

Last month the response to the Israel/Lebanon crisis generated over \$10,000 for the Good Shepherd Sisters working in Lebanon. Thank you so much for your very generous response!

September Alert

This month we join with Amnesty International and African Action to help stop the killing in Darfur. The conflict in Darfur has led to some of the worst human rights abuses imaginable, including systematic and wide-scale murder, rape, torture, abduction and displacement. In June, President Bush signed a bill that would support efforts to stop the violence. There is still a long way to go to end this human rights catastrophe.

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Dear _____

The proposed UN Peacekeeping mission is essential to peace and stability in Darfur and Chad. I urge you to take all steps necessary to ensure a speedy UN takeover of operations in Darfur and apply all necessary and appropriate pressure to those who are impeding peace in Darfur.

Sincerely,

Further Background Information:

-Conflict has spread to eastern Chad, where significant insecurity is creating another humanitarian disaster.

-Tens of thousands have been forced to leave their homes and aid organizations are facing increasing risks to operate in such an insecure environment.

-In some areas refugees and internally displaced people have no access to humanitarian assistance at all.

-In the face of attacks by the Sudanese government-backed Janjawid, over two hundred thousand refugees from Darfur are now in eastern Chad, most of them in camps administered by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

-The government of Chad is obligated to protect those seeking safety, however the government has chosen to use troops first to fend off incursions by its own opposition rebel groups leaving the refugees unprotected.

More information about this crisis and further petitions and actions can be found on the Amnesty USA website: www.amnestyusa.org and the African Action website: www.africanaction.org.