

Female Caregivers: My'Ayni Camp, Ethiopia

Rahel (age 5) and Her Mom

“We have lived here for the last six years, Rahel was born here. I have four children, two boys and two girls, I no longer have a husband. I carry my daughter with me on my back wherever I go anywhere. She is getting bigger, but still, it is like she is a part of me.

“Because of my situation, IRC workers come to my home to visit. We make coffee together. We discuss what it is like to have a child with a disability. They also talk about violence and the risks that my family can face. They always remind me that my child deserves to live in a safe and secure environment. They say that all children should be free from violence, abuse and neglect.

“What is very important to me is that the IRC activities help me to better care for my daughter. They also help the community to be more accepting of her. Now, children from our neighborhood do not insult her. They do not call her by her disability, they call her by her name. Some of the neighbors even come to visit and help me now. It is nice to have people who care about us and want to make our lives better.”

