

MEET BIHI FROM SOMALILAND

We met 77-year-old Bihi in Balilmatan. An area south of the capital Hargeisa, where more than 1,000 internally displaced people are currently living after they were affected by severe drought across Somaliland.

As a nomad, Bihi said he was always moving from place to place with his herd, but now he has to stay in one community where he receives humanitarian assistance, as all his cattle have died. *'When they all died I came here,'* he said.

Bihi continued, 'We came here because we were hungry and we didn't have any food. Since I lost my livestock, the biggest struggle is to get food for my family'. As well as food, shelter is one of the things that Bihi and most of the people living in the area need the most. Like many, he was unable to bring his shelter with him when he walked to Balimatan.

The family were provided with tarpaulin to help shelter them from the severe weather, and other essential aid items including water carriers and filters, mosquito nets, solar lights, and a kitchen set so they can begin to rebuild their lives.

When asked about the aid he said: 'There are different needs, one of them is shelter. See the place we are living, we do not have a proper shelter. So this is very useful and it suits us.'

Bihi thanked ShelterBox: 'We are very grateful for what we have received. Thank you for this.'