



MEET HABON FROM ETHIOPIA

The Horn of Africa is facing its worst drought in more than forty years. After six consecutive failed rainy seasons in parts of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia, people are living on the brink of famine.

Across East Africa, 30 million people have been affected by the drought. Millions of people are displaced, with many being forced to take drastic action and leave their homes in search of food and water.

Habon and her nine children are just one of the families affected by the drought in the Somali region. Rising tensions amongst ethnic groups in Habon's hometown meant the family were forced to flee everything they once knew.

ShelterBox, together with IOM, provided Habon and her family with a mix of emergency shelter support and household items. Habon exclaimed how her family felt when receiving support: *"We felt good! The items we received were two plastic containers, one jerrycan, three blankets, two kitchen sets, and one pack of rope. It's better than before. These items protect us from the weather."*

The climate emergency in Ethiopia is escalating, meaning more people will continue to need humanitarian assistance. The changing weather conditions in the Somali region have been noticeable for Habon and her family, *"it hasn't rained for a long time and even when it does rain, it's only a small amount."*