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Dear Friend,

Did you find that little brown paper bag I sent with this letter?

If you filled it with candy, a child you know would be happy for a few hours.

If you filled it with coffee beans, I'm certain you would enjoy the brewed flavors for a day or so.

But if you filled it with rice, you could feed a child in Sudan for a week!

Yes, your generosity could help feed a child who has no candy... a family that has no coffee.

Let me explain exactly why we need your help so desperately now, and exactly how you can help feed the starving children of the Sudan.

Right now, we find refugee camps filled to capacity with between 50,000 and 100,000 people.

The challenge now is to feed all the people who have nothing... no homes, no furniture, no coffee and certainly no candy. The children especially need shelter, food and water.

It is so very difficult for humanitarian workers in Darfur. We are very proud that we've done what we could; that we've kept malnutrition levels down and mortality levels down, but the hungry children keep coming and the money to feed them is running low.


Security concerns often hamper our efforts. The children in these camps live in fear, especially at night, and spend their days engaged in basic survival activities: collecting water, gathering wood, and trying to keep families together.

The camps are the destination for thousands of starving Sudanese who journey from areas throughout famine-stricken Bahr al-Ghazal in search of food.

One camp, Ajiep, is a purgatory -- a place where more than 7,000 malnourished people... many of them children under seven years of age... naked or clothed in rags, wait for food, or certain death.

Some officials estimate at least 12 people a day die from starvation. Other reports have put the estimate at more than 100 deaths a day.

**OVER PLEASE →**



Children are turned down if they are taller than this stick, regardless of how hungry they are

## Measuring up for food

Let me tell you one story: Adua Aboim, her parents and her two brothers walked miles to reach Ajiep, but when they arrived on a Tuesday at the feeding center, the center was full. Adua and her entire family

perished by Wednesday.

With not enough food to go around, aid workers sometimes use a stick to determine who eats. Smaller, weaker children get dry cereal. Those taller than the stick: they get nothing!

"There are so many children arriving every day," one nurse said. "If I didn't just focus on the job in front of me I would break down."

Food deliveries do not come often to Ajiep.

And distribution of that food is difficult, due to a lack of infrastructure. Most of the thousands of tons of food that comes to Southern Sudan each month is air dropped. On the ground, aid workers armed with short-wave radios and satellite telephones try to organize distribution.

So, now, we turn to you in this desperate hour to help as much as you can.

Here's what we ask:

1. Take the brown paper bag and fill it with as much as you can. Send us your personal cheque for €20, €10, or even €50 (if you can spare it.)
2. Complete the Donation Form if you wish to send your contribution by Postal Current Account, Bank Account Transfer or Post or Bank Credit Card.
3. If you wish, you can make your donation quickly at our Web site [www.fontedisperanza.org](http://www.fontedisperanza.org).
4. Use the handy reply envelope enclosed to send in your brown paper bag with your donation.

On behalf of the hundreds of starving children you will help with your donation, Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

*<Signature>*



P.S. If you cannot make a donation at this time, please keep the brown paper bag. You can use it to give candy to your children or to keep your coffee beans. I am sure the starving children of the Sudan will understand.

P.P.S. Remember, your donation goes to feed starving children. A simple bag of rice can feed a child for almost a week. Please, find it in your heart to make a donation today.



*This bag can hold:*

- Candy for children (1 hour)*
- Coffee for you (1 day)*
- Food for Starving Children (1 Week)*

**Instructions:**

1. If you wish to make your payment by personal cheque, please place your cheque inside this bag and return it with your Donation Form in the reply envelope.
2. Mail your donation, bag and Donation Form to us as soon as possible to help starving children.
3. If you prefer, make your donation via other methods on the back of the Donation Form and include that part with your Brown paper Bag in the Reply Envelope.
4. If you cannot make a donation at this time, please use this bag for the top items above (Candy for your children or coffee for yourself.)

This letter arrived at our office a few weeks ago. We translated the Arabic to English for you...

Dear People,

Thank you so much for helping me and my family.

