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Israel Contributes Humanitarian Assistance to Sudanese Refugees

In a gesture of support to refugees from Darfur, the Government of Israel and American Jewish organizations have contributed \$75,000 USD to assist Sudanese refugees who have settled in UNHCR camps in the Republic of Chad.

Israel is well aware of the effects that the tragedy in Darfur inflicts on innocent civilians. Thus, in the spirit of *Tikun Olam*—"to improve the world"—the focus of the donation is the provision of basic services, including health, water, shelter, sanitation and education, with the aim of alleviating humanitarian distress, which is an integral part of Jewish culture and values.

The issue of Israel's donation was recently raised in a meeting between Israeli Ambassador Itzhak Levanon and High Commissioner António Guterres, and was warmly welcomed by the UNHCR. The American Jewish organizations joined in the altruistic gesture at the invitation of Israel.