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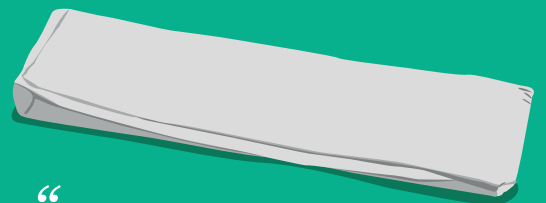
## THE COUPLE WHO PUT A ROOF OVER THEIR NEIGHBOURS' HEADS

We met twenty-eight-year-old Sarita, a pre-school teacher, her builder husband Avendale and their three-year-old daughter Abigail in Woodford Hills, Dominica, in 2018.

Because Avendale had built their home out of concrete it survived Hurricane Maria while many others were destroyed. They invited their neighbours to shelter inside. Sarita told us: *"That night was scary. We stayed sitting cramped together all night and then a coconut tree fell and missed the house by inches".*

ShelterBox tarpaulins were used to make their roof watertight, then Avendale helped others to rebuild their homes and Sarita cooked for their neighbours, friends and family.

### HOW WE HELPED



*"Having tarpaulins allowed you to have the independence of your own home and the relief that you could go back. You spent years in your own home, but you just want to go back. The tools in the shelter kit were all used, the most important was the tin snips.*

— Sarita

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