

# Voices OF HOPE

## West Tigray, Ethiopia

In spring of 2021, Negesti Hagos Wolde Mariam arrived at Ayder, a settlement for Internally Displaced People (IDP) in the Western Tigray region of Ethiopia. She was there with her husband and four children, the youngest of which was only two months old. Just months before, they found themselves fleeing their home due to the war. The journey was perilous. On the outskirts of the settlement, she went into labour and gave birth to Tse'are, prematurely. Negesti believes that it is a miracle that Tse'are survived at all. Cradling Tse'are in her arms, Negesti tries to breastfeed. But because she does not have enough to eat, she is not producing enough milk to nurse her baby. She worries what impact this will have on Tse'are's development. Those in the settlement continue to live off the generosity of the people of the surrounding town of Mekelle, and the local churches who carry the brunt of the emergency response.

Negesti also received direct cash assistance and nutritional supplements as a lactating mom, through the ACT Alliance. Working with the fellow ACT member Lutheran World Federation Ethiopia, PWRDF supported distribution of food and cash to displaced families and vulnerable host communities. LWF Ethiopia also advocated for the government to resume delivery of subsidized commodities, prioritizing nutrition of pregnant and lactating women.




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