

ACHIEVEMENTS 2024



April 2023 saw the onset of appalling violence in the very capital of Sudan, Khartoum, between the two armed forces which had seized power and unleashed violence on the streets of Khartoum, with no regard for the civilian population. Those who could, fled the country, as the conflict spread across the whole of Sudan. Nowhere has the violence been worse than in Darfur, and now starvation and disease face people desperately in need of help.

Malnutrition has spread across the whole of Darfur.

It is now the epicentre of the world's worst hunger crisis, (*UN General Assembly, September 2024.*) At times it seemed as if, like all other aid agencies, it would be impossible for us to provide help. The banks across Sudan remain closed. Without money how could we do anything at all?

Incredibly we have found a way to send funds safely directly to the members of the Kids for Kids Steering Committee so that they can travel to markets, as they start functioning again, to purchase urgently needed pulses, groundnuts, lentils, ground beef, chicken and fresh produce, plus watermelon, tomato and okra seeds, to feed all the children aged 5 and under in our villages.

We have already reached 49 of our 110 communities. To date we have provided our Kitchen Kits to an astonishing 8,540 children. Your support has enabled Kids for Kids to achieve what many believed impossible. We have beaten the odds to deliver life-saving aid to the forgotten communities of Darfur.

But Kids for Kids is not an emergency organisation – our aim has always been to provide sustainable support, providing projects, and training communities, so that they can improve their own lives long term. Our villages are now the most stable in Darfur. People are taking refuge in them, many making their homes there permanently, because of what they offer.



These families too need our help. We have already provided our basic projects to 35 families who have moved to Um Ga'al, the first village we adopted in 2001, to enable them to be integrated into the communities. It is heartbreaking to think of people fleeing their homes in the wake of violence and arriving with nothing. Yet every family in Darfur is struggling. Their generosity to each other is humbling but if they are to rebuild their lives, we must do all we can to lift them out of poverty. The needs are huge. We are providing for the immediate emergency to address serious malnutrition, especially in the smallest children, but we are also doing all we can to provide medicines for both people and for the animals.

We must look to the future as well as for immediate needs

Our amazing volunteers in Darfur have made this possible, despite their own worries for their families. Their dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts have enabled us to provide help where there has been none. They, like us, are determined to do their best for children born into a nation at war.

Kids for Kids has never needed your help more. Regular Supporters are the key to enabling us to plan ahead, and especially the three-year commitment of our Children's Champions. Please will you consider becoming a Children's Champion or Regular Supporter?

Your support will help us to change the lives of children for life.

SUPPORT WE HAVE PROVIDED TO REMOTE VILLAGES IN 2024

8,393 children aged 5 and under from **1,290 families** received **Kids Kitchen Kits** full of protein and nutrients to fend off starvation in Azagarfa, Abu Degeise, Um Ajaja, Lawabid, Um Hagalig, Tartoura Berkat Jaro, Gawir, Dshma, Hillat Hamid, Sakori, Wara, Merkhis, Um Shijir, Um Ga'al, Siwailinga, Kulkul, Hillat Hassan and Mugabil.



35 IDP families received **Kids Kitchen Kits plus Donkeys, Mosquito Nets and Blankets** in Um Ga'al. These families have lost everything and have fled to our village. The help we have provided will help them start afresh. **147 children** aged 5 and under will now have food to eat, transport thanks to our Donkeys, have protection from Malaria and will be warm at night.

13 steering committee members and volunteers from villages received **Kids Kitchen Kits** for their children.

536 families received **Sorghum and Millet seeds** in Azagarfa, Abu Degeise, Lawabid, Um Hagalig, Tartoura Berka Jaro and Um Ajaja which were planted in time to harvest to provide food for the year ahead.

2,883 Children from **400 families** in Abu Degeise, Majdoub (A), Um Hagalig, Kulkul, Hillat Hassan, Mugabil, Um Ga'al, Amar Gadid and Tikailat will have fresh **Tomatoes, Okra and Watermelon**, thanks to the seeds we provided for planting.

4 families in exceptional need received **5 nanny goats** each in Um Ga'al and a **Donkey Cart** was given to Ibrahim from Um Ga'al to give him a livelihood. It was his walk for water in 2001 which inspired Kids for Kids.

PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2025

Already commissioned:

6,446 children aged 5 and under from **925 families** will receive **Kids Kitchen Kits** in Azagarfa, Abu Degeise, Majdoub (A), Majdoub (b) Mugrin, Um Hagalig, Tikailat, Amar Gadid, Um Layouna, Hillat Kharif, Dor Fazy, Aefin, Hillat Minair, Hashab Baraka, Um Jum Jum, Abu Sinait (A), Abu Sinait (B), Bargo, Derma, Um Isheira, Tartoura Berkat Jaro, Maagla, Korla and Kudeil.

Medicines, bandages, antibiotics, folic acid, disinfectant, syringes etc including medication to treat malaria.

Plus Veterinary Drugs to treat pneumonia, foot rot, liver flukes, worms, gastro intestinal diseases and respiratory infections plus salt licks.

To: Um Shijir, Mireikhis, Um Jum Jum, Um Ga'al and Kukul.

These projects will be extended to as many of our other 110 Kids for Kids villages as they become accessible.

We will adopt 5 new villages as soon as it is safe to do so.

Introduce a Trauma Counselling Service for Children.

SUMMARY

Despite ongoing violence our volunteers reached 49 villages, and 11,276 children. Distributed 4.4 tonnes of lentils, 4.2 tonnes of ground nuts and 1.6 tonnes of beef jerky. Distributed 2.7 tonnes of sorghum and millet seeds, 40 kgs okra seeds, 16 kgs tomato seeds and 40 kgs watermelon seeds. Distributed 35 local breed Donkeys, 20 Goats, 70 mosquito nets, 70 blankets, one cross bred Donkey and a Donkey Cart.

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