

# DARFUR CALL TO ACTION TO PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH



A woman and her child forcibly expelled from their village now live in a camp in Darfur. Credit: Ruth Messenger/American Jewish World Service

“What is at stake is our own humanity.”

Elie Wiesel

Dear Mr. President:

As we approach the holiest time in the Jewish calendar, we call on you to take action to end the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Recognized by your administration as genocide one year ago, the atrocities in Darfur continue. These crimes against humanity must be stopped. We urge you to assert moral and political leadership and promote immediate and comprehensive international intervention to lead the world community in:

- Creating security through a larger international peacekeeping force with the expanded mandate and ability to protect all civilians;
- Providing additional financial and logistical support for African Union troop training, mobilization and deployment to Darfur;
- Increasing funds for humanitarian assistance and facilitating its urgent delivery; and
- Assisting in the reunification of families, their voluntary return to their lands and the rapid reconstruction of their communities.

Unless there is this comprehensive response, more than two million people will remain crowded in camps, subject to starvation, disease, rape and murder. Their lives are in our hands.

Sixty years ago, after the Holocaust, the world vowed “never again.” That pledge was repeated after the genocide in Rwanda in 1994. We cannot wait any longer to make good on our promises.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with all communities of faith and conscience in this call for justice.

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