

Darfur Special Report

A Response to the Crisis in Sudan

What You Can Do: Five Steps to Take Action

- Contribute to the AJWS Sudan Relief and Advocacy Fund.
- Raise awareness by inviting an AJWS representative to speak at an event in your community.
- Write to your elected leaders to advocate for the deployment of a U.N. force to the region, a renewed and inclusive peace process and long-term commitments from members of the international community to the people of Darfur.
- Join the Sudan divestment movement and help pass targeted divestment legislation at the local and federal levels.
- Tell your friends and family about the crisis in Darfur and ask them to take action.

For more information about the crisis in Darfur and how you can get involved, please visit www.ajws.org/darfur or e-mail darfur@ajws.org.



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Since early 2003, the Sudanese government and the militias they arm, the *Janjaweed*, have been conducting a genocidal campaign against the people of Darfur. Their primary strategy is a scorched-earth campaign targeting communities that share the same ethnicity as small groups the government accuses of being rebels. This genocidal campaign has taken at least 450,000 lives and forcibly displaced some two million people within Darfur and a further 250,000 in neighboring Chad. Despite the signing of the May 2006 Darfur Peace Agreement, the Sudanese government has escalated its campaign to terrorize and kill civilians, rape women and girls, burn villages and drive innocent people from their homes.

The AJWS Approach to Darfur: More than Aid

AJWS is the leading voice in the American Jewish community's response to the crisis in Darfur. Motivated by Judaism's imperative to pursue social justice, AJWS has been providing humanitarian aid to the people of Darfur since April 2004. To date, AJWS has raised over \$5.5 million for the Sudan Relief and Advocacy Fund. In Darfur and Chad this is being used to help meet basic needs including access to clean water and healthcare, and to address the consequences of gender-based violence. As part of our long-term commitment to the people of Darfur, AJWS is also funding educational and recreational activities for women and children as well as mentoring and counseling programs for those living in the camps. These programs are helping to strengthen civil society in Darfur in preparation for the rebuilding that will have to take place once the crisis is finally over.



Grantmaking in Darfur and Chad: 2004 to 2007

While humanitarian assistance is crucial, aid cannot bring a halt to the violence. To that end, in July 2004, AJWS together with the U.S. Holocaust Museum, founded the Save Darfur Coalition. With the continuing leadership of AJWS, this coalition of humanitarian, faith-based and advocacy organizations now encompasses over 180 groups. In July of 2004, AJWS also created its own education and advocacy campaign to demand that U.S. and international leaders take action on Darfur.

The AJWS Darfur Action Campaign educates and mobilizes the American Jewish community to pressure Congress, the Bush administration and world leaders through letter-writing, phone campaigns and mass demonstrations. In April and September of 2006, AJWS organized thousands of people to join national rallies in Washington, D.C. and New York City. More recently, AJWS has focused on building support in the Jewish community for targeted divestment from Sudan, generating widespread support and thousands of e-mails calling for state-based, city and federal divestment.

From Disaster to Development: The Future of Darfur

As the violence in Darfur continues, AJWS is working with local community-based partners in the region to help meet their immediate needs while creating relationships that will last long into the future. This strategy, "from disaster to development," has been employed effectively by AJWS around the world, particularly in regions devastated by the December 2004 tsunami. Partner organizations in Darfur are already beginning to work on a range of issues

including rehabilitation of torture victims, income generation, women's empowerment and community development.

Spurred by the promise of "never again," AJWS remains committed to ending the genocide in Darfur. And long after the genocide is over, AJWS will be there, working alongside the people of Darfur as they pursue global justice through grassroots change, rebuilding their homes, communities and lives.

AJWS Sudan Relief and Advocacy Fund

- To date the AJWS Sudan Relief and Advocacy Fund has raised \$5.5 million.
- Since 2004 AJWS has dispersed \$2.6 million in humanitarian relief and aid for the people of Darfur. A further \$800,000 is budgeted to be spent in the remainder of 2007.

- AJWS has spent \$1 million on advocacy and education in the United States. A further \$375,000 is budgeted to be spent in the remainder of 2007.
- AJWS is committed to helping the people of Darfur create a better future. To that end, our administrative costs are kept below 15%, in line with the most responsible not-for-profit organizations in the country.

Gender-based Violence

Preventing sexual violence against women and offering post-trauma and reproductive health support.

- Finding alternative fuel solutions to protect girls and women from the risk of sexual violence when collecting firewood.
- Developing local sexual and reproductive healthcare services in North Darfur.
- Improving reproductive health and gender-based violence prevention.

4 Grants
\$411,117

Healthcare and Psychosocial Support

Providing emergency, preventative and basic healthcare; nutrition services; reproductive health and counseling.

- Improving emergency obstetric and mental health care for Darfuri refugees.
- Increasing the capacity of hospitals to provide care to inpatients and providing training to Chadian Ministry of Health staff.
- Hiring a health coordinator to monitor the implementation of reproductive health activities in the 12 refugee population centers in Chad.
- Promoting zinc treatment for children with diarrhea.

17 Grants
\$1,560,069

Sanitation and Water Services

Improving access to clean water; enhancing camp sanitation facilities; advancing education and management of public health issues.

- Assisting displaced people in North Darfur and refugees in Chad by rehabilitating water supplies, constructing sanitation facilities, disposing of dead animals and conducting health and hygiene promotion campaigns.
- Improving displaced and vulnerable populations' access to water and sanitation facilities along both sides of the Sudan/Chad border. Constructing water pumps and teaching local populations how to operate and maintain them.
- Improving the water supply system and sanitation in the crowded refugee camps of West Darfur.

4 Grants
\$320,000

Security and Protection

Creating safe spaces for educational and livelihood activities; protecting vulnerable populations from exploitation; ensuring the protection of humanitarian aid workers.

- Creating a child services center for approximately 800 children who are currently without parental care.
- Facilitating recreational and social activities in two IDP camps to improve the psychological and social well-being of children, youth and women, and build community leadership.
- Building partnerships among local, national and international non-governmental organizations to strengthen child protection activities.
- Documenting and reporting on security and human rights violations in Darfur.

7 Grants
\$353,731

* Please note: This chart reflects a sample of AJWS grants in Darfur and Chad. For a complete listing, please e-mail grants@ajws.org.

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American Jewish World Service (AJWS) is an international development organization motivated by Judaism's imperative to pursue justice. AJWS is dedicated to alleviating poverty, hunger and disease among the people of the developing world regardless of race, religion or nationality. Through grants to grassroots organizations, volunteer service, advocacy and education, AJWS fosters civil society, sustainable development and human rights for all people, while promoting the values and responsibilities of global citizenship within the Jewish community.

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