Press Statement
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United States Assistance to Sudanese Refugees in Chad

Thousands of Sudanese have fled their country to seek refuge in neighboring Chad as a result of the ongoing conflict in Darfur. Some 185,000 Sudanese refugees are living in eleven established camps in eastern Chad, and approximately 15,000 refugees still remain in the border areas. To aid Sudanese refugees in Chad, the United States provided nearly $62 million in emergency aid during fiscal year 2004.

This humanitarian assistance, from the State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration and the U.S. Agency for International Development's Food for Peace Program and Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, included the following contributions:

- $30,248,249 to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
- $17,577,700 to the World Food Program;
- $4,114,000 to the United Nations Children's Fund and non-governmental organization implementers in water/sanitation;
- $2,400,000 to the International Federation of Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies;
- $2,224,090 to AirServ International;
- $2,224,811 to the International Rescue Committee;
- $1,877,934 to International Medical Corps;
- $765,162 to CARE; and
- $434,026 to Catholic Relief Services.

The humanitarian situation on both sides of the border remains dire. There is potential for additional large-scale refugee flows into Chad if the situation deteriorates further in Darfur or if the Government of Sudan forcibly returns internally displaced Sudanese to villages or so-called "safe areas" before the security situation in Darfur has been reliably stabilized.

The United States has provided $243 million for the emergency response in Chad and Darfur since the beginning of the crisis. Additional donor support for the international relief effort is urgently needed. The United States calls on other donors to respond.

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