



CAMP DARFUR



CAMP DARFUR IN LA SPOTLIGHTS GENOCIDE

- Could you send your daughter or wife for firewood knowing she could be raped or killed?
- If you had to run for your life, which of your 4 children would you take given that you have 2 hands?
- What would you do if your home was burned down by a stranger who hated you and people like you?
- How long could you sit waiting in a refugee camp before you could return to your home? A week, a month...TEN years?

Los Angeles, CA: A large consortium of human rights activists is turning an LA school into an urban refugee camp to help people understand the current horror that is Darfur, Sudan. From **April 7-11th**, the Lenox Middle School near LAX will become **Camp Darfur**. This model refugee camp, populated by hundreds of volunteers, will host films, speakers, photo and art exhibits, discussions and outreach opportunities in a powerful awareness-building effort with the intention of moving people into action.

Millions of innocent citizens have been displaced or killed during three years of brutal violence in western Sudan. Today, Janjaweed militia rebels are crossing the Sudanese border into Chad and attacking refugee camps there. There is no protection left for the hundreds of thousands of refugees who may be lost in a matter of weeks.

Camp Darfur is a partnership of Million Voices for Darfur, Save Darfur, The Genocide Intervention Network, **FilmAid International**, StopGenocideNow.org and a coalition of supporters from around the world working together to stop these crimes.

At Camp Darfur guest speakers, celebrity hosts, genocide witnesses, ecumenical groups, filmmakers and families will be joining us for five days of discussion, education, music, film and video, and action for the Darfuri people. The broad coalition of participating groups is being organized by [Stop Genocide Now](#) and members of [omidyar.net](#). The hundreds of participating volunteers are from Jewish World Watch, Partners for Others, All Saints Episcopal Church, Progressive Jewish Alliance, Cerritos College, IKAR, St. Peter Armenian Church, UCLA's DAC, UC Irvine's DAC, Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Amoration and the Omidyar Network.

Sponsored tents will host videos, photo and art exhibits, discussions and outreach. Some volunteers will live at the camp in an effort to better understand the plight of the Darfur refugees and express their solidarity.

FilmAid International is inviting filmmakers to share their films about these struggles in the **Strongest Survivor Film Festival on Friday April 7th and Saturday April 8th**, featuring poignant films that address genocide, displacement and the fight for survival in Sudan and throughout northern Africa.

We will honor the Darfuri journey through genocide, fearful imprisonment and the struggle for survival with a candlelight vigil on April 11th at 7:30PM.

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