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As part of a ShelterBox Response Team I recently helped to deliver aid in Lebanon as part of ShelterBox's response to the crisis in Syria. Your ShelterBox has been delivered to a family in need:

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Since the Syrian unrest started over two years ago, more than 70,000 people are believed to have been killed in Syria and over 1.3 million have fled their homes and are now left with nothing. Of the five countries currently hosting Syrian refugees the small nation of Lebanon is hosting the highest number. According to its President, Mr Michel Suleiman, one in four people in his country is now a refugee. At the request of the government, ShelterBox has been helping some of the most vulnerable families in the country.

Working with local partners we were able to distribute aid in many regions, including a particularly remote area that is something of a no-man's land. It is safer than Syria but it experiences frequent sandstorms and sub-zero temperatures. Many families were hoping to pass quickly through this area but found themselves stuck there, as they had lost their passports or were suffering from injuries. They were living in cold, drafty and damp makeshift shelters.

Thanks to your generosity and the support of our local partners we were able to help families that often arrive in the middle of the night with small children, offering them a safe, warm place to stay until they find a more permanent home. In particular we sought to help families whose members were particularly vulnerable, for example the young, elderly, pregnant and those with serious injuries or illnesses. Families such as Ziad Mohammed, his wife and five children. They left their home in Homs when the shelling became so bad that they feared for their lives. Since arriving in Lebanon their baby had been sick with breathing problems due to the scrap materials that their former makeshift shelter was made from. A ShelterBox tent meant that they could live in a healthier environment, which made all the difference to this family and, in particular, their baby.

You have given more than a ShelterBox; you have given a family shelter, warmth and dignity.

Once again, thank you for your support, best wishes,

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ShelterBox Response Team member

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