

HELP THE WOMEN OF DARFUR

\$30 Supplies One Family with Two Solar Cookers and Safety



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Our Project

Jewish World Watch is committed to protecting refugee women and girls from rape and other egregious forms of violence. Women and girls who have fled the genocide in Darfur, Sudan, are particularly vulnerable to rape while performing the critical task of collecting firewood for cooking. **The mission of the Solar Cooker Project is to reduce the frequency of these heinous crimes by providing women in refugee camps with an alternative cooking option: the solar cooker.** Solar cookers enable women to remain within the relative safety of the camp by reducing their dependency on wood.

The Solar Cooker Project not only protects women, but also provides them with income opportunities through manufacturing solar cookers and training others to use the cookers. This gives the women a sense of pride to be able to contribute to their household. This project is operating successfully in the Iridimi, Touloum and Oure Cassoni refugee camps with plans to expand to the other refugee camps in Chad.

The Genocide in Darfur

- Black Africans have been terrorized, driven out of their villages, and decimated by Arab militias, the *Janjaweed* and the Sudan government since 2003.
- It is estimated that up to 400,000 people are dead.
- 2.7 million people have been displaced.
- Women and girls have been raped and beaten at an alarming rate.
- The U.S. government has labeled this a genocide, yet no definitive action has been taken to suppress the violence.

The Refugees

- 250,000 men, women and children refugees live across the border from Sudan in Chad.
- 80% of the refugees are women and children.
- Families of 5–10 people live in one hut. Often the woman, who is the head of the household, takes care of her own children as well as several orphans, as many of the men have been killed.
- Refugee women must search for firewood outside of the camps where they are often beaten, raped, and branded by bandits or the Sudanese-supported *Janjaweed* militia.

Our Goal: 100% Solar Cooking for All Refugee Camps in Chad

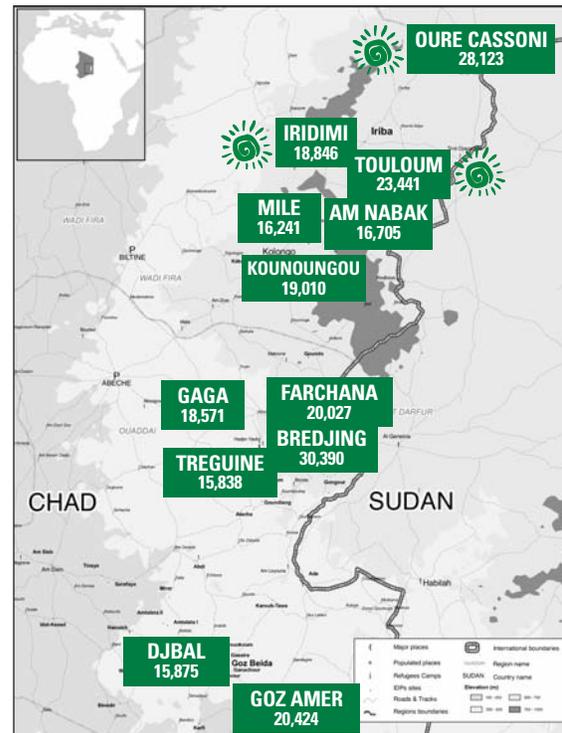
SCP is currently operating in the following camps:

Iridimi Camp – 18,846 refugees

Touloum Camp – 23,441 refugees

Oure Cassoni Camp – 28,123 refugees

- More than 46,000 cookers have been manufactured and distributed to these three camps.
- All the women and girls over 15 years old are trained to use solar cookers.
- After the training, they receive 2 solar cookers. One for sorghum, the main food distributed by the World Food Programme. The other for water, sauce, or vegetables (provided they are available.)
- Trained refugees provide follow-up assistance by helping the women keep their cookers in good working condition, which promotes the efficiency of the solar cooking process.
- In each area of the camps, teams of refugee women manufacture the solar cookers, thus providing the women with a new skill and an opportunity to generate income for their families.
- The women also sew carrying bags (to protect the cookers) and weave hay baskets (which keep the evening meal that is cooked in the daytime hot until it is eaten).



Who We Are

The Solar Cooker Project is a program of Jewish World Watch. JWW works to mobilize synagogues and their surrounding communities to combat genocide and other blatant human rights violations around the world through education, advocacy, and refugee relief.

Our Partners

JWW's Solar Cooker Project is proud to work in partnership with many organizations that help make this endeavor successful. TchadSolaire, the Non-Governmental Organization on the ground in the camps, provides the day-to-day staff and training for the Solar Cooker Project. KoZon, a charitable organization based in the Netherlands, provides women in developing countries with cheap and effective solar cooking alternatives. Solar Cookers International assists communities to use the power of the sun to cook food for the benefit of people and environments. The camps are run by CARE International, the International Rescue Committee and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Environmental Benefits of Solar Cooking

- In this region, there are 330 days a year of "free" sunlight, perfect for solar cooking.
- Solar cooking reduces the need for firewood for cooking.
- Two solar cookers can save one ton of wood each year.
- Smoke from cooking fires is considered a major cause of global warming.

The Solar Cooker

- The CookIt, developed by Solar Cookers International, is a simple solar cooker which converts sunlight into heat which then cooks food.
- The solar cooker is easy to manufacture because it is made out of cardboard and aluminum foil and can be easily assembled by hand.
- It is light, small, and fairly inexpensive.

What You Can Do

Help us provide all 12 refugee camps in Chad with solar cookers by raising awareness and much-needed funds.

- Host an informational event with a JWW speaker or show the mini-documentary by photojournalist Barbara Grover, *Women of Iridimi*, at your home, work, parent association, library, synagogue or church.
- Organize a fundraiser: BBQ, bake sale, car wash, dinner, theater party or any new ideas.
- Make a donation: A \$30 donation supports one family by providing two solar cookers and training. A \$150 donation supports five families by providing ten solar cookers and training.

YES! I want to bring solar cookers to the women in the refugee camps.

Please accept my donation of:

- \$30 to buy 2 cookers for 1 family
- \$150 to buy 10 cookers for 5 families
- \$300 to buy 20 cookers for 10 families
- \$900 to buy 60 cookers for 30 families
- \$2,700 to buy 180 cookers for 90 families
- \$50,000 to pay for the manufacturing plant in a new camp
- Other \$ _____

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