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FROM THE FIELD: MEET FATNIZAR



When a 7.5 magnitude earthquake struck Central Sulawesi, Indonesia on September 28th, 2018 it destroyed the home of Fatnizar and her family in Tondo Village.

With no home to go to, Fatnizar, her husband, and their four children, had to be relocated to a football field a little over 5km away. They were not alone - 121 other families took refuge here, and Fatnizar's family had to share a space under a large tarpaulin with 15 other families.

When we met Fatnizar, the newly-formed community had been living there for a month.

With the help of local disaster organisation and our local Rotary partners, ShelterBox was able to assist 150 families, including Fatnizar's, with tents, mosquito nets, water filters and carriers, to help them rebuild and recover after the deadly quakes.

When we returned a week after we had distributed the aid, Fatnizar was found sewing under the awning of her ShelterBox tent. We learned that she had previously worked as a seamstress from her home, creating custom clothing.

When the earthquake took her dwelling, it also closed her two-year old business.

Our tent not only provided a more private and secure space for Fatnizar and her family, but also the opportunity for her to get back to work.

Shelter is so much more than a home - it's a foundation for life.

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