



Darfur Peace & Development Organization (DPDO)

Enabling Peace, Justice and Sustainable Development

Darfur Women's Centers

Program Rationale and Description

In rural Darfur, many women have lost family members, homes, personal possessions, and livelihoods as the result of attacks on their villages. Some have endured four to five years in "temporary" shelters in undersupplied camps for displaced people. They've become the sole support of their remaining households. And many have suffered rape. To heal from such cumulative trauma, displaced women need a safe gathering place where they can be assured support for their needs. With this goal in mind, DPDO established the Darfur Women's Center in 2007.

Locations: Kassab IDP camp near Kutum town in North Darfur -- opened July 2007
Abu Shouk IDP camp near El Fasher -- opened September 2009.

Facility

In Kassab: Two-tent compound. In January, DPDO will rehabilitate and take over an adjacent compound with two semi-permanent buildings.

In Abu Shouk: Two-tent compound

Beneficiaries

- 250 women; more joining monthly
- Goal for 2009: an additional 100 members



Key Services

- Subsidizes a basket weavers' cooperative, managed by women leaders in the camp. Production generates regular income for each member. Baskets sold online through. www.womenspeacecollection.com
- Provides training in solar cooking and first aid.

Ongoing and Planned Services (as requested by beneficiaries)

- Literacy training – begun in Abu Shook camp in November 09; start in Kassab in February 2010
- Solar cooker training every three months for 30 - 60 women
- Midwife Training (scholarships for year-long program);
- Mobile health clinic focusing on reproductive and maternal health;
- Micro-finance: loans to women-owned businesses startups.

Annual Budget: \$141,000

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Darfur Peace and Development Organization (DPDO), founded by Darfuri expatriates in 2002, is a non-profit, non-sectarian NGO based in Washington, DC with offices in Khartoum and El Fasher, Sudan. DPDO's mission is to provide direct humanitarian relief to victims of the

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conflict in Darfur, to facilitate just governance and to enable Darfuris to rebuild and sustainably develop their homeland. DPDO is registered with the US department of Treasury (OFAC), the Sudanese Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) and the United Nations.

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