



**AQUABOX**



## East Belfast District Scouts

In response to the Tsunami disaster in the Indian Ocean, East Belfast District Scouts are supporting a joint initiative by the Container Ministry of the Methodist Church in Ireland and Rotary International's Aquabox scheme to urgently deliver filled aquaboxes to some of the worst affected parts of *Sri Lanka*. These boxes need to be filled and ready for delivery not later than **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January**.

The cost of an aquabox is £45 – this covers the cost of the box, lid, large plastic bag and securing clips, water treatment kit and survival bags together with transportation costs; extra filter sets cost £10; each filter set purifies up to 1000 litres of polluted water. These costs are being met by Rotary International and /or sponsored by other individuals and organisations.

How can East Belfast District help? We are asking members of our groups and their families, friends and neighbours and local church congregations to help us to provide any of the items on the list below urgently for inclusion in aquaboxes. Items received will be sorted and distributed between boxes by volunteers from the District. Boxes will be provided at no charge to us for this purpose- all we need to do is fill as many as we can! All items donated can definitely be used so it does not matter at all if some things on the list are duplicated (should groups/individuals wish to make a cash donation towards the cost of purchase and delivery of aquaboxes – cheques should be made payable to the Methodist Missionary Society (Ireland)).

Please circulate this information to members of your group urgently. Any items donated should be brought to your own Group HQ next week:

[insert details of your group/section's venue/time(s)- scouters will then need to forward collected items to 9<sup>th</sup> HQ]

Alternatively they can be brought directly to Sydenham Methodist Church Hall (corner of Station Road/Palmerston Road) between **7-9pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>** or **10am-12 noon on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January** (volunteers will be needed to help sort and pack the items into the Aquaboxes for transport to Lurgan on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January).

Many thanks to everyone in anticipation of your support!!

Suggested items for inclusion in an aquabox

(Aid agencies have indicated that those in bold are of particular use- please include if possible)

Eating and drinking

Plates, bowls, mugs (plastic or enamel – not crockery)

Cutlery (knives forks, spoons – metal preferred)

Pots, pans, cooking utensils

**Scissors**

**Can openers**

Hygiene

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Toilet rolls

Small first aid kits (plasters etc.)

Packs of cotton wool

Large towel

Brush and comb

Soap

Washing powder

Disinfectant

Shelter

Small shovel

Screwdriver and screws

Hammer and nails

Scout knife

Garden wire

Pliers

General

Insulation tape

**Pack of safety pins**

**Needle and cotton**

**Small torch and batteries (in sealed pack)**

Box of matches

Ball of string

Clothes line and pegs

**Candles**

**Bin liners**

Pencil and paper

Child's small toy

Please do NOT supply any food items, crockery, disposable nappies or blankets. Clothing is bulky and should be restricted to an absolute minimum at present - perhaps a few t-shirts, tracksuit bottoms or shorts per box).