

"Give soap, and you give life"

Patricia Parker MBE, Founder Kids for Kids



"Bad news is doubly terrible when one's worst fears materialise," says Patricia. "We have been dreading the news that COVID-19 had reached Darfur. Now it is there. People are dying in El Fasher and Mellit, towns in North Darfur, but there is no proper diagnosis, so no one knows how many already have the virus. 10 or 12 'elderly' people were dying every day in both towns even initially. Elderly in Darfur is anyone over the age of 50. There is no health care, so few people report symptoms. Children are malnourished, so in Darfur they will die. No one will ever know how many people die from it."

There are no ventilators and no oxygen in hospitals. There is no treatment. Social distancing is almost an impossibility. An entire family sleeps in a small straw hut. People have to go to market. They eat with their hands from a communal bowl. Patricia says, "Here we are told to wash our hands. In Darfur, people are struggling to feed their children. They cannot afford soap, but it is their only defence. We must help. Provide soap and you will save lives."

For almost 20 years Kids for Kids has been providing sustainable projects to communities across Darfur – now we are appealing for soap, the only real hope for people in Darfur. But this is not the only advancing tragedy in Darfur. Inflation in June was a staggering 134%. People face starvation. **"We need to provide flour, goats and chicken – now – and soap. "It is difficult to know where to start in the face of such catastrophes. Please help" said Patricia.**

Kids for Kids is not an emergency organisation but COVID-19, the pandemic sweeping the world, could not be more dangerous than in Darfur. People's illnesses are seldom treated. Diabetes is almost endemic especially in older men, the most vulnerable group. "We have to provide soap to as many people as we can" said Patricia. "This is so urgent the Trustees have released reserve funds to provide 5 bars of soap to every family in all the 105 villages Kids for Kids has adopted since 2001 when we were founded. Now we need the funds to replace the reserves so as not to jeopardise our future. I've never been so desperate in my life, as this appeal."



Parents and Grandparents will die, and children will succumb or lose those that care for them. With no one offering any help to the villages of North Darfur, we are the only hope. By providing soap so people can wash properly, we can prevent the virus from spreading and taking lives.

£20 will provide 5 bars of soap each to 10 families. Just £380 for soap for an entire village. Please can you help?

Please can you help us provide soap – and urgently? Tell everyone you know about this appeal and get them to donate. Anything you can do will make a massive difference. Thank you.

Donate Soap Now:

<https://www.kidsforkids.org.uk/DonateSoap>

To donate goats and chicken, or to the Greatest Need – please go to our website:

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