



Dining for Women

Program Fact Sheet

Program: Darfur Peace and Development Organization (DPDO)

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Mission: Darfur Peace and Development Organization is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation founded by Darfuris with the mission of providing humanitarian relief to war-affected civilians in Darfur, facilitating just governance, and enabling Darfuris to rebuild and effectively develop their homeland.

Where They Work:

Darfur is a region in Sudan, the largest country in Africa. Darfur is home to 6.5 million people from many different ethnic groups including Fur, Masseleit, Zaghawa, Berti, Rizeigat, Ta'isha, Bani Halba, and Habbaniyar. The region suffers from inadequate supplies of potable water, wildlife populations threatened by excessive hunting, soil erosion, and periodic drought. Ongoing desertification, deforestation and lack of development by the central governments have resulted in an impoverished population. Long-term neglect of infrastructure coupled with Darfur's five-year conflict have devastated roads and transport systems, making travel unpredictable and time-consuming. Electrical power for lights and computers can be intermittent or non-existent. Phone and internet connections can be unavailable for days at a time.



Darfur Peace and Development Organization's pilot **Women's Center** is located in Kassab Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp 65 miles northwest of Kutum, North Darfur. In September 2009, a second Center was opened in Abu Shouk IDP camp near El Fasher. The programs at this new center will be similar to those at Kassab.



History of the Area

For centuries, Darfur was an independent sultanate with political and economic relationships that focused largely on Egypt and Turkey. The region was annexed to Sudan in 1916. Since then Darfur has remained undeveloped. After Sudan's independence from Britain in 1956, Darfur became politically and economically marginalized. **2003 marked the beginning of the Darfur Conflict, which is widely regarded as one of the worst humanitarian disasters in the world.** The Darfur conflict has displaced nearly two million people and caused an estimated 200,000 to 400,000 deaths. In July 2004, the U.S. Congress unanimously passed a resolution declaring the situation in Darfur "genocide." Camps for internally displaced persons (IDPs) continue to be targets of attacks and forced relocation. People who venture outside the camps risk rape and murder. Many children, particularly those under 5 years of age, are at risk of malnutrition.

History of Darfur Peace & Development Organization

Darfur Peace & Development Organization was founded in 2002 by a group of Darfurians in the United States.

The Project: Darfur Women's Center

In 2007, DPDO established **the Women's Center** in Kassab camp to provide a safe place where displaced women can connect with one another and receive the resources they need to begin rebuilding their lives. The women live in camps where "home" is a hovel with a plastic tarp roof, where the tasks of finding food, water and firewood consume many hours of their days.

Project Accomplishments			
Provides haven for women who have lost family members, their homes and possessions, and their livelihoods. Many have also suffered rape and other forms of assault.	Supports income-generation through a weavers' cooperative. Traditional baskets are sold through www.AmberChand.com . Sixty-six women currently are members.	Conducts training in literacy, first aid, solar cooking, and basic business skills.	Fosters peer support, leadership development and community action to improve security.
Project Goals			
Support tens of thousands of women and their children who have been displaced in North Darfur since 2003.	Ongoing recruitment of women to join the Weavers' Cooperative.	Model for similar women's centers in camps and communities throughout Darfur.	Will be the home of a mobile clinic that serves the health needs of women and their children.

Why is this DFW project vital?

The Darfur Women's Center depends on the generous support of concerned women, as programs supporting Darfuri women's needs are under-funded. DPDO's program offers a direct supportive link between donors and displaced women. DPDO: "We believe the model we have developed is both effective and sustainable since it develops the women's ability to manage their own center and its services."

How DPDO Measures Program Success:

Darfur Peace & Development Organization has developed a detailed system of checks and balances and monthly reporting procedures to ensure that donor funds are appropriately directed to beneficiaries. Records are available for inspection by interested parties by appointment.

Financial Profile

Program costs: 92.6%

Fundraising costs: 2.4%

Administrative costs: 5.1%

Annual Report available online <http://www.darfurpeace.org/about-us/financial-reports>

Our gift is directed to: Darfur Women's Center

Total DFW Goal: \$15,000

Total Annual Budget of the Project: \$170,655

Sources:

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