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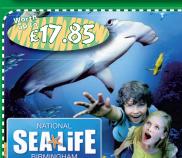
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Aquaboxes are ensuring Dr Khalifa's patients have vital clean water on tap

More than 1,500 water purification kits have been sent to Haiti after Telegraph readers raised £200,000 to pay for them. One of the kits is now being used at a medical camp to provide doctors and patients with clean water. **Claire Duffin** (pictured)

reports from Port-au-Prince.

EVERY morning at 8am, 80-year-old Dr Abdul Momin Khalifa opens the doors of the small medical clinic in a Haitian side street.

Already, between 20 and 30 eople will be queuing outside, ome needing treatment for injuries sustained in the devastating earthquake, others suffering the effects of post-traumatic stress.

"A lot of the cases we see are related to the earthquake." said Dr Khalifa who, despite his age, works seven days a week in the clinic. He has done so since three days after the earthquake on January 12.

"People can't sleep, have neadaches, stomach diarrhoea. and often this is beof

Dr Khalifa is one of scores of volunteers who work for nternational char ity Humanity First. t runs the clinic in Port-au-Prince

GIVE LIFE. which sees more than 80 patients everv dav. The charity's volunteers nave also been distributing Aquaboxes on behalf of the Derbyshire charity, which is run by the Rotary Club of

being supported by the Derby The medical camp is the first lace in Haiti to start using the atest Aquabox, the AquaFilter Community – one of only 15 in

ise across the world. It is designed to replace the eurrent Aquaboxes, which use carbon filters and chlorine tab-

oore technology filters to elimnate diseases such as typhoid

from dirty water - and is designed to last longer and be even more efficient than the current Aquaboxes

The AquaFilter Community was set up in the Humanity First Medical camp last week and is now providing clean water for doctors and volunteers Dr Khalifa said: "The number one priority in these situations is clean drinking water.

"Most of the diseases are caused by infections due to the water. Things such as gastroenteritis which can cause dehydration can be dangerous, especially among children. From a medical point of view, clean water is vital. This AquaFilter

is a great asset." AquaFilter now sits on a wall in the camp. It attracted great interest and excitement from the Haitians as it was being set up.

more than 200,000 and left a

million more homeless. It con-

few chairs where doctors, including Dr Rafael Pineda, a

Mexican who lives in Canada

Dr Pineda is spending a

church, Grand View

month working in Haiti after

Baptist in Vancouver, asked

him if he would go out if it

at my church said they wanted

to help the people of Haiti but

did not know how. They said

they would like me to go out

there and work as a doctor and

about it but said yes. It is an

patients came in to have

stitches removed after they

suffered injuries from falling

While we were at the clinic

honour to help these people.

He said: "Two of the women

raised the money his air fare.

speak to patients.

would I go?

The dirty water is placed in the blue Aquabox and, once the tap is operated, the water is pumped through the filter and out through a pipe. It is then clean and safe to

Local volunteers and doctors were among the first people to try the water and were sur-Wirksworth, and is currently prised at how simple the

AquaFilter was. Owphinie Marcelis, working as a translator and guide for Humanity First in exchange for meals, said: "This is good, very easy to use.

The AquaFilter, paid for with the help of Derby Telegraph readers, will now be used to provide clean water for the doctors and nurses who treat the stream of patients.

The clinic is in two basement rooms in a building that sur-The doctors were also treatvived the quake which killed ing fevers, infections and one

case of suspected malaria in a young boy. "There is no medical care in Haiti," said Dr Pineda. "If the

clinic was not here, many of these people would not get any treatment as they cannot afford to pay to go to hospital." During my time in Haiti, Humanity First secured a lease on

a new building which it hopes to move the clinic to shortly. "It is bigger and has more space for doctors, greater privacy and a waiting area. It is very good, a very nice building," said Dr Pineda, who has

another fortnight. "I have already picked out

my chair," he said. ● To donate to Aquabox, call us on Derby 253053 or e-mail cduffin@derbytelegraph.co.uk, send money to NatWest, account number 53575113, sort code 60-14-15, call 01629 825178. or post a donation to Aquabox, PO Box 5398, Matlock, Derby shire DE4 4ZP.

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HELPING: Left, Dr Abdul Momin Khalifa demonstrates his cooking skills at the Humanity First clinic. Top, Claire Duffin with Dr Khalifa and the team of volunteers at the clinic. Above, the Aquabox in action producing clean water

aid agency, with registered officers in 29 countries.

It then sets up medical camps, temporary accommodation,

Time trials test robots' mettle

ROBOTS built by international eams will clash in a contest to he finish at the University of Derby tomorrow

The Derbot Challenge, an annual fixture of the university's calendar, will see eight teams oit their robots against each other in an obstacle-course

The event includes students from Libya, Belgium, Zimbabwe the Isle of Man and England and will take place from 11am o 12.30pm at the university's Markeaton Street campus.

Derbots are independent robot vehicles, guided not by a numan controller but by a ouilt-in mini computer. The winning team will re

eive £90 and new equipment The team in second gets £60.

Contestants are drawn from the university's electrical and lectronic engineering, sound, ight and live event technology nusic technology and audio system design degree courses

Tim Wilmshurst, university head of electronics and sound, who designed the Derbots. aid: "Making students of different nationalities work together in teams is important is, once in the industry, they could be working in a devel opment team including people from many countries.

Shop is burgled

A BURGLAR broke into a Belp er shop and stole cash before helping himself to several bottles of spirits.

The break-in took place at Jeff's in Whitemoor Lane at about 12.15am on Thursday. A back door was forced open. Police are investigating and are appealing for witnesses.

■ A WORLDWIDE AID EFFORT

HUMANITY First is an international

Its primary focus was relief after major disasters. This has now shifted to longer-term programmes in Africa and South America aimed at taking communities out of poverty and arming them with the health and skills to become self-sufficient.

The charity has a pool of volunteer

doctors, paramedics and engineers able to respond to disasters.

emergency sanitation, hot food and

The charity's Canadian branch, headed by Dr Aslam Daud, has been distributing the Aquaboxes in Haiti on behalf of Aquabox, which is run by the Rotary Club of Wirksworth.





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