

2015 - WILL CHILDREN HAVE A BETTER CHANCE IN DARFUR?



Urgent Appeal: Seeds needed so children can eat next year.

To survive in Darfur you have to have a successful crop. The Sahara continues to creep inexorably south. Trees are stunted, shrubs for the most part, are semi succulent, of little use to supplement a diet which is limited to the one main crop - millet. Everything stops when the rains come to clear the land and plant, one seed at a time. If the harvest is good, millet grows to almost 6 feet (1.8 metres) . Not only is it food, the grain from its long seed heads providing assida, the glutinous boiled flour pudding that is many families every meal, and bread, but its stalks are the basic building material for hut walls and fences.

But if the rains fail, or are late, then it is disaster for the coming year.

It is imperative to save enough seed to plant for a full year's needs. Grain needs to be stored away from the risk of fire, and hidden from the chance of theft, particularly now that guns are everywhere in Darfur, and bandits roam unchallenged.

If children are to survive, families must have a successful crop. In many parts of Darfur the rains came too late to guarantee millet the three months it needs to mature. After that the sun is too hot and stunts all chances of further growth. Sorghum has a shorter growing period, and although it is not as palatable, it would provide families with what they need to survive.

Kids for Kids is determined to provide 3 kgs of sorghum seed for as many families as possible before it is too late. 3 kgs cost approximately \$6.45 per family, including transport (but not administration).

How many families will you help us to provide seed for so they can eat next year?

If you would like to support this Appeal, please donate using this link:
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