having to survive a cyclone on top of that.

Diane and her 3 month old baby, Yokimi, along with the rest of their family, lived in the community centre for six weeks after Cyclone Winston hit. It was terrifying. Their home was destroyed and they lost all of their possessions.

ShelterBox teams were able to provide Diane and her family with a ShelterBox, containing a tent, cooking supplies, a solar light, water filter and mosquito net.

“I'm so happy to have a tent – to have a safe place of our own to sleep.”

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Imagine having to save not just yourself, but your 7 year old grandson during a flood.

For Ismail and his wife, the water rose so rapidly that even on high ground they were surrounded. The family spent days living in an old railroad station until the waters receded.

Returning to their village, they couldn't believe what they saw. Another house had been swept away from its foundations and had landed right on top of their family home. ShelterBox provided a ShelterBox and put up a family-sized tent near their old home, so they could stay in their close-knit community and rebuild.

“The box means so much because we are too scared to try and enter the house. Now we have a place to live and the things to make our life better. Thank you ShelterBox.”

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Imagine being trapped in a monsoon that destroys all you have. You must rebuild for your family. Now imagine that you are blind.

Enoch and Mary live on a homestead in Malawi with their four children. Despite being totally blind, Enoch knows every inch of his home, or did until the rains came. The winds blew the roof of their house off and torrential rains hammered down on the rest of the structure until the walls crumbled.

For Mary, the worst was yet to come. She had to leave Enoch and the children and brave a long, frightening journey alone to find help from the nearest emergency camp. Many miles and hours later she arrived and came across a ShelterBox team who took Mary home to her village. They helped to put up a tent, and gave the family a ShelterBox.

“Staying in the tent felt like I was staying in a house with a roof of iron sheets.”

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Imagine finding a career, starting a family, building a home, taking in your parents and then having it all destroyed in conflict.

Mohammed and his family live in southern Gaza. Their happiness was shattered during Ramadan, when the whole family was gathered for an evening meal, like this. A missile hit the house and in one evening, Mohammed lost his wife, father, brother and sister. He now looks after his two young sons by himself.

After a time, Mohammed remarried, to a woman who also lost her family in the war. ShelterBox helped Mohammed start rebuilding his life by providing him with a ShelterBox, which arrived on the day of his wedding. He now lives in the tent with his wife and children on the land where his destroyed house stands.

“This tent enabled me to stay on my own land, where with all determination I will try to rebuild my home that was destroyed...this is our land and we have the right to exist.”

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Imagine being the second oldest person in your village. Then imagine having to survive a typhoon.

At age 82, Valentin Acra is the second oldest person in the village of Binaly in the Philippines. He and his wife were born and raised in the village and raised five children there. When Category 4 Typhoon Melor destroyed the roof of their home, they fled to the local school where more than 400 people were crammed.

They thought, “what are we going to do, we are so old and we have no money.” ShelterBox provided the couple with a ShelterKit. They also showed them techniques to rebuild safer, more resilient shelters that would stand firm in the face of future storms. Receiving the ShelterKit completely changed the couple’s outlook. With the tools to rebuild and support from their community, they had hope for the future.

“Thank you, thank you, thank you. ShelterBox was the answer to my prayers.”

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