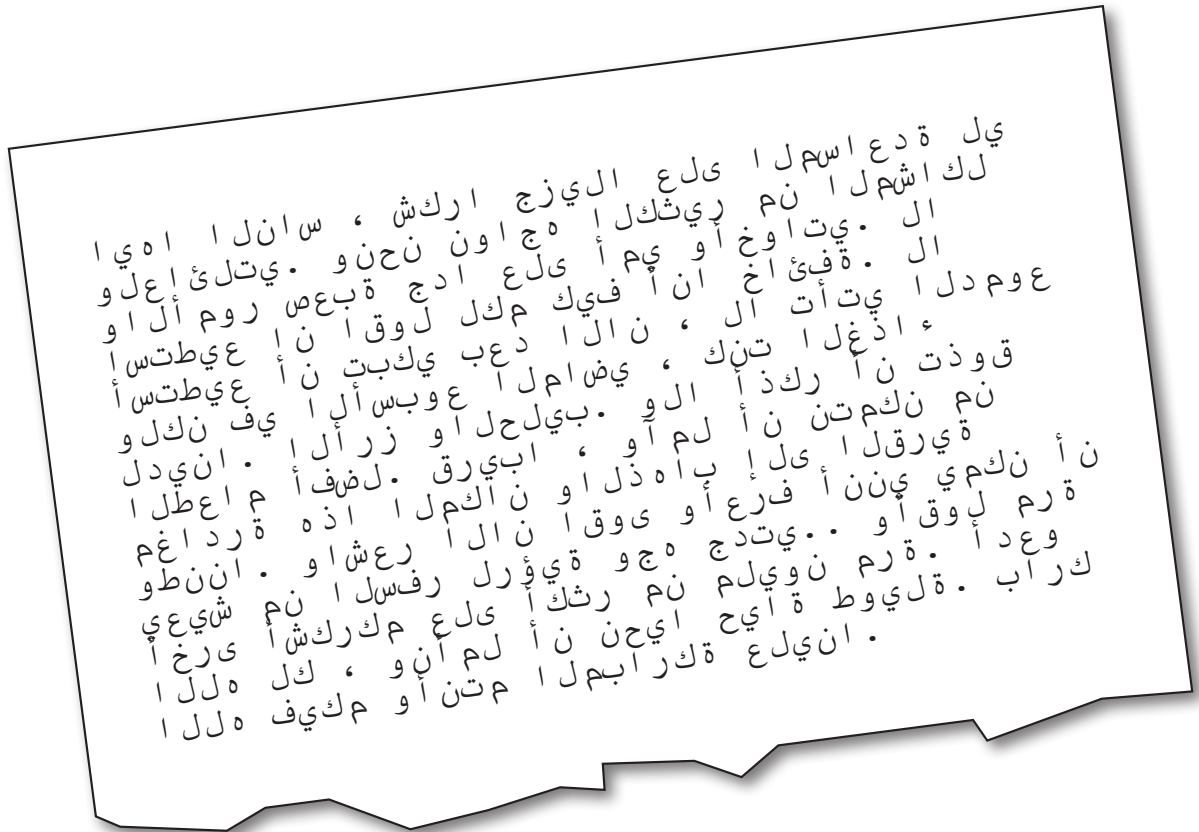
The face so many troubles and things are very hard on my mother and sisters. I cannot tell you how afraid I am. I cannot cry anymore, no tears come.

But last week, you brought food to us. Rice and milk. I do not remember food that tasted better. Soon, I hope we can leave this place and go to our home village. I now feel stronger and know I can survive the travel to see my grandmothers face again..

I say thank you a million times over. I pray for you and hope to live a long life. May God bless you as you blessed us.

Here is the original note we have...

(This is the text in Arabic:)



يل ة دع اسم ل ا يلع اليزج اركش ، سانل ا اهي ا  
لك اشمل ا نم ريشكل ا هجاون نحنو . يتلئ اعلو  
ال . يتاوخ او يم ا يلع ادج ة بعص روم ال او  
ال . ة فئ اخ ان ا فيك مكل لوقا ن ا عيطتسا  
عوم دلا يتات ال ، ن ال ا دعب يكبت ن ا عيطتسا  
ء اذغلا تنك ، يضاملا عوبسأل ا يف نكلو  
قوذت ن ا ركذا الو . بيلحل او زرال ا . انيدل  
نم نكم تن ن ا لم او ، ابيرق . لصف ا ماعطل ا  
ة يرقل ا يل ا باه ذل او ن اكملا اذه ة رداغم  
ن ا نكمي ينن ا فرع او يوقا ن ال ا رعشاو . اننطو  
ة رم لوقا و . . يتدج هجو ة يورل رفسلا نم شيعي  
وعدا . ة رم نويلم نم رثك ا يلع مكرشا يرخ ا  
كراب . ة ليوط ة ايح ايحن ن ا لم انو ، كل هللا  
انيلع ة كرابملا متن او مكيف هللا