

Success Story: The Burden of the Returnee



W/ro Bizuye Gulma

"My name is Bizuye Gulma. I have been 29 years old, living in Kotu Kebele, Angolela Tera Woreda, of the North Shoa Zone. For a long time after I returned from working in the Middle East, my life felt like it had been falling apart. I have been exhausted, lonely, and deeply worried about how I would provide for my child. I have felt so hopeless that I have even considered leaving my home and my country once again just to survive.

Everything changed when ORDA Ethiopia and UNICEF invested in me. They have given me more than sheep, chickens, and seeds—they have given me the knowledge to succeed and the confidence to work hard. I no longer worry about where our next meal will come from. My chickens have produced eggs that have fed my family and brought in income, and my child has grown stronger every day.

I have also found a new family in my VESA savings group. Together, we have saved, learned, and supported one another. I have already made 4,000 ETB in profit from a loan, and my loneliness has completely vanished. I have finally saved for a cow, looking toward a future I have never thought possible. I have proven that any dream is possible with the right help. I haven't just found a way to make money; I have found a reason to live.



"W/ro Bizuye Gulma with her family"