

Since its formation in 1992, Aquabox has distributed more than 110,000 boxes to communities suffering from natural disasters or man-made conflicts, helping hundreds of thousands of people in more than 50 countries around the world.

1. News of Global Giving project #38995:

“Provide clean water and humanitarian aid to Yemen”



Yemen October 2018

The first container weighed about 7 tons, and it contained 60 Aquabox Gold boxes with water filters and humanitarian aids. In addition, partner Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire (JOY) loaded basic supplies for displaced refugees. These consisted of rice, new trainers and underwear, and medical supplies for the field hospitals (dressings, bandages, swabs, hospital gloves, wheelchairs and medical instruments). The ship left Liverpool on Friday August 3rd for safe arrival in the Yemen on September 3rd.

The container successfully arrived in the Yemen and necessities have been delivered to some of the many thousands of displaced families. Our contacts there are very grateful for the contribution to all they need, as they strive to help the numberless refugees who have fled the war-torn zone.

Pictures relating to this shipment are shown in the initial project pages.

Yemen April 2019

A larger 40-foot container was loaded at the Aquabox warehouse. This was half filled with 270 Aquabox Gold Boxes, each containing Family Filters and humanitarian aids as already illustrated and described. The container was then sent to the JOY warehouse in Shipley where it was filled with medical and educational items. The container was despatched April 22nd.

The security in Yemen has been tightened such that we are unable to provide pictures of the deliveries. Only the Rotarian who arranges shipments knows the details of routes and contacts in Yemen. This is to protect the safety of individuals involved in the delivery chain.

Yemen Plans 2019 from June onwards

Aquabox in partnership with JOY plan to send further containers to Yemen, subject to funding.

2. News of other Aquabox projects:

Nepal May 2019

On 1st May 2019, 260 Aquaboxes were delivered to the Gurkhas at the MOD Depot in Bicester, who organise delivery to Nepal. The purpose of this consignment is to replenish the stock held in the Nepal warehouse. The stock of 212 Aquaboxes delivered on the 28th April 2018 has all been used after Nepal National Police deliveries within Nepal over the past twelve months to help cope with the aftermath of severe flooding.

Cyclone Idai

In March this extra powerful cyclone caused extensive damage and devastated the lives of more than 2.6 million people in Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique. Through the Rotary network and trusted partners, Aquabox has been able to establish secure links with distribution agencies into these three countries. A volunteer force of assembly teams and packers sent the following consignments by air freight on 3rd April.



Zimbabwe April 2019

180 family filters were sent, arriving by April 15th. Local partners are the e-Club London Centenary (Zimbabwean Rotary members) and the Zimbabwe Department of Health. These water filters have the potential to save over a thousand lives. Distribution has been completed with the assistance of local Rotary Clubs in Zimbabwe and local Charity Miracle Missions who assisted in distribution to remote areas in Malawi.

Malawi April 2019

100 Aquabox Gold boxes (each with family filter and humanitarian aids) and 5 community filters were sent, arriving by April 15th. In total these have the potential to save 2500+ lives. The shipment was consigned to the International Red Cross who handled the distribution and training for on how to use and maintain the filters to ensure long term viability. A further shipment of 250 Gold boxes is planned as follow-up support in July. This is in partnership with CART (Christian African Relief Trust).

Mozambique May 2019

300 family filters and 5 community filters are reserved, ready for despatch. The consignment will leave the UK during week commencing 3rd June and on arrival in Maputo, distribution and training will be undertaken by the Rotary Club of Maputo. The delay in despatch has been due to the difficulty in getting duty free entry into the country. These have the potential to save 3800+ lives. It is planned to provide a further shipments subject to funds being available.

The aid sent by Aquabox has the potential to save many thousands of lives, but it comes at a cost. Any support for Aquabox is always gratefully received. They cannot manage without your help. Thank you so much for the donations you have already given.

This GlobalGiving project has been created specifically to raise funds for the benefit of Yemen.

Project link: The GlobalGiving (GG) project to support Aquabox can be accessed via the link

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/aquabox-water-and-aid-for-yemen/>

Link to new video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/W5kzQf9Ha2o>

Thank you again,
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