

## Involving the Family: My'Ayni Camp, Ethiopia

### The Beshir Family

*Beshir Seid (Father):* “My wife and I have been together for 26 years. We have six children. We are both living with disabilities; my wife is blind and I have a physical disability. But we try to be very good parents, we work to keep our children safe and to make sure they have opportunities to learn and to be healthy. My wife is a kind mother, she is patient with the children, she is able to teach them many things, like how to have respect and how to share.”



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*Seida Ibrahim (Mother):* “It is important to me that we have good relations with our neighbors, often I am home alone, which can be difficult, but it is good that I can trust them. [International Rescue Committee] has done activities that have allowed us to get to know our neighbors better. We have hosted coffee discussions in our home, right here. This has brought people closer to us. When they come to the home we discuss many things, things that are really important, but they also have a chance to see that we are good parents even though we are a bit different. Now, people understand us better, they even come to say hello and see how we are. It makes me feel safer having neighbors that I know now.”

*Oldest Daughter:* “I love my parents, they are kind and caring. They teach us all many things. My mother tells us stories, she teaches us about our culture and our language, and she always asks me questions about things too. My father teaches us the Quran and he makes sure that we go to school.”