



MEET MAÏRAMU FROM NIGERIA

33-year-old Maïramu lives in Minawao Camp with her seven children. Her husband left without any explanation just after they were settled in the family shelter. Originally from Konduga in Nigeria, Maïramu became displaced after her village was attacked by members of Boko Haram.

Speaking to IEDA Relief, ShelterBox's implementing partner working in Cameroon, Maïramu explained: *"It is an experience that I would not wish on anybody. It was like a horror film which makes me cry every time I think about it. One day you have everything, the next you lose everything within a few minutes."*

Like many refugees, the most difficult situation that Maïramu faces daily is that of access to water. *"The most difficult thing is to have water. We must get up very early and go a very long way. It can take a whole day to get only 30 liters of water"*, she explained.

Drinking dirty water is also an issue. *"We started to get sick. After a while, I noticed that my children and I were having frequent stomach aches and diarrhea. I realised it was caused by the water."*

After receiving a ShelterBox water filter, Maïramu cannot contain her joy at the impact it has had on her family.

"Thanks to the filter, I can assure you that our problems concerning water are no longer related to sickness, but to distance, because we still have to travel a long way to collect it. Today, we drink water without fear. Even though the distance is the same with all the difficulties that we have when fetching water, we are now spared from sickness. I use the filter without difficulty as it's very simple to use. The only thing we can say is thank you very much ShelterBox and IEDA Relief."