

Many thanks to donors for the funds already accumulated, which are received from GlobalGiving monthly and transferred within 2 working days to Aquabox. This includes non-targeted donations which are allocated to this project by GlobalGiving. The crisis in Yemen continues and your donations have been and continue to be much needed.

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1. Fourth Aquabox shipment delivered to Yemen and distributed.

Aquabox is proud to have delivered its fourth aid shipment in two years to war torn Yemen. The 250 Gold Aquaboxes will provide the means to access safe drinking water for 1500 + people together with essential aid items for shelter building, cooking, and eating, hygiene, and education.

The shipment comprised half a container, with the other half being filled with medical supplies (wheelchairs, prosthetic limbs, crutches and medicines) by our partner charity Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire.

The shipment arrived in the port of Aden in the last week of October 2020. The planned distribution has been completed.

Cost to Aquabox of fourth shipment to Yemen.

250 gold boxes @ £150 per box £ 37,500 , with each box including a family filter.

2. Total shipments to Yemen to date.

2020 - 500 Gold Boxes
2020 - 5 Community Filters
2020 - 120 Family Filters
2019 - 270 Gold Boxes
2018 - 60 Gold Boxes (trial shipment)

Each of the 830 Gold Boxes contains a Family Filter.

Shipments since March 2020 lockdown:

| | | |
|------------------------|------------------|------------|
| June (Bay of Bengal) | 10 x Community | 5 Aqua 12s |
| August (Yemen) | 250 x Gold Boxes | |
| November (Beirut) | 12 x Aqua 12s | |
| November (Nepal) | 180 x Gold Boxes | |
| December (Philippines) | 4 x Aqua 12s | |



In Yemen, much interest in setting up the family filter for the first time.

3. Plan for a fifth Aquabox shipment of aid to Yemen.

Aquabox will continue to offer help wherever they can with a fifth shipment to Yemen now in preparation.

Production has been impacted by the lockdown. However in terms of Yemen, Aquabox will soon be packing the 250 Gold boxes for the next joint shipment with Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire - the 5th such shipment.

Funds are currently being raised to support this further shipment of aid.

Aquabox rely entirely on the donations and fundraising activities of their supporters to purchase filter components and items which are supplied in the aid boxes. Without the generosity of our supporters, they would not be able to continue this work. The production capacity has been increased, with the key limit of production capacity being the amount of donations received.

Please help support a fifth shipment of aid to Yemen. We are most grateful for the donations already received and transferred to Aquabox each month.

4. News of other Aquabox shipments.

Since the last GlobalGiving report shipments of aid have also been sent to :--

- Nepal, where earthquakes and landslips regularly leave large numbers homeless,
- Lebanon (see below),
- West Bengal in the aftermath of cyclone Amphan.

There follows an updated list of Aquabox shipments worldwide since the last shipment to Yemen, which left the Aquabox warehouse in January and was finally distributed to the Yemen needy in March.

Please note that this GlobalGiving project #38995 has been created specifically to raise funds to support Aquabox in their efforts to help Yemen. The Rotary Club of Dronfield is an Aquabox Ambassador Club.

You can click on the Aquabox link below to display a more complete map of the shipment targets over the years.

<https://www.aquabox.org/what-we-do/aquabox-shipments.html>

The more recent shipment details are also listed below.

Shipments Detail: The date below is the date of dispatch from the Aquabox warehouse.

| Dispatched | Destination | Number of Boxes / Filters | | | Partner / Agency |
|------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------|---|
| | | Gold | Community | Family | |
| 25/11/2020 | Nepal | 180 | | | Pokhara Rotary Club / British Gurkhas Nepal |
| 19/11/2020 | Lebanon | | 4 | 144 | Beirut Cedars Rotary Club |
| 20/08/2020 | Yemen | 250 | | | Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire |

Awaiting shipment:

In addition to the shipments documented above, Aquabpx have filters packaged in the depot for shipment to Belize (a very recent development), also a second shipment to Lebanon.

5. Aquabox water filters delivered to and distributed in Beirut.

After many weeks of negotiation and obtaining assurance of secure distribution, a shipment of 144 family water filters and 4 community filters left the Aquabox depot on Thursday 19th November, bound for Beirut. The consignment of water filters has cleared customs and has been distributed by local Rotary Club members to people in need in the community. The picture shows the filters starting their journey in Beirut.



