

Why we must Act for Darfur: Key Facts

1. 100 people die every day and 5000 every month.
2. 400,000 people displaced in the first half of 2014 alone.
3. The Sudanese government spends an average of \$5 billion a year on the war in Darfur.
4. This constitutes 23% of its national income as against the 1% spent on the health and education sectors.
5. Since 2003 and 2009 the military expenditures for Darfur were about \$10 billion.
6. The country's massive external debt, which according to the IMF stood at US 46.9 billion in August.
7. 39 women and girls raped in one refugee camp in 2 months.
8. 300,000 people displaced in 2 years due to tribal conflicts.
9. 40% children in Darfur are suffering from chronic malnutrition.
10. In South Darfur the volume of food shortage is estimated at 228,000 metric tons, and in East Darfur it has been 175,000 metric tons approximately.
11. In 2009, the Sudanese government expelled 13 International Aid Organizations and shut down 3 domestic relief institutions, cutting 50 percent of the aid in the region.
12. In 2011, all humanitarian aid was stopped, except International Committee of the Red Cross.
13. Life-threatening diseases are rising – in September, the WHO reported that 628 people are suffering from hepatitis E in South Darfur.
14. The Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) reinforcement team that had arrived in Khartoum camp to initiate an emergency response was refused permission to travel.
15. Oxfam-USA has constructed 100 new latrines; however, this is well short of the 2,000 latrines required.
16. Sudanese President Omar al Bashir - the first sitting president to be indicted by ICC for directing a campaign of mass killing, rape, and pillage against civilians in Darfur.
 - a) The arrest warrant for Bashir follows arrest warrants issued by the ICC for former Sudanese Minister of State for the Interior Ahmad Harun and Janjaweed militia leader Ali Kushavb.
 - b) The government of Sudan has not surrendered either suspect to the ICC.
17. Daily acts of violence are perpetrated by the Janjaweed who kill, rape, pillage and destroy/burn whole villages. In a recent act of terror they threw 4 children under the age of 8 in the fire.