



Alejandro and Jennifer pictured holding 3-year-old Keth.

FROM THE FIELD

Alejandro from the Philippines

Alejandro and Jennifer live with their 3-year-old child, Keth, and were proud of their small home. "Our house was simple and small. We had a kitchen and toilet. We could rest peacefully."

When Typhoon Vongfong was expected, they were told that it would not hit their area so they only packed a few clothes, rice, and baby milk, and set out for Jennifer's parents. What happened next was terrifying.

"I was afraid for my wife and daughter because they had to brave the raging water from the sea, and it was raining hard, roofs were flying from different houses. We had to endure the rain, the wind and the chest-level water. All throughout, I thought it was the end for us."

When the family returned home, the house they once loved was completely gone. "Despite the devastation, we cleaned and washed our things that were left and tried to look for our other stuff

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nearby. I used the things I found nearby to build a makeshift house."

ShelterBox Philippines and our new partner Terres des Hommes (Tdh) provided tarpaulins and rope as well as household items which enabled families in the area to rebuild their homes and provide a private space to protect themselves from the coronavirus.

Alejandro reported, "We felt safe because we were covered with these tarps and we have our privacy now. And we were able to open our sari-sari store."

"A home is a necessity for a family, where we can be by ourselves and can freely do whatever and whenever we want. I can do different kinds of livelihood any time of day or night."

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