



This project has been fully funded by JWW and the Clinic is now completed and the clinic is now fully operational. October, 1, 2005

Construction of a Medical Clinic in West Darfur

There are currently only four hospitals and five health centers operating in all of West Darfur, Sudan. At the same time, most of the 1.5 million Sudanese people that have been forced to flee their homes are living in spontaneous camps and have limited access to health care. Furthermore, there is an extreme shortage of trained Sudanese health professionals and staff in Darfur. Together, these factors are having a devastating effect on the health of displaced communities, particularly among children under age five and pregnant and nursing women.

The town of Deliej, located in West Darfur, is host to over 14,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs). The only clinic has been completely burned out, and forty villages in the area around Deliej have been either burnt and destroyed, or abandoned. Due to the dearth of health care facilities in the area, the IDPs and host populations have fallen victim to high levels of malaria, diarrhea and acute respiratory infections.

International Medical Corps (IMC) proposes to rebuild the Deliej clinic with funds from the Jewish World Watch. It is projected that the clinic will serve 21,500 individuals, including nearly 18,000 IDPs from Deliej and the surrounding area. Measuring approximately 70 x 30 feet, the Deliej clinic will consist of multiple rooms, including a waiting area, a dispensary, vaccination and injection rooms, an exam room, and a maternity room.

The construction of the clinic will take approximately three months to complete. IMC will hire an expatriate Construction Officer to oversee clinic construction, with a locally hired foreman and logistics and procurement officer to provide necessary support. IMC will also provide housing and benefits to all staff during their employment under this project. A total cost of **\$43,956** will cover construction, salaries, and clinic and office supplies for the newly rebuilt facility.

The finished clinic will have immeasurable value to Deliej and its surrounding communities. Once the clinic is staffed and local medical personnel are identified, IMC will begin training local staff on primary health care delivery, including immunizations and basic first aid, as well as in more specialized care such as midwifery. As a result, the new Deliej clinic will help to save lives and relieve suffering among the local and IDP populations.