



Kisanet, photographed in Mekelle, Tigray, Ethiopia.

FROM THE FIELD

Kisanet from Ethiopia

Kisanet lives with her husband and five children in Mekelle, Ethiopia. But this wasn't always their home.

She says, "Before the war, I used to be a housewife while my husband ran a small retail shop at Adigrat town. When the conflict broke out, I was at the house with my children. Then my husband, who was at work, suddenly came to the house running. There were fires exchanged and some people were dead, so those of us who could, fled, leaving my grandmother behind."

After being forced to leave their home, loved ones, and livelihoods behind, Kisanet and her family reached the camp in Mekelle.

In partnership with IOM, ShelterBox provided Kisanet and her family with a variety of household

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items. Kisanet explained, "I was very happy with the support I received. The kitchen sets, the blankets, bars of soap, mosquito nets and jerry cans were very helpful. I started cooking for my family using the pots and kitchen utensils. Those were the most useful."

After facing terrible, life-changing circumstances, Kisanet expresses her fears for her children during a global pandemic. "The children used to go to school. Now they play soccer. We are aware of the coronavirus. The site is not ideal to practice social distancing. In the future, I hope that peace will come back to my country and we are able to go back to our lives again."

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