

Why are our Sustainable Projects needed now more than ever?



These are some of the many stories and photographs taken of the mothers, children and communities in Darfur, Sudan, directly benefitting from the life-changing sustainable projects YOU have helped us to introduce.

Our aim has always been to provide sustainable help and right now, with the terrible fighting ongoing in Darfur, that help is proving valuable beyond belief.

Our Goat Loan proves every day to be a lifeline for children who are hungry with no other source of protein. Our Handpumps installed in villages reduce the danger of walking miles for water; our trained midwives are saving lives when hospitals barely function. Our villages are expanding as people move to them because our projects are changing life long-term. Your donations really are making the world of difference.

SINCE 2001 YOU HAVE HELPED US ADOPT 110 VILLAGES AND CHANGE THE LIVES OF OVER 590,000 PEOPLE IN DARFUR, SUDAN.

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT CHILDREN NOW HAVE A CHANCE OF A BETTER FUTURE DESPITE ONGOING VIOLENCE.

Kids for Kids started with one little boy's walk for water - and look at him now...

Abraham's Walk for Water aged just 9 inspired Patricia Parker OBE to launch KIDS FOR KIDS in 2001
Patricia says "I was horrified to come across a small child struggling across the deserts to fetch water for his younger siblings. That walk took him 14 hours. The water also kept their 3 little Goats alive, and their milk was the only source of protein. I had to help. When I visited his village in 2019 their lives had been transformed – our handpump enabled him to go to school. He is now married. They grow vegetables and our midwife helped deliver his babies. His eldest son goes to our Kindergarten. Kids for Kids changes lives."



We don't believe in charity – we believe in helping people to help themselves

Goats equal Freedom

Freedom for a mother to make choices

*“KIDS FOR KIDS is unique. It is a charity that doesn't believe in charity! You are helping us to help people to help themselves. We listen to communities and provide what they tell us will make a lasting difference. Together we are giving women a livelihood. We are saving children from becoming orphans by training midwives. Our first aid workers and veterinary care help whole communities. Our trees are dramatically impacting one of the basic problems of Darfur, desert creep. **By integrating projects we are lifting communities out of destitution. I just wish we could afford to do more.**” Patricia Parker OBE*

KIDS FOR KIDS lends 5 GOATS to a family for 2 years.

After that, 5 are passed on to another family – and so on, so that the whole community benefits.

Hana (Matway), 32 yrs old, married, 7 children.

In November 2018, Hana received 5 goats and 1 donkey from KIDS FOR KIDS.

“I started with 5 goats in 2018 and by 2022 I had 95 goats – I couldn't believe it! I could support my family with better meals - but also give extra milk to my neighbours' families and the village school teacher. I could sell some of my Billy goats to buy seeds to plant, buy school uniform and books for my children and even new beds and mattresses so my children no longer need to sleep directly on the sand.”



Kaltoum (Korla), 30 yrs old, married, 5 children.

In June 2022, Kaltoum received 5 goats from KIDS FOR KIDS.

“Last year I was so worried. My husband and I only managed to cultivate half a sack of millet from 5 acres. There was nothing to feed my family and we have no other income. But now I am so humbled to receive 5 goats and promise faithfully to care for them so they are healthy and produce more kids. I will be able to give my children more food and sell excess milk to pay for my children to go to school.”

“My life has completely changed because of our goats.”

**Goats are never allowed to denude the land
People know they have to nurse the land to live**

A donkey in the desert is a dream beyond imagining



Fatima (Um Shijeira), 34 yrs old, 4 children.

“Our donkey helps carry water from the village hand pump 7km away, is loaded up with hay and the harvest to take home and ploughs a part of the farm. He also helps me carry things which I can sell at the local market and takes me to the neighbouring village to participate in events. Before I had the donkey I carried everything myself. I am very proud that he acts as an ambulance in our village to take patients to the health unit.”

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People walk miles for every drop of water

Sara (Amar Gadid), Grandmother:

“We prayed for water every day of our lives but never believed we really would get a hand pump just outside our village. It is a dream come true. It is difficult to explain what a difference this has made to all our lives.”

“It is a dream come true to have a hand pump outside our village.”



Nadia (Shegra) Midwife:

“In 10 months I delivered 281 healthy babies, including twins. There was no healthcare in our village. Sometimes there are problems. One mother was going to the TBA (traditional birth attender). She said she was 14 months pregnant. She was very sick. I went to the village chief and he listened to me and made her go to hospital. She had septicemia because her baby had died in vitro. I was afraid she would die too. She is now back home with her children. I also teach people how to feed their babies, and not to use traditional practices. I am very happy to serve my community thanks to KIDS FOR KIDS.”

**Without a Midwife, rope delivery is the only help
for babies in villages in Darfur**

Children receive an education and dream of a future out of poverty



Amira, meaning Princess (Abu Nahla)

*"In 2014 HRH King Charles helped KIDS FOR KIDS build a Kindergarten in my village. I was lucky to receive 5 Nanny goats from KIDS FOR KIDS in 2012. After two years, I repaid the loan by passing 5 goats on to another family. I saw how the goat's milk had transformed the health of my own children. Since then, I have taken any excess milk to give to the children at the kindergarten. **It was a dream come true to have a Kindergarten in our village.**"*

"God Bless King Charles. He enabled Kids for Kids to build our Kindergarten."

Tuna (Fardal), 22 years old, unmarried and, after her mother died, responsible for her 3 siblings.

"KIDS FOR KIDS has planted around 500 trees in my village and our house is now surrounded by trees which give us shelter from the hot sun. I have made a little garden beside my home where I can grow okra, cucumber and tomatoes in the shade of the trees. Our goats love the delicious undergrowth growing in the shade of the trees and we are now rearing chickens."

"My life has been transformed by the Trees that Kids for Kids have planted."



KIDS FOR KIDS provides all this and more. Our mosquito nets and blankets are having a major impact on children's health and women say they are now listened to at village meetings because they have 'household assets'. We also give farm tools, jerry cans, kitchen utensils, seeds and more. But most importantly we train the villagers how to manage the projects so they are sustainable. Now we must also collect for our Emergency Fund – the Greatest Need – so we can act quickly and your donations will go where they are most needed. These children need us – there is no one else.



Which of our Sustainable Projects would YOU like to support?

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