

# Voices OF HOPE

## Ethiopia

When a long-standing political disagreement between the Ethiopian federal government and the northern state of Tigray's regional government led to an outbreak of violence in November 2020, people were forced to flee their homes and lose their income. Walking for days, sleeping out in the open, displaced communities had few possessions other than the clothes they left in, and little food or money.

Neguesti Hagos Wolde Mariam was eight months pregnant. With her husband, Halefom Wolde Gebriel, and their three children, Helen 15, Zebib, 8, and Mekdes, 4, they began their 500-km journey from Western Tigray to an Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) settlement in Mekelle.

Baby arrived early in the town of Terkani, and then the family continued on. Nегuesti believes that it is a miracle that baby Tse'are, born under these conditions, made it to Mekelle at all.

PWRDF responded to an ACT Alliance appeal with \$35,000 to support LWF Ethiopia's work in the IDP camp, keeping families like Nегuesti's safe and healthy.




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