



Syria, 2019

MEET UMM

Umm is pictured center of photo.

Families like Umm's are living under these trees. They are originally from a rural village where they lived in a beautiful house close to their agricultural land and grew vegetables for sale. Her five children attended school and benefited from growing up in a small rural community, but everything changed in May 2019.

Umm shared with us, "Our village was subjected to heavy shelling, which we could not have survived. What happened was anticipated but we hoped that we would never have to leave our home which we have always lived in. We did not have time to get ready to leave as we left quickly because of the shelling, so we brought nothing of value with us.

The journey here was tiring. We passed through several other villages, but we could not stop to rest there because they were also being bombed. We were exhausted but we could not rest until we got here. Some relatives and friends left at the same time, so we helped each other when we got tired. Now we are supporting each other."

When our partner ReliefAid met Umm and her family they had been living in the open, sheltered only by olive trees from the intense summer heat, for two weeks. Within a few weeks, ReliefAid was able to deliver ShelterBox's emergency shelter kits containing tarpaulins, mattresses, blankets, water containers and cooking equipment, solar lamps and mosquito nets to her and other families in her situation, bringing some relief.

***Thank you for helping us shelter
more families like Umm's***



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