



*Darfur Peace & Development*



**Tents of Hope**

A journey of compassion and peace with the refugees of Darfur, Sudan

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## **Tents of Hope and DPDO partner to support Darfur Schools**

Hundreds of canvas tents purchased and hand-decorated by communities throughout the US will become classrooms in Darfur through a unique partnership between Tents of Hope and Darfur Peace and Development Organization (DPDO).

***Tents of Hope and DPDO are sponsoring a three-day event  
on the National Mall in Washington, DC  
November 7-9, 2008.***

Tents from across the US form the centerpiece of the event that features workshops for students, information displays and speakers. The event, designed to focus public support for resolution of the crisis in Darfur, culminates with musical performances at the "Darfur tent city" on the National Mall.

Following the event, DPDO will ship and distribute the tents to community schools throughout Darfur.

The *Tents of Hope* project, a collaboration between the United Church of Christ, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Dear Sudan, has engaged communities in the process of transforming tents into works of art that became focal points for education and advocacy about the Darfur crisis.

DPDO, a Darfuri-led non-profit based in Washington, DC, supports the operation of fifteen elementary schools educating 7,506 war-affected children in Darfur and Chad. DPDO also manages programs in women's health and income generation, solar cooking, and public advocacy.

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