



The DARFUR DIARIES team hope the film & book will directly benefit the people of Darfur, especially those who generously allowed us to film in their villages and refugee camps.

WHY EDUCATION?

From meeting and talking to dozens of Darfurians, the filmmakers found that Darfurians hold education for their children as one of their highest priorities. In fact, refugees in the camps chose not to wait for the UN to establish schools; they started their own. For that reason Darfur Diaries is partnering with Darfur Peace & Development Organization (DPADO) to support education in the destroyed villages where the documentary was filmed, starting with Muzbat.

MUZBAT: the VILLAGE

Muzbat is a village located in North Darfur. 7,000 people lived in Muzbat before the war. In April 2004 Muzbat was first attacked by government bomber planes, soldiers and janjaweed militia. 900 people were killed and both the schools were destroyed. The people of Muzbat fled to nearby caves and wadis, returning to the village only to get water. The filmmakers spent two nights in Muzbat in November 2004, sleeping outside the destroyed and abandoned school building. Since then, the villagers from Muzbat have cautiously begun to return to their village, though the situation is still far from stable.

MUZBAT SCHOOL OF PEACE

Through a partnership between Darfur Diaries and DPADO, Muzbat School of Peace officially opened in July 2006 with over 400 students and 10 teachers. As a school sponsored by the Darfur Schools Project, teachers and support staff, who are also members of the community, are now receiving a regular monthly salary, as well as teaching materials and classroom supplies. Students have received much needed textbooks and writing supplies. Tents for classrooms are being provided by UNICEF.

HOW TO HELP!

Although Darfur Diaries is donating a portion of proceeds from the film and book to the Darfur Diaries Education Project, the continued operation of Muzbat and other Schools of Peace depends on donor support. If you would like to support the students of Muzbat, please make a donation today and mail it to:

Darfur Peace & Development Org.
P.O. Box 5743
Fort Wayne, IN 46895

*Be sure to include a note that indicates the donation is for the "Darfur Diaries Education Project."

PARTNERSHIP

Darfur Peace & Development Org. (DPADO) is a non-profit organization begun and led by Sudanese in the US, working to restore peace and provide humanitarian assistance to the conflict regions of Darfur. It has designed the Darfur Schools Project to address the urgent need for education, promoting reconciliation and non-violence in the classroom. DPADO recognizes the potential future tragedy of continued violence due to resentments; a direct result of missed education.

DPADO has received a generous grant to support the operating budget, therefore an amazing 97.5% of all donations goes directly to the Muzbat School of Peace, with only 2.5% deducted for their financial agent.

