

# HELP THE WOMEN OF DARFUR



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## OUR PROJECT

Jewish World Watch is committed to protecting refugee women and girls from rape and other forms of violence, and helping them to rebuild their lives. Women and girls fleeing the genocide in Darfur, Sudan are placed in extreme jeopardy when undertaking the simple, but vital, task of collecting firewood for cooking fuel. We are reducing the vulnerability of these women by providing the Iridimi and Touloum refugee camps in Chad with solar cookers, and reducing their need to collect firewood. Our project not only protects these women, but provides them with income opportunities that include: manufacturing solar cookers, training others to use the cookers and making carrying bags to increase the life span of the cookers. JWW is also developing other companion projects aimed to keep the women inside the relative safety of the camp.

## WHO WE ARE

Jewish World Watch is a project of a coalition of synagogues, their schools, their members and the community to combat genocide and other egregious violations of human rights around the world.

## THE GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

- Black Africans have been terrorized and driven from their villages and decimated by Arab militias, the Janjaweed and the Sudan government since 2003.
- It is estimated that upwards of 400,000 people are dead.
- 3.5 million people have been displaced. Women and girls have been frequently raped and beaten.
- The U.S. government and U.N. agree that "THIS IS A GENOCIDE," yet the terror continues.

## THE REFUGEES

- 200,000 women and children refugees live in camps in Chad across the border from Sudan.
- Women must search for firewood far outside refugee camps where there is no protection.
- While outside the camp, women are often beaten, raped and branded by bandits or the Sudanese supported Janjaweed militia.

## IRIDIMI CAMP IN CHAD

- There are about 17,000 women and children refugees in the camp.
- The area is devoid of vegetation, yet there is abundant sun and between 3" and 5" of rainfall yearly.
- Basic food is supplied by relief agencies but it must be cooked.
- Very little firewood is supplied for necessary daily cooking.

## TOULOUM CAMP IN CHAD

More than 20,000 refugees, mainly women and children, live in the camp. The environment is similar to that of the nearby Iridimi camp.

## BENEFITS OF SOLAR COOKING

- Solar cooking can reduce the need for frequent firewood collection reducing the risk of violence towards women and girls.
- Two solar cookers can save one ton of wood each year.
- There is no need to tend a fire so women are free to do other tasks.
- The production of the solar cookers provides income generation opportunities for female refugees.

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## THE COOKIT SOLAR COOKER

- The Cookit is a simple solar cooker that converts sunlight into heat to cook food.
- It is easy to manufacture because it is made of just cardboard and aluminum foil and can be hand-assembled.
- It is light and small when folded and very inexpensive.
- It has been successfully used in several refugee camps in Kenya and Ethiopia and now in Chad.

## OUR PARTNERS

Jewish World Watch is proud to work in partnership with KoZon, a charitable organization based in the Netherlands. KoZon's aim is to provide women in developing countries with the cheapest technique for cooking with solar energy. Solar Cookers International helps provide technical assistance to JWW and KoZon. The camps are run by CARE International and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Help us provide the Iridimi and Touloum camps with solar cookers by raising awareness and raising money.

- Host an event with an engaging Jewish World Watch speaker at your home, work, Parent Association, library, synagogue or church to learn more about the genocide in Darfur.
- Organize a fundraiser to help bring solar cookers to these women. Ideas: BBQ, bake sale, car wash, dinner or theatre party.
- Make a donation: A \$30 donation supports one family by providing two solar cookers, training and two pot holders. A \$150 donation supports five families by providing ten solar cookers, training and ten pot holders and so on.

## OUR PROJECT: 100% SOLAR COOKERS IN THE IRIDIMI & TOULOUM CAMPS IN CHAD

**JWW's goal is to have every family outfitted with at least 2 solar cookers (3-4 for larger families.)**

### IRIDIMI

- As of March 2007, 1800 of the 4669 families in the Iridimi camp are successfully using solar cookers. Families are made up of 5-7 people per tent, often one woman, head of household, with up to 3 of her own children and 3 orphans.
- The training of the other women (15 years old and older) is continuing and should be complete by May 2007. 40 refugee women work as auxiliary trainers along with the KoZon team.
- For each area in the camp, a team of two women manufacture the solar cookers, providing them with a new skill and an opportunity to generate income for their families. Currently 24 women are trained assemblers.
- 500 women are being trained to solar cook each month.
- 4,200 solar cookers have been distributed at the camp.
- The women have begun to manufacture carrying bags (to protect the cookers) and hay baskets (to keep the evening meal, cooked in the daytime, hot until it is eaten.)
- After completing a 5-day training, women in the Iridimi camp receive 2 (or more) solar cookers. One is used for rice or grain and the other for water, sauce or vegetables.

### TOULOUM

- Construction of a manufacturing plant and store room in the Touloum camp will begin in March 2007 and be completed by May 2007.
- Solar cooker training will begin in Touloum in June of 2007.

**YES! I want to bring solar cookers to the women in the refugee camps.**

**Please accept my donation of:**

- \$30 to buy 2 stoves for 1 family
- \$150 to buy 10 stoves for 5 families
- \$300 to buy 20 stoves for 10 families
- \$900 to buy 60 stoves for 30 families
- \$2,700 to buy 180 stoves for 90 families
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Check enclosed** (payable to Jewish World Watch)
- Please charge my:**  Visa  Mastercard

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