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Dear Friends,

I am very proud of Kids for Kids and all that we are achieving in Darfur and I want you to know exactly how we have been spending your donations to help children and their families in the last 12 months. There are few organisations who will show you this amount of detail, but it is detail which makes our projects so successful and ensures their sustainability. If you have ever worried that your donations may not be getting to the right place, well, here is proof. Please read the 'Achievements in 12 Months' leaflet.

The families which we help live in conditions shockingly different from our own. We all know that life is not fair, but life in Darfur is so basic that even the poorest of us is living in luxury in comparison. It takes time to train communities to ensure that they understand the principles of accountability, to train our paravets, midwives, first aid workers and, key to success, the volunteers on our Animal Loan Committees. Because we have to have veterinary care in place before we provide our animals, we delivered our goats later than I wanted to our 2016 villages. When the rains came flash floods caused many delays in our plans. But don't worry – our goats are now safely delivered. Our donkeys too are working hard with their new families, and we have provided much more as you will see.

Sponsored events and challenges show me how wonderful you are in your determination to support Kids for Kids. We have two very different cycling challenges for you and please, do let me know if you are planning something yourself. I am full of admiration, and we would love to support you. We have planned a programme of very different events this year and I hope that you will be able to join us at some of them.

But there is an additional huge concern right now – the terrible man-made famine in South Sudan means thousands of people are fleeing to Sudan, and many to Darfur, its nearest neighbour. Our villages are already trying to help, but with little enough for themselves I am desperately worried. I am trying to gather seed for them to plant. They need jerry cans to collect water, and much more. If they are to feed their children they will also need milk, so more goats. I need your help to prevent an even greater disaster.

I hope that you are as proud as I am of what we are achieving and please forgive me for asking for yet more help.

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Children in New York raising funds for clean water to help children their own age in Darfur.

