Frontline Action

WCF Sudan Relief on Target

Life saving shipments deployed to South Sudan

Despite the recent decision by the government of Sudan to revoke the registration of thirteen international and dissolve three national Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's) and require them to cease humanitarian efforts, World Children's Fund continues its mission in Sudan. With your support, World Children's Fund has continued to successfully deploy dehydrated rice meals, medications and other basic necessities to the strife and famine wracked people of the region.

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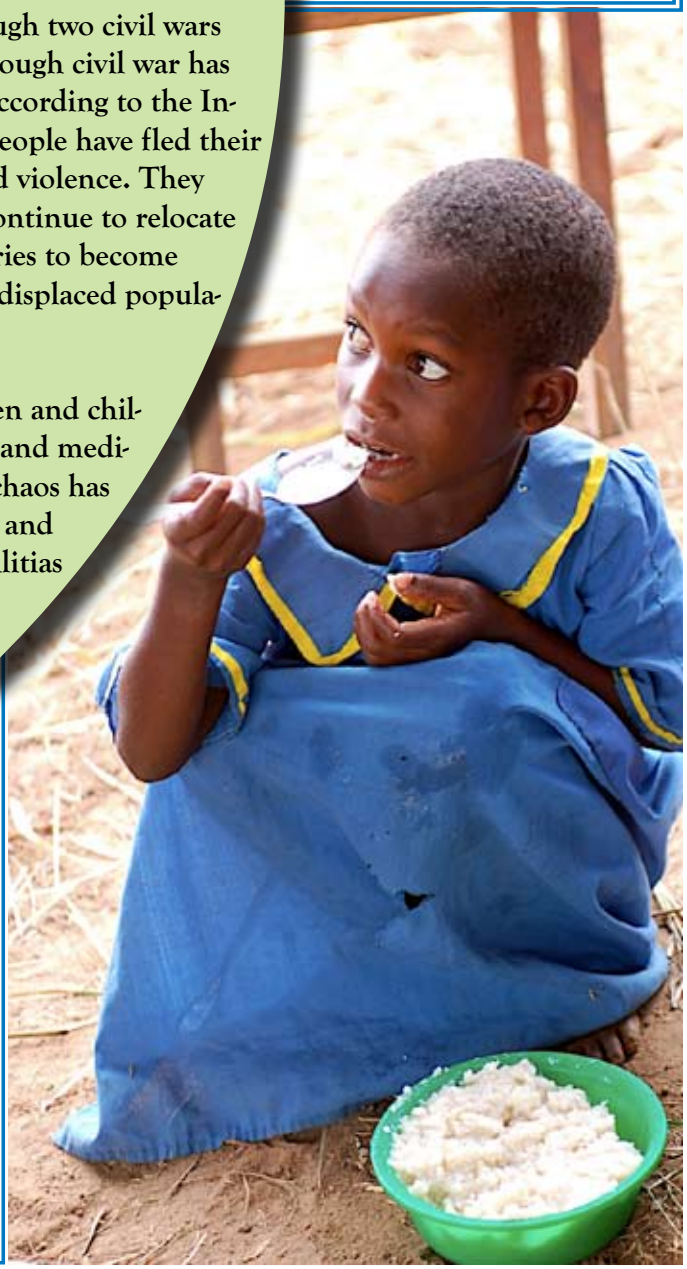
Since independence, the people of Sudan have suffered through two civil wars between the north and south and a civil war in the east. Although civil war has officially ended, the ongoing conflict in Darfur is horrific. According to the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, about 4.9 million people have fled their homes in order to avoid the effects of the armed conflicts and violence. They are defined as "Internally Displaced Persons" because they continue to relocate within Sudan, rather than crossing borders into other countries to become refugees. Together they make up the single largest internally displaced population in the world.

This situation is a humanitarian crisis. Displaced men, women and children are in desperate need of food, emergency shelter, water and medications. Displaced children are particularly vulnerable. The chaos has created a generation of children suffering from malnutrition and poverty, susceptible to being targeted by armed forces and militias for abduction.

World Children's Fund is providing millons in GBP worth of medications, food, clothing, shoes, school supplies and other basic necessities.



Helping Children in a World of Need

- Feeding Programmes
- Disaster Relief
- Orphan Care
- Refugee Operations
- Community Development/Education

WCF Saves Lives in Malawi

- *In a country of 13.9 million, an estimated one million children have lost one or both parents.*
- *Nearly 50% of the population is under age 15.*

The WCF feeding programme in the Bangula region of Malawi is helping some of the hungriest children in the area. Many of the children in the crowd danced and clapped while patiently waiting for their food. The 3,200 people relying on the food provided through World Children's Fund are selected based on need. In addition to children, the programme aims its relief at the elderly, handicapped and blind. Some of the recipients walk or bike up to 10 kilometers to receive their dehydrated rice food supplies. Each 40-foot container provided by World Children's Fund yields 43,700 pounds of dehydrated meals, fortified with vitamins.

Malawi is a country ripe with malnutrition, malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS. In many families, a whole generation is often missing. Small children are routinely abandoned, since they have no living parents; or they are left with aunts or grandparents. Malawi is also prone to natural disasters and vacillates between drought and heavy rains. The result is ruined crops. For most of the population, subsistence farming is their only means of livelihood. No crop. No food. Malawi still has a food shortage even in years without natural disaster. Last year, the availability of maize, a staple food, dwindled, and the price more than doubled. Because of chronic short falls, Malawians rely heavily on food assistance from outside charitable agencies such as World Children's Fund.

WCF Brings Food Relief to Kenya Slums

World Children's Fund has expanded its feeding programmes into slum areas near Eldoret, Kenya. WCF now provides regular meals to the most desperate children in the slum. Many of them come from "children-headed" households; or they are left with elderly grandparents, who lack the economic resources to provide food, clothing or education. WCF is also impacting hunger in the Kibera Slum, located outside of Nairobi, Kenya. Kibera is the largest slum in all of Africa and home to more than one million. The name "Kibera" is derived from a Nubian word meaning "forest" or "jungle." The densely populated slum is notorious for its crowded and unsanitary conditions. At one feeding station alone, WCF serves hundreds of meals per week to children in the area. When children are enrolled into the WCF programmes, most are in extremely poor health- lethargic and inactive. However, many are progressing and gaining weight. As their health improves, they lose their protruding bellies, skinny arms and legs and spotty red hair- all signs of malnutrition. These regular meals make a world of difference to each of the children participating in the WCF feeding programmes.

Thomas, Paul and Mo no longer have to go to bed with empty stomachs.

Family Ties: *Siblings Sande, Mike, Joseph, Ibrahim and Ann look forward to lunch.*

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