



AID THE PEOPLE OF SUDAN

Emergency Alert
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BACKGROUND

Since gaining independence in 1956, Sudan has been a country in constant conflict. Multiple ethnic, religious and socio-economic groups create a rich mosaic of Sudanese populations. However, political and economic marginalization of many of these groups has been the cause for conflicts that currently confront Sudan.

In 2005, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) was signed by the Sudanese government in Khartoum and the Sudan People's Liberation Army/Movement (SPLA/M) in south Sudan. The signing of this ground-breaking document ended a 22-year war that killed 2 million people and displaced millions more, including a whole generation of children who never knew home.

Over two years later, while the fragile peace in southern Sudan still holds, vital portions of the CPA are not being implemented. This lack of progress has the potential to reignite the conflict.

At the same time, in the conflict that began in 2003 in the Darfur region of western Sudan, approximately 2.5 million people have been forced from their homes by fighting between government and rebel factions and by marauding groups that have killed, raped and tortured men, women and children.

Severe funding shortages to all parts of Sudan have threatened much-needed food, health, humanitarian aid and reconstruction assistance. Urgent help is needed.



The Mobile Clinic Supervisor, Ibrahim Suliman Hajar, provides a medical consultation to Khaltoum Ahmed Ibrahim, Hassaballa mobile clinic. **Photo by : Charlotte Brudenell, ACT-Caritas**

LWR AND PARTNERS:

Lutheran World Relief and partners have long experience working in Sudan and continue assisting the internally displaced and those finally returning home by:

- **Providing access to water points and latrines;** training communities to manage the infrastructure on their own.
- **Operating health clinics and supplemental nutrition programs** with a focus on preventative healthcare.
- **Training community organizations and leaders in peace-building and conflict resolution.**
- **Providing agricultural training** and distribution of seeds and tools.
- **Constructing or rehabilitating schools,** providing school supplies and training for administrators and parent-teacher associations.

TAKE ACTION

LWR is requesting public contributions for the Darfur/Sudan crisis. Your support will help relief work advance. The best way to assist people caught in an emergency is to give cash so that our partner staff on the ground can be most effective.

**Lutheran World Relief—
Darfur/Sudan Crisis
P.O. Box 17061
Baltimore, MD 21298-9832.**

Your gift will be used for the "Darfur/Sudan Crisis" until needs there are met. After that, further gifts will be used to help LWR respond where the need is greatest.

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Young children at El Neem camp build castles in the sand at a community centre run by Sudanaid, a partner of ACT/Caritas. **Photo by: Charlotte Brudenell ACT/Caritas**

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INTERNATIONAL DISASTERS:
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