

**AN URGENT CALL FOR PEACE IN DARFUR
BY
SUDANESE WOMEN IN THE DIASPORA**

On behalf of Sudanese women in the Diaspora, we, the undersigned, hereby issue an urgent call for peace in Darfur. We fled our country as a result of the wars in the Sudan, and for more than six years, we live in pain and agony because of the suffering of our sisters in Darfur. Our sisters have been victimized in one of the worst humanitarian disasters in recent history. They have been subjected to the most brutal and cruel forms of violence, and are now struggling to guarantee the survival of their communities in the displaced persons camps in Darfur and across the border in Chad.

Sudanese women living in the Diaspora refuse to remain silent while our sisters continue to suffer. We want our voices heard. We want to play a key role in bringing peace to our communities and the entire Sudan.

Today, we are calling for an immediate end to the war, and all acts of violence against civilians in Darfur, particularly violence against women and girls.

Consequently, we are making the following demands with regards to the Darfur Peace Negotiations that are taking place in Doha:

WE DEMAND that representatives of the Government of Sudan and all armed movements go to Doha with the intent of making this next round of talks the final round. **WE URGE** Qatar, as the host of the Darfur Peace Negotiations, and the rest of the International Community as patrons, to make every effort to ensure that the actors negotiate an end to this crisis, sign the peace agreement, and **STOP THE WAR NOW**.

WE DEMAND that women have full and equal participation in the ongoing peace negotiations. Women constitute the majority of the population of the internally displaced persons (IDP) camps and refugee camps; they must be present at the table. Moreover, women comprise the majority of Sudan's population overall. All groups of women have been affected by the war; therefore all groups of women from inside Sudan and the Diaspora should be represented. We recognize that women are included as members of the Darfur Civil Society but not as main players at the negotiating table. **WE DEMAND** that our experiences, perspectives and calls for peace be heard loudly and clearly in Doha.

WE WANT PEACE NOW! WE CANNOT WAIT!

The Undersigned:

cc:

The President of the United States

The Prime Minister of Canada

United Nations Secretary General

H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassem bin Jabor Al Thani , Qatar's Prime minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Djibril Bassole, The Joint United Nations-African Union (UN-AU) Mediator for Peace in Darfur

US Special Envoy to Sudan Scott Gration

United Nations Security Council President

Government of National Unity (GoNU)

Government of Sudan (GoS)

Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS)

Different Armed movements

African Union Peace and Security Council

The Arab League

The European Commission

First Lady of the United States

First Lady of Canada

The Joint African Union/ United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAIMD)

United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS)

Sudan Embassies

Save Darfur Coalition

Women Nobel Prize Peace Winners

United Nation Commission on the Status for Women

UNIFEM

Sudanese Networks

Enough Project

The Media

The New York Times

Women's Networks

Equality Now

MADRE

Genocide Intervention Project

Human Rights Watch

Organizations