




# SOLAR COOKER PROJECT

Protecting & Empowering the Women of Darfur 



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# HELP THE WOMEN OF DARFUR

## 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 essential task of collecting firewood for cooking and fuel. Our mission is to reduce the frequency of these heinous crimes by providing the women of the refugee camps in Chad and Darfur with alternative cooking options such as solar cookers. Solar cookers enable women to remain inside the relative safety of the camp.

The Solar Cooker Project not only serves to protect women, but it also provides them with income opportunities such as manufacturing solar cookers, training others to use the cookers, and making carrying bags to increase the life span of the cookers. This project has been successfully realized in the Iridimi refugee camp and we are now in the process of introducing it to the Touloum refugee camp. We plan on initiating this project in other camps in the near future with the goal of mitigating the number of crimes committed against refugee women throughout Africa.

## WHO WE ARE

Jewish World Watch works to mobilize synagogues and their surrounding communities to combat genocide and other blatant human rights violations around the world.

## 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 at least 400,000 people are dead.
- 3.5 million people have been displaced.
- Women and girls have been raped and beaten at an alarming rate.
- The U.S. government and the U.N. have labeled this a genocide yet no definitive action has been taken to quell the violence.

## THE REFUGEES

- 200,000 women and children refugees live in camps in Chad across the border from Sudan.
- Women must search for firewood outside of the refugee camps where there is no protection.
- While outside of the camps, women are often beaten, raped, and branded by bandits or the Sudanese supported *Janjaweed* militia.

## IRIDIMI CAMP IN CHAD

- There are 17,159 women and children refugees in the camp.
- The area is devoid of vegetation even though there are optimum conditions for growth including abundant sunlight, and between 3" and 5" of rainfall yearly.
- Relief Agencies provide the refugees with monthly allotments of uncooked food and firewood, but the allotted amount of firewood only lasts for a couple of days. The refugees must then search for wood outside of the camps, thereby subjecting themselves to attack.

## TOULOUM CAMP IN CHAD

- There are 22,038 refugees in this camp, and a large proportion of this number are women and children.
- The environment is similar to that of the nearby Iridimi camp. (see above)

## BENEFITS OF SOLAR COOKING

- Solar cooking reduces the need for frequent firewood collection, which in turn, lessens the amount of violence committed against women and girls.
- Two solar cookers can save one ton of wood each year.
- There is no need to tend to a fire so women are free to do other tasks.
- Manufacturing solar cookers provides income opportunities for female refugees.

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## THE COOKIT SOLAR COOKER

- The Cookit is a simple solar cooker that converts sunlight into heat to cook food.
- The Cookit is easy to manufacture because it is made out of cardboard and aluminum foil, and can be easily hand assembled.
- It is light, small, and very inexpensive.
- It has been successfully used in several refugee camps in Kenya, Ethiopia, and now in Chad.

## OUR PARTNERS

Jewish World Watch is proud to work in partnership with KoZon, a charitable organization based in the Netherlands. KoZon's aim is to provide women in developing countries with cheap and effective solar cooking alternatives. TchadSolaire, the NGO on the ground in the camps, provides staff and training for the Solar Cooker Project. Solar Cookers International provides technical assistance. The camps are run by CARE International and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Help us provide refugee camps in Chad with solar cookers by raising awareness and money.

- Raise awareness by hosting an informational event with an engaging Jewish World Watch speaker at your home, work, parent association, library, synagogue or church.
- Organize a fundraiser to help bring solar cookers home to these women. Ideas: BBQ, bake sale, car wash, dinner or theater party.
- Make a donation: A \$30 donation supports one family by providing two solar cookers, training, and two pot holders. A \$150 donation supports five families by providing ten solar cookers, training, and ten pot holders, and so on.

## OUR PROJECT: 100% SOLAR COOKERS IN THE IRIDIMI & TOULOUM CAMPS IN CHAD

**JWW's goal is to have every family outfitted with at least 2 solar cookers (3 for larger families.)**

### IRIDIMI

- As of May 2007, virtually all of the 4669 women in the Iridimi camp have been trained to use solar cookers.
- Families of 5-7 people live in one tent. Often the woman, who is the head of the household, takes care of her own children as well as several orphans.
- Trained individuals provide follow-up assistance by helping the women keep their cookers in good working condition. This promotes the efficiency of the solar cooking process.
- In each area of the camp teams of two women manufacture the solar cookers, thus providing the women with a new skill and an opportunity to generate income for their families. Currently 24 women are trained assemblers.
- More than 10,000 cookers have been manufactured and distributed to the Iridimi refugee camps. (Replacement solar cookers are needed every six months.)
- The women have begun to manufacture carrying bags (to protect the cookers) and hay baskets (which keep the evening meal that is cooked in the daytime hot until it is eaten.)
- After completing a 5-day training, women in the Iridimi camp received at least 2 solar cookers. One is used for maize meal, the main food distributed by the World Food Programme. The other solar cooker is used for water, sauce, or vegetables (provided they are available.)

### TOULOUM

- Construction of a manufacturing plant and store room in the Touloum camp began in the summer of 2007 and will be completed by the end of the year.
- Solar cooker training is scheduled to begin in Touloum in January 2008.
- 40 refugee women will work as auxiliary trainers alongside the KoZon team.
- 500 women will be trained to solar cook each month.

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

### Please accept my donation of:

- \$30 to buy 2 stoves for 1 family
- \$150 to buy 10 stoves for 5 families
- \$300 to buy 20 stoves for 10 families
- \$900 to buy 60 stoves for 30 families
- \$2,700 to buy 180 stoves for 90 families
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Check enclosed (payable to Jewish World Watch)
- Please charge my:  Visa  Mastercard

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