

STARK WARNING - 3.5 MILLION PEOPLE AT RISK OF STARVATION IN THE VILLAGES OF DARFUR IN THE NEXT 3 MONTHS



The international community has been warned that nearly 3.5 million men, women and children are at risk of starvation in the isolated villages of Darfur over the coming months, unless they receive urgent help.

Kids for Kids has been supporting the forgotten communities of Darfur since 2001. There are now 62 Kids for Kids' villages where families are showing that they are able to withstand the deprivations caused by years of conflict, isolation and soaring inflation, which have left others unable to feed their children. Hair bleached of all colour is the outward sign of prolonged lack of protein. Bones, teeth and brain cells are also compromised. The price of meat has soared to over 87% more than it cost a year ago. People cannot afford meat in any form.

Kids for Kids is calling for help to support more communities urgently. Patricia Parker MBE, founder, said "We are just starting to support three new villages. In one there are broken handpumps. These villages are all small and in desperate need. I asked the leader in each village how many children died last year. Isn't that a heartbreaking question? In Hilat Hamid - 609 families - 75 children died. In Byna Village - 546 families - 120 children died and in Kindro Village - 600 families - 125 children died. The causes of death were acute malnutrition, malaria and chest infections. Little ones succumb to chest infections very quickly when they are malnourished, and it is the smallest children who suffer first. The appalling thing is that 2012, when these children died - was not considered a year when help was needed. We are showing that the terrible fears for this year could have been mitigated if people had been enabled to help themselves.

We adopted Azargarfa, a village of just 2000 people, in 2004. The goats we lent to families so that children had milk and the mothers an income to start to help themselves, have been passed on to new families every two years. The healthcare we provided, for humans and animals, the handpumps, donkeys, blankets, mosquito nets and much more, have transformed the village. Adam Sebil, the village leader, said recently "There is no malnutrition in Azargarfa." Moreover 3000 more people now live in the village because it is doing so well. "Adam told me" said Patricia " that the number of children who died in Azargarfa before we adopted them was over 50 children a year. Now, with 3,000 more people living there, only 2 children died last year."

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