

## **MEET TSHAMAYA**

Tshamaya was born in Nigeria in Koghum. Before he arrived in Minawao camp in Cameroon, he was a trader which enabled him to provide for his family. Sadly, he was forced to leave this behind when Boko Haram attacked his village in December 2012. Hundreds of people lost their lives in the attacks, those who survived fled the village, leaving all their belongings behind.

After many days of running, eventually Tshamaya arrived in Cameroon with his family. They ran across the border with nothing as they had lost everything in the attacks.

Tshamaya said: "The only thing we had was the clothes that we wore."

The first days in the camp were not easy for Tshamaya and his family, "I had never imagined that we would survive in such an environment where you have nothing, can do nothing, and have no space of your own," he said. After several weeks, they got used to it, but they needed a private space of their own. "We wanted to have our own shelter to try to live as we did in the past."

Eventually, the family was given an emergency shelter. They are still living in the shelter today which is made up of tarp from a ShelterKit.

Tshamaya and his family also received a ThirstAid Station. He tells us, "This filter is the best item we have received so far. It is easy to use and spares us from stomachache. I am very grateful towards ShelterBox and IEDA\*. I can't remember the last time we drank medicine for our stomachaches in my house... Thank you ShelterBox, thank you IEDA\*, he concluded.

Thank you for helping us shelter more families like Tshamaya's



