



# GOATS AND DONKEYS TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN DARFUR

## HOW MANY USES CAN YOU THINK OF FOR GOATS AND DONKEYS?

**KIDS FOR KIDS** helps families in the Darfur region of Sudan. We lend 6 goats and a donkey to each family, to help them stay in their homes - even when the rains don't come, food crops can't grow, and fighting is near. Here's how these small animals make a big difference:

### GOATS for MILK?



**A nanny goat gives milk.** Often the only nourishing food for children living in remote villages, especially in times of drought. Extra milk can be sold to help support the family - this has helped many children to be able to go to school. It contains protein, minerals and vitamins.

**Young goat kids can be sold.** Even when there may be nothing else to sell, a family can sell goat kids to buy urgently needed food and medicine. One little kid saved the life of a 12 year old girl - her mother was able to buy antibiotics when she was ill.

**Goat's milk** is easily digestible. Important when a baby is ill & weak.

**Did you know that a goat is more intelligent than a sheep? In Sudan, sheep will cross the road without looking, but goats look both ways to make sure it is safe before they cross!**

**Do you know how to tell a goat from a sheep? A goat's tail sticks up! A sign of optimism perhaps?**

### DONKEYS for TRANSPORT?



**Donkeys carry firewood.** Firewood is needed for cooking - if a mother can collect enough for her family and a little extra to sell, she will be able to buy some food for her children. A donkey carries much more than a mother can on her head.

**...and carry water.** In drought, water can be many miles away - every drop has to be carried. Water is essential for drinking, for washing, for cooking, and for the animals too.

**...and carry people.** Villagers need help to go the long distances to market, to carry old people who cannot walk well and those who are disabled.

**..... pull ploughs.** Having a donkey plough means a family can grow more food for the children.

**.... and carry the sick.** Specially designed donkey ambulances provide shade and can carry a small child with her mother to hospital.

**Donkeys in Darfur are so gentle, and so well looked after, that they hardly ever have even a halter when they are ridden!**

### How our Animal Loan Project works:

Families in Darfur borrow the goats and donkey for two years from their local village committee, which organises the loans. **KIDS FOR KIDS** trains the committee so they keep good records and know how to check up on the animals. A children's committee in each village checks on every goat each week and tells the committee if any look sick. Each family has to look after and watch the goats to make sure they don't damage the environment by overgrazing. We also train special village Vets (Paravets) to look after the animals in the area - they give the animals drugs and vaccinations to help against disease.

If you would like to help buy a Goat or a Donkey or to support the **KIDS FOR KIDS** Animal Loan Scheme, and to find out about our other simple self-help initiatives, please look at our website: [www.kidsforkids.org.uk](http://www.kidsforkids.org.uk).