



a gift of Life



Aquabox rely entirely on the donations and fundraising activities of their supporters in order 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 could be expanded, with the key limit of current capacity being the amount of donations received.

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

Cost to Aquabox of third shipment to Yemen.

250 gold boxes @ £150 per box £ 37,500

120 Family Filters @ £25 £ 3,000

5 Community Filters @ £250 £ 1,250

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1. Yemen status summary.

The terrible situation in Yemen is the greatest humanitarian crisis of our time. People there are trapped in a dreadful cycle of conflict, starvation and sickness. Access to safe drinking water is extremely limited or non-existent.

It is estimated that 17 million people are currently at risk (including 11 million children). There have been over 85,000 child deaths since the conflict began. Water supplies and sanitation systems have been decimated - in some cases deliberately targeted. Cholera is at epidemic levels as a result.

Aquabox have acted to support and empower the people in this dreadful environment. Together with a partner charity JOY (Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire), Aquabox have delivered and successfully distributed three humanitarian aid packages to the country over the past two years. This has been accomplished despite the intrinsic danger to those acting on our behalf.

The joint consignments contain Aquabox family water filters and other items of humanitarian aid, together with much needed dried food and medical supplies and equipment from JOY. Over 5000 people have been supported by this aid, many in small family groups, but much more is needed.

2. Aquabox shipment reaches Yemen for the 3rd time in 3 years.

Since the last report #4 the third and latest shipment described therein has reached Yemen by way of Southampton and Aden. The Aquabox aid was finally distributed to local groups in March 2020. We were so pleased to receive the following photographs.



Yemen women carry home the heavy Aquaboxes



Yemen families unpacking the boxes and preparing the water filter

3. News of other Aquabox shipments.

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	
10/06/2020	Kolkata, India	250	10	60	Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust
19/02/2020	Syria	180			Hand in Hand for Aid and Development
13/02/2020	The Gambia			48	Aquabox Volunteer Distribution
16/01/2020	Yemen	250	5	120	Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire

4. Aquabox Family Filter Mark 3

The Mark 3 has a built-in reservoir which does away with the need for the syringe. It works on a slightly different cleaning process. Instead of the separate syringe pump, the filter unit has a built-in reservoir – you close one valve and open another, and there is always a certain amount of clean water in the system which can be used to backflush the filter.

5. Aquabox aid en route to India after Cyclone Amphan

Aquabox has managed a rapid response to the Cyclone Amphan storm in the Bay of Bengal – despite the charity having been shut down since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

From Saturday May 16th to Thursday May 21st, Amphan – officially graded as a Super Cyclonic Storm – ripped into the coastal areas on the Bay of Bengal. It was the worst cyclone for the past 20 years, with sustained wind speeds of 150 mph and a peak of 160 mph, and it has resulted in massive damage.

Government sources in the area report that millions of acres of crops have been destroyed due to salt-water flooding, and that more than 200,000 farmers have lost their livelihoods, their homes and belongings. In total, millions of people's lives have been devastated. On top of that, Covid-19 is already in the area, and although relief camps have been set up, social distancing is impossible.



Cyclone Amphan damage to a house

Hot on the heels of our shipment of Family and Community water filters despatched last week, the latest shipment of 250 Gold boxes left the depot on Wednesday 10th June to help those communities affected by Cyclone Amphan in the Bay of Bengal.

These will be freighted by sea and should arrive in Kolkata in India by mid to late July. Each Aquabox Gold box contains a range of humanitarian aid items for family groups and this latest shipment of ours has the potential to help more than 1500 people.

6. Aquabox aid to Syrian refugees

Aquabox has shipped over 4000 Aquaboxes, 30 Community Filters and 48 Family Filters to refugee camps in Syria.



Opening a Gold Box in Syria

Through aid agency partner Hand In Hand For Syria, Aquabox have received very detailed feedback on the distribution of their aid boxes within the camps. The families receiving the Aquaboxes were very happy and grateful for the support and care and were very satisfied with the Aquabox contents; they said that all of the items were useful for them. They hope that the Hand In Hand For Syria partnership with Aquabox will continue responding to their needs and improving in whatever little way possible the conditions of their community, which is enduring great suffering.

7. Reducing child illness in Gambia



Serving clean water in Gambia

8. COVID-19: A ticking time bomb for refugee camps?

The UK, like many countries across the globe, is living through the COVID-19 pandemic. It has brought so much misery to so many. Here though we have certain things we can take for granted; things that have played a major role in our lives over the past weeks.

Here, we have access to limitless safe water for drinking, washing ourselves and our food. Here, we can isolate and keep our 2-metre social distance. Here we have the NHS, the National Health Service.

Children such as those pictured in Yemen, their families, and countless others in refugee camps across the world are not so fortunate. COVID-19 will have a devastating impact on both the refugees and their host communities - a ticking time bomb.

Refugee camps are already overcrowded with little or no safe water to drink and wash. Even if available, 20 seconds of running water to wash hands would use up vital drinking supplies. People live in flimsy shelters and are not afforded the privilege of isolation and the luxury of social distancing. Cholera and other water-borne diseases are often endemic. There is no NHS.

International agencies knew that was simply a matter of time before COVID-19 reached the camps. The virus has now reached war-torn Syria and has started to affect a community already weakened by conflict. A top priority is access to clean water, essential for drinking and to maintain personal hygiene.

For almost 30 years, Aquabox has responded to just such emergencies as these - only recently it successfully shipped and distributed its third container of aid to Yemen and has a history of working with relief agencies, for example in Syria and Bangladesh (Rohingya refugees).

Aquabox aims to quickly provide safe water at the point of need. It supplies water filters for families and small communities. The filters convert contaminated and dangerous water into safe water by removing disease-causing organisms.