



DARFUR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

an initiative of Darfur Peace &
Development

DARFUR PEACE & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

DPDO is a US-based non-profit, non-sectarian NGO founded in 2002 by expatriate Sudanese from Darfur. DPDO's mission is to promote peace through justice and to help restore the fabric of the Darfuri community through sustainable development.

1 - WHAT is the Darfur Schools Program?

The conflict in Darfur, Sudan has cost the children of the region several consecutive years of their academic lives. DPDO designed the Darfur Schools Program in 2005 to continue the education of the displaced and neglected children in the region. DPDO currently supports the operation of 15 primary schools with more than 7,300 enrolled students, providing teacher and administrator salaries, supplies, textbooks and teaching materials, along with daily water delivery and the construction of classrooms. DPDO is the only organization operating in Darfur that pays salaries for teachers, ensuring dedicated Darfuris a reliable source of income.

2 - WHERE are these schools located?

Fourteen schools are located in North Darfur and one is in Chad. They are generally situated within their respective villages. Consequently, the schools are named by their village as "Schools of Peace" - i.e. Forug School of Peace.

3 - HOW were these schools chosen?

While the entire region is affected by the conflict, there are some areas where the international community has no access. DPDO, as a grassroots organization, is able to operate in many of these "unreachable areas" through its volunteers on the ground. Sponsored schools were chosen through contacts established by these volunteers. Since the initial pilot project of three schools, DPDO continues to receive requests for sponsorship from schools in Darfur that are struggling to reopen or remain operational.

4 - WHAT grades are sponsored?

Each elementary school supports 1st through 8th grade and is co-educational.

5 - WHAT are graduating 8th graders' options for continuing education?

The 8th grade year culminates with a high school acceptance exam. Most high schools are located in and around Darfur's capital cities. DPDO is finalizing plans for a new high school in El Fasher for young people affected by the conflict.



6 - DOES a donor need to support an entire school?

There is no minimum donation or required commitment to a specific Darfur school. DPDO applies donated funds equitably to meet the needs of all the Schools of Peace.

7 - WHO are the Schools Program's current supporters?

Schools of Peace supporters include: youth organizations, STAND chapters, schools and universities, faith based organizations, civil groups, individuals, Darfur Diaries, Strayer University, Child Shelter International and the Mimi and Peter Haas Fund.

8 - HOW are schools administered?

Each school is managed by a qualified principal. All schools follow the curriculum established by the Sudanese Ministry of Education so that students may advance to higher education either in Sudan or in other countries.

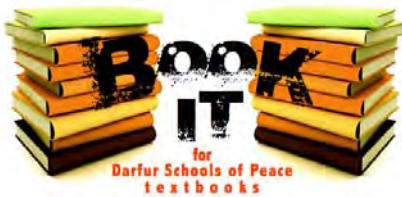
9 - HOW does DPDO supervise the program on the ground?

DPDO is in direct contact with the area administrator through cell phone and e-mail. The administrator meets monthly with all school principals to disburse funds and to receive progress and needs reports. These reports are forwarded to DPDO's headquarters for appropriate follow up.

10- WHAT initiatives is DPDO currently working on?

DPDO works to ensure that each school receives uninterrupted basic support as well as expanded services.

Book- It Fund: New textbooks for Darfur Schools of Peace-



All schools lack textbooks sufficient for the number of students enrolled. Some schools have no textbooks at all. The war-impooverished local communities are unable to subsidize the purchase of this essential resource. For approximately **\$35,000**, DPDO can purchase new textbooks for our entire school system in each curriculum area approved by the Sudanese Ministry of Education.

Clean Water Fund: Improve access to water at Darfur Schools of Peace-



The schools draw their water from community wells. Staff use donkeys to transport water several times each day to supply the needs of 300 to 900 students at each school. DPDO is teaming with the Dallas-based non-profit **Thirst No More** to assess, upgrade or drill wells and repair pumps supplying water for the schools. Most schools have inadequate resources for water storage; the barrels currently used are impossible to sanitize. DPDO will introduce larger *khasans* - molded plastic containers with lids and taps - to improve water quality and availability. Clean Water Fund goal: \$30,000.

Darfur High School of Peace: Help provide continuing education to students-



DPDO is finalizing plans for a high school that will be built in North Darfur, with the generous support of David and Donna Frieze. The North Darfur State Government has allocated 4,000 square meters of land in a commercial district of El Fasher town. A blueprint has been drafted; construction will be begin in Fall 2008. The new facility will feature the only computer lab in a Sudanese high school, equipped with fifty computers donated by **Strayer University**. Other major initiatives of the school will include English language classes and a library containing both Arabic and English books. The school will enroll youth who have been displaced and/or orphaned by the conflict.

11 - HOW can I help? Send contributions to: DPDO, P.O. Box 90, Washington, DC 20044. Designate "DSP" on the memo line of your check or PayPal donation.



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