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## Haiti still in need one year on

One year after the island nation of Haiti was hit by what was said to be the worst natural disaster ever recorded, the clean-up is far from over and thousands are still in need of assistance.

International aid organisation ShelterBox responded to the Haitian crisis just twelve minutes after the earthquake struck in January 2010, marking the beginning of ShelterBox's largest and most complex deployment to date.

"When the earthquake struck, we knew that the situation was dire," said ShelterBox Australia representative, Peter Pearce.

"What we didn't realise, however, was just how critical our assistance would be and we certainly didn't expect ShelterBox to still be present in the region one year on," he added.

Throughout the year, over 28,000 ShelterBoxes have been sent to Haiti, providing life-saving supplies such as tents, cooking equipment and water purification tools to hundreds of thousands of desperate residents.

With an enormous number of houses destroyed in the earthquake, thousands of Haitian families are calling ShelterBox tents home as the reconstruction of a nation continues.

"ShelterBox was quick to set-up a number of tent camps, which have served as temporary homes for hundreds of families for over 11 months now," said Pearce.

"Our onsite representatives are currently travelling through the nation, inspecting camps and doing whatever they can to assist in the clean-up process."

As Haiti continues to recover, ShelterBox Australia has also been working closer to home, with ShelterBox representatives on the ground in the worst affected flood regions in Queensland to provide assistance as the crisis unfolds.

"ShelterBox Australia is on hand to provide whatever assistance is necessary to help out with this escalating disaster," said Pearce.

"Disasters such as the one in Queensland and of course, Haiti demonstrate just how vital an organisation such as ShelterBox can be to disaster victims. ShelterBox can make a real impact by providing victims with shelter, warmth and dignity when they need it the most."

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