

# How Much Do You Really Know?

## THE SITUATION

In 2003, following decades of famine, oppression, and violence, non-Arab rebels mounted an insurgency against the Sudanese government. President Al-Bashir's response was violent and inhumane: arming and supporting Arab militias, known as the Janjaweed, who began a campaign of terror, murder, and rape aimed at the innocent civilians of Darfur.

In the long, bloody years since the conflict began in 2004...

- Hundreds of villages have been burned and looted
- 450,000 men, women, and children have been murdered
- 2.7 Million have fled their homes and now depend on foreign aid to survive

Source: SaveDarfur.org and UNICEF

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WHEN SO MANY NEED HELP,  
HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

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# DARFUR AWARENESS



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*"Be the change you wish to see in the world."* -Mahatma Gandhi



"We were tied to trees as they **raped** the girls. Afterwards they also tied them and put cotton in their mouths. The cotton was **soaked in fuel**. Then they lit the cotton and **burned them to death.**"

-Name withheld to protect source



"When the Janjaweed attacked our village, they came **shooting and burning** from all directions... I was **raped by five armed men...**"

-Name withheld to protect source

Source: SaveDarfur.org  
Images: United Nations

## WOMEN IN DARFUR

Violence against women in Darfur is widespread. Since February 2003, armed actors in Darfur, including Sudanese government forces, the pro-government Janjaweed militia and rebel groups, have used rape, displacement, and mass murder as weapons of war. Women and girls, especially those who have been displaced from their communities, have been subject to acts of sexual violence and other brutal assaults. Many women and girls that survive this violence suffer long-term mental and physical illness, social stigmatization and significant economic hardship.

### FACTS

- Half of the 4.7 million people affected are children
- 80% of displaced Darfur civilians are women and girls
- Most victims of sexual assault do not have access to medical care
- War crimes include rape, sexual slavery and forced prostitution, pregnancy and sterilization
- 3,600 people per day die in Darfur
- There has been restricted access for peacekeepers and aid workers.

Sources: Amnesty International, trust.org,  
UNICEF and SaveDarfur.org

*"We beg the international community, somebody, come and save us."*

-Sheik Abdullah



Photo appears courtesy of the UN

"The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be *indifferent* to them; that's the essence of *inhumanity*."

-George B. Shaw