

Jewish World Watch Saving Lives in Darfur

A message from

International Medical Corps

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"I am grateful to Rabbi Schulweis, Janice Kamenir-Reznik, Jewish World Watch and all of its congregational members and young people for your generous support, and I value your partnership in the humanitarian work we are doing in Darfur. Thank you for helping so many people."

—*Nancy A. Aossey, IMC President and CEO*

Ongoing conflict in the Darfur region of western Sudan has led to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people and has forced more than two million more to leave their homes, livelihoods and loved ones in search of refuge. Survivors live under the constant threat of attacks by militias that operate on the outskirts of camps and villages, as well as the devastating effects of starvation, dehydration and disease that result from the area's harsh conditions. The U.S. House of Representatives voted unanimously to call the tragedy in Darfur "by its rightful name: 'genocide,'" and the United Nations considers the situation in the region to be the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today.

Many of the people displaced by this disaster now live in crowded camps in and around the village of Deleij in Wadi Salih locality of West Darfur.

Accomplishments

- Jewish World Watch funded IMC's construction of a health clinic in Deleij village to improve residents' access to quality health care. This 15-room clinic provides primary health, antenatal and nutritional care services to more than 21,000 conflict-affected beneficiaries, treating 400 to 500 people daily. The vast majority of those treated are women and children.
- Funding support from the youth of Jewish World Watch also enabled IMC to implement water and sanitation projects involving construction of wells and latrines in and around Deleij village, which have significantly improved access to clean water for displaced refugee families.
- Jewish World Watch also supported IMC's completion of a health clinic in El Geneina, the capital of West Darfur, near the border of Chad. The Geneina Health Clinic provides critically-needed comprehensive health care services for 40,000 local beneficiaries in three Internally Displaced Population camps in the areas of Abu Zahr and Jebel.
- Jewish World Watch's continuing support is currently helping IMC to construct a second health clinic in the Abu Zahr area of El Geneina that will serve more than 17,500 beneficiaries with outpatient consultations, pre- and post-natal services, immunizations, malaria testing, oral re-hydration therapy, disease surveillance activities, operative procedures and wound care, growth monitoring and nutritional monitoring.



Front of Deleij Health Clinic just after completion of construction, showing the Adult block, Children's block and Infant Care block surrounding the courtyard. Prior to the construction of this clinic there was no permanent health care facility in Deleij.



Completed water wells in downtown Deleij funded with support from the youth of Jewish World Watch.

Impact of Jewish World Watch Support

- Because the Deleij and Geneina health clinics are permanent structures replacing smaller temporary ones, they ensure sustainability of health service delivery over the long-term. Temporary structures erected in an emergency or camp setting must eventually be torn down when another movement takes place or when a conflict subsides, but a permanent structure will continue to serve people for years.
- Health education and awareness campaigns conducted during outpatient consultations at the Deleij and Geneina clinics effect positive and permanent health behavior changes in the communities they serve, leading to long-lasting health improvements.
- Without proper water and sanitation, crowded refugee camps can become breeding grounds for communicable diseases, especially waterborne illnesses such as diarrhea, acute jaundice syndrome, typhoid fever and malaria, as well as health problems linked to poor hygiene such as conjunctivitis and scabies. Prior to the implementation of water and sanitation projects funded by the youth of JWW, over 90 percent of Deleij residents had no access to clean water and appropriate sanitation—availability of safe water and sanitation. The availability has subsequently reduced the incidence of water-borne illnesses by more than 25 percent.



Completed and functioning Deleij Clinic Infant Care block—Dr. Javier with enthusiastic patients waiting.

A message from

Rabbi Lee Bycel

“The statistics of this genocide are unfathomable. During my trips to Darfur and Chad, I have seen the many human faces behind the incomprehensible statistics. In each of their eyes I saw the inextinguishable human spirit. These are the human beings that you are helping. We really can make a difference in the world. My deepest gratitude goes to all the supporting members of Jewish World Watch for your role in helping the people of Darfur.”

To date, Jewish World Watch has provided IMC with \$161,143.31 in funding for its life-sustaining programs. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!