The water filters were air-freighted and have the potential to provide safe drinking water for more than 2,500 people in the city, which is still reeling from the after-effects of the massive dock explosion in August this year.

Aquabox is proud to have been able to help with this ongoing need and is investigating if further help can be provided.

6. Aquabox water filters delivered to and distributed in Lebanon.

8th January 2021. In addition to Beirut, Aquabox is delighted to have been able to supply much-needed water filters to other communities in Lebanon to help provide clean drinking water.

The distribution of the filters has been headed up by the Rotary Club of Beirut Cedars and co-ordinated through Past President Rima Khalef. The local knowledge has been invaluable in allocating filters to those most in need.



Aquabox aid has been distributed to various parts of Lebanon, including Ras el Nabeh, an area badly impacted by the massive dock explosion last year in Beirut, the city of Saida in South Lebanon, and a community filter has been passed to a school in Sir el Dinniyeh. The Rotary Club of Tripoli has also distributed family filters to areas of great poverty in that region of the country.

So far 28 Rotary Clubs in Lebanon have been contacted to determine future need for aid.

7. Aquabox has moved to new premises.

The depot move is now complete.

Aquabox has completed the move to new premises which will provide much better facilities. The new production site is some 100 metres across the same industrial estate where the depot is located, at the top of Cromford Hill in Wirksworth, Derbyshire.

The only the outstanding task is the final organisation of the work spaces and reception area.

The environment is vastly improved with a potential for the volunteers to substantially increase the output of water filters.

The former building has been completely vacated. The new building has been extensively remodelled to meet current needs. It includes for the first time a visitor centre to demonstrate the charity's work to visiting supporters, as well as a filter assembly room, box packing room, and kitchen and toilets, all on the ground floor. The operation will now be completely accessible to those with limited mobility, including wheelchair users.

Aquabox is now better equipped to send out more aid to people in need around the world.

8. Aquabox Filters and Costs.

Whenever a disaster strikes, whether it is natural or man-made, there is always an urgent need to provide safe drinking water to those affected. Water supplies are typically severely affected in the aftermath of a disaster. Water pipes may be destroyed, or the water supply will be contaminated with water from sewage and drains.

In these circumstances people have no choice but to collect water from available local sources such as streams, rivers and wells. Such water is often contaminated and unsafe to drink. Water-borne diseases such as cholera will spread rapidly and will affect particularly the more vulnerable young and older members of a community.

So how does Aquabox meet the challenge of providing safe drinking water in times of crisis?

Research in the field has identified two requirements: a water supply for schools, medical clinics, and other community centres; and a water supply for family groups of about five individuals.

Innovative AquaFilter technology produces safe and clean drinking water instantly and reliably without the need for chemicals. The AquaFilter Family and Community units are based on sub-micron filters which are impenetrable to bacteria and most viruses.



AquaFilter Family Unit.

Designed for use by individuals or a family, the AquaFilter Family unit can deliver 1 litre per minute and half a million litres of clean drinking water over its working life. The AquaFilter Family unit is fastened to a container of water, such as the Aquabox or a bucket, and using a simple hand pump safe drinking water is dispensed to a cup.

AquaFilter Community Unit.

Designed for use in community amenities the AquaFilter Community unit can deliver 6 litres per minute and over 1 million litres of clean drinking water over its working life.

Note: the AquaFilter Family and AquaFilter Community units remove biological contaminants, commonly found in water from ponds, streams, or shallow wells. They do not remove dissolved substances such as salt, or arsenic, typically occurring in deep wells.

Aqua 12s – 12 AquaFilter Family Units in a box.



Aquabox continuously strive to meet the requirements of people in differing circumstances and look at how to respond accordingly. Sometimes there is a pressing need to provide families with safe drinking water, but less of a necessity for the other humanitarian aid items which we include in our aid boxes. To fulfil this aim Aquabox are now shipping AquaFilter Family Unit in boxes of 12, known as Aqua12s.



Moving Gold Boxes in the Depot at Wirksworth, Derbyshire, U.K.