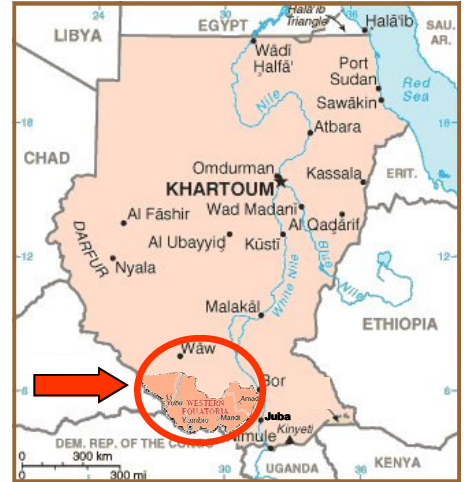


# Sudan—Crisis in Darfur and Southern Sudan

## Reality - Ongoing Humanitarian Crisis

In Southern Sudan, the recently ended 20 year war has left 1.5 to 2 million people dead. The conflict has also devastated the survivors, displacing more than 2 million people and destroying infrastructure. The most basic of services are missing or unreliable; water, food, permanent shelter, roads, agriculture. The situation in Darfur is worse, where global figures estimate the numbers killed between 200,000—500,000 in the past 4 years. There are thousands who are excluded from the officially supported IDP camps, whose existence continues as they can scavenge enough food on a daily basis. These survivors, including children, have suffered deep mental and emotional wounds, having witnessed physical maiming, torturing, and killing of neighbours, friends, or family.



As the 2 million who fled return to the South, tremendous pressure will be put on existing water sources. The two decades long civil war destroyed most of the existing water infrastructure. It is widely reported that over half of the water pumps in Southern Sudan no longer work and only 25% of the population has access to safe drinking water. Ten to twenty-five percent of children die before their fifth birthday and nearly half of those deaths are caused by water related disease. Southern Sudan hosts an

estimated 80% of the total guinea-worm cases world wide. (*WHO Consolidated Appeal for Sudan 2006*) Guinea-worm has been largely eliminated worldwide by the provision of closed water wells.

## Recovery—Clean Water Restores Life

Everywhere you go in Southern Sudan, the story is identical. People are struggling with sickness and disease as a result of lack of clean drinking water. In providing a well in or close to a village, women and children are no longer required to carry water over extremely long distances in the dry season, routinely for 4 to 5 hours a day. At some water wells which are still working, women line up and wait for up to 10 hours before they can fill their containers.



More water wells, drilled closer to home means less wasted time carrying it. Better health results in more productive time to work in the fields. The increased water supply also provides water for irrigating crops and raising livestock. Surplus crops and healthier livestock can be sold to local markets to provide much needed income to the village, eventually leading to financial independence for people.

## Response— Our Commitment to Restoration

In the Darfur region, for over two years now it has been our privilege to be providing lentils, oil and sorghum to 1,500 families of internally displaced people who have no other source of food. We will continue to support these needy people with your partnership.

In the state of Western Equatoria, (circled on map) in Mundri county, people walk as far as 10 miles to get water, which is often infected by disease. Working in partnership with like-minded NGOs, we plan to drill 35 new water wells in this county over the next 12-18 months.

Our commitment to restoration in Sudan is holistic, including distributing food and bringing in medical workers to conduct trauma counseling to locals to help the healing process for these devastated people, many of whom are only children, who witnessed unspeakable violence against their loved ones. This trauma counseling, conducted by GAIN A.L.E.R.T. teams, is very well received, and participants are seeing the impact this can have & want additional training to be better equipped to help their people deal with the horrors they have been exposed to as a result of war.

GAIN requires financial help to bring clean drinking water to these people. Clean, fresh water can literally transform a village and stop the cycle of sickness, suffering and death that contaminated drinking water has caused for generations. Wells like these have been known to work faithfully for 25 years, and each one will serve a community of at least 1,000 people. Eleven wells have been drilled so far, transforming the lives of up to 11,000 people with pure water!

While our in-country NGO's financial partnership matches our portion of funds allocated solely for well drilling, a complete investment of \$9,500 will cover costs of water well drilling, and feeding people in both Southern Sudan and in Darfur; a worthy investment that will demonstrate God's love and change lives forever.

Will you partner with us to help to restore health, rejuvenate life, & revive hope?

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## Sudan Facts

**Government:** Military regimes favoring Islamic-oriented governments have predominated. Current government is the result of a peace agreement. Elections planned for 2008-2009.

**Pop.:** 39,379,358—41.6% 0-14 yrs (July 2007 est.)

**Per capita GNI in Southern Sudan - est. less than \$90 per year. 90% of the population earns less than \$1 a day. (USAID 2006)**

**Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) : 5,300,000 - 6,200,000 (due to internal conflict since 1980s & ongoing genocide)**

**Child mortality—10 to 25% of children die under 5 years of age. Malnutrition contributes to more than 50% of all child deaths. Unsafe water & poor sanitation are also contributing factors.**

**Government estimates indicates that 15,000-20,000 water wells will be needed in Southern Sudan over the next few years.**

**5,000,000 people in Southern Sudan have no access to safe drinking water**



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