



Westchester Darfur Coalition

announces

Solar Cookers for Darfuri Refugees in Chad

Purchase Solar Cookers for Darfuri Refugees in Chad and You Will Help Keep Women and Children Safe from Physical Violence!

The Genocide: Black Africans are being terrorized and driven from their villages and exterminated by Arab militias, the Janjaweed, and the Sudanese government. An estimated 400,000 people have died. 2 million people have been displaced, with many women and girls having suffered from rapes and beatings since 2003.

The Refugees: Over 200,000 refugees (mostly women and children) live in camps in Chad across the border from Sudan. There is little or no security beyond the camp perimeter where women must search for firewood. Women and girls are often beaten, raped and branded when they leave the refugee camps to gather firewood for cooking. The Iridimi camp in northeastern Chad is home to 17,000 refugees. Today, refugees in this camp have a simple solution – solar cookers. Several hundred solar cookers are already in use in Iridimi.

Benefits of Solar Cooking: Solar cooking can reduce the need for firewood collection thereby reducing the risk of violence towards women and children. Solar energy is free and almost always present and solar cooking provides income generation opportunities for women refugees.

The CookIt Solar Cooker – a simple solar cooker made of cardboard and aluminum foil that converts sunlight into heat to cook food. It's easy to make and can be hand-assembled. It's light and small when folded and very inexpensive. After a 5-day training, women in the Iridimi camp receive their solar cooker. Some women assemble cookers in a workshop to earn income.

Westchester Darfur Coalition is proud to announce a partnership with Solar Cookers International (and its partners, CARE International and the Dutch charity KoZon) to help each Darfuri family in the camps to receive – and learn to assemble and use – solar cookers.

\$50 provides a family with a CookIt, related supplies and training to solar cook. Donate the cost of a CookIt or two – or whatever you can. **Make your checks payable to Temple Beth Abraham (solar cooker in memo line)** and we'll see that it is added to the funds collected by all the groups in the Westchester Darfur Coalition and sent on to Solar International.

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Enclosed is \$_____ to send Cookits to the Darfuri refugee camps in Chad. (\$50 provides one (1) CookIt.

We welcome any contribution you care to make.) Please send checks made out to Temple Beth Abraham to TBA, 25 Leroy Ave, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (solar cooker in memo line)

_____ I want to help more. Please send me information on working to end the genocide in Darfur.

Bring the blessing of life to people who face terror daily.

