



Mohammed pictured with his seven children.

## FROM THE FIELD

Mohammed from Syria

Before 50-year-old Mohammed left his hometown in Syria, he worked two jobs to support his wife and seven children. He told us, "We were all happy with that life, but happiness is often temporary."

The family had to flee when, as he puts it, "our lives turned upside down." Mohammed said they could no longer stand their conditions so they had to leave everything behind. "We decided to move from the city to the countryside where the camp is, like many other families."

To get to the camp, the whole family traveled in a truck with around 50 people. "We could not breathe or sleep, we stood upright for three days until we arrived at the camp," he said. When they arrived, like many other new families in the camp, they shared a large tent. "The situation was better than before. At least we were able to sleep normally, even though we were sleeping with many families."

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After eight days in the camp they were given a ShelterBox tent. Mohammed said this improved their situation, "It helped us to feel much more safe and independent."

When the team asked Mohammed's 11-year-old son Ahmed how he spends his days in the camp, he answered: "I am fine here, I feel safety because I do not hear the sound of bombing and explosions anymore, but life here is very simple. We can't do anything. I used to go to school, buy notebooks, pens and clothes, play football with my friends every day. Now, I can't do any of that, I wish that we could have a small school here so that I and my brothers can continue our studies."

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