



The Holy See "has been following with grave concern the terrible suffering of the people caught up in the tragic conflicts intermittently erupting in the Darfur region of Sudan...which shows a horrific violation of human rights: killing of children, sexual rape of girls and women... burning of villages." (December 2006)

Archbishop Tomasi
Permanent observer of the Holy See to the United Nations

Soon after achieving independence in 1956, Sudan was torn by a long, brutal civil war, which left over 2 million dead and four million displaced. The war continued until a tentative peace agreement was reached in 2005. Unfortunately, conflict broke out in the midst of finalizing the agreement, and the Sudanese see no end to the brutality of war.

The Human Impact of Darfur

- Nearly 4 million Sudanese (2/3 of the populace) depend on emergency assistance for survival.
- 200,000 - 300,000 people have been killed
- 2.5 million people are displaced within Sudan
- Over 230,000 people are refugees
- Sudan's UN development ranking: 141 of 177.

Displacement and killings are again on the rise. According to the UN, 270,000 people were displaced in 2006. The trend continued in 2007; In January and February alone, 80,000 more were displaced.

Catholics Respond: Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is one of the longest serving humanitarian organizations in Sudan. The agency currently serves 150,000 Darfuris, providing essential services in camps for displaced persons and host communities, including nomads. Across the border in Chad, CRS is also working to manage two camps serving more than 31,000 refugees.

- CRS distributes emergency food relief to nearly 150,000 people in 35 locations each month.
- CRS has built 16 school compounds and 137 permanent and 158 temporary classrooms benefiting over 33,000 children.
- CRS has provided over 154,800 people essential hygiene and shelter materials.
- CRS trains displaced communities in nutrition, sanitation and health.

Your response **shows** that we are **one human family**, bound by **compassion** and inspired by **hope**.

What You Can Do

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