

Please Help Innocent Victims of War in Sudan

DARFUR, SUDAN — One million people have been displaced from their homes and villages by violent militias operating in the Darfur region of northwestern Sudan.

As the crisis escalates, immediate emergency assistance is needed to prevent what the United Nations is calling one of the worst humanitarian emergencies in the world today.

Tragically, innocent women and children are the most vulnerable. They are suffering the loss of their possessions, food supplies and human dignity as the militias ravage and destroy their villages.

ERD is in close contact with the Most Rev. Dr. Joseph B. H. Marona, Archbishop of Sudan. He told us, **“Many have been slaughtered. Hundreds of villages in Darfur have been burned and water sources destroyed. The Episcopal Church of Sudan has a duty to respond to this humanitarian catastrophe.”**

After determining the most critical needs in Darfur, an ERD-funded relief team will concentrate on providing life-saving food supplies including: sorghum, groundnuts, beans, vegetable oil, okra, onions, eating utensils, wash basins and soap.

Long-term agricultural assistance will help Darfur's displaced rebuild their lives and support themselves.

You can help today.

Please send the most generous gift you can to help provide life-saving food supplies to suffering children and families.

Your partnership is critical to saving vulnerable lives in the midst of this quickly escalating crisis.

Here's how your gifts will help:

- **\$35** will provide life-saving food supplies for 20 people.
- **\$70** will provide life-saving food supplies for 40 people.
- **\$135** will provide life-saving food supplies for 80 people.

Please pray for Sudan, and **give what you can today to save innocent lives.**



Innocent women and children are among the most vulnerable in Sudan. They have lost everything and are struggling to find enough food to survive.



PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: *Episcopal Relief and Development/Sudan Relief Fund*
MAIL TO: PO Box 12043, Newark NJ 07101-5043
To make a credit card donation, please call 1.800.334.7626, Ext. 5129 or visit **www.er-d.org. Thank you for all you do.**

If funds for this project are oversubscribed, ERD will use these funds for similar life-saving projects.

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From the Office of the President

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Dear Friends,

A humanitarian crisis in Sudan threatens the lives of more than one million people.

Violent militias have forced people from their homes in Sudan's northwestern region of Darfur, which borders Chad. Children, women and other vulnerable people are most at risk of dying — primarily from lack of food.

We are working with the Episcopal Church in Sudan to provide food supplies to people who have lost everything and struggle to survive.

Your congregation can help today.

Please photocopy this bulletin insert and place it in your Sunday Service leaflet and parish newsletter this week.

Thank you for your partnership to help suffering people. Your contribution will save lives!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Swan".

Sandra Swan
President

P.S. Please pray for the children and families in Sudan as they fight to survive. Thank you for your support!

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