

An Overview: Statistics on Human Rights

- One sixth of the world's people, 22 percent, live below the poverty line.
- 1.3 billion human beings have no access to safe drinking water.
- 2.6 billion live without the simplest sanitation.
- 841 million people are severely malnourished.
- 150 million people go to bed hungry every night.
- 30,000 children will die today from starvation, lack of shelter, and poverty.
- For every 100,000 babies born, 6,500 mothers die in the Badakhshan region of Afghanistan due to unavailable or inadequate medical care.
- In the Democratic Republic of Congo, violent conflicts over control of its rich mineral deposits have killed more people than the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and Darfur combined.
- In Burma, the lives of innocent civilians are plagued with malaria, torture and forced labor.
- And the demand for economic reparations by Herero and Namaqua nations is based on claims of genocide, the merciless systematic killing and starvation of the Herero during Germany's 1904-07 wars in Namibia, Angola, and Botswana. The claims are grounded in the logic of reparations for Jews and others, rooted in natural law, common law, and international law. Between 50% - 75% of Herero and 50% of Nama populations perished.

Darfur

- Since warfare erupted in the spring of 2003, as many as 300,000 Darfuri may have died. More than 2.8 million have been displaced from their homes.
- Jewish World Watch and its partners have delivered more than 40,000 solar cookers to the Iridimi, Touloum, and Oure Cassoni refugee camps in Chad.
- .In additions to Darfur, humanitarian projects have introduced solar cookers to Mali, Kenya, and Tanzania in Africa, and to India, Vietnam, and Nepal in Asia.
- To date, more than \$1.6 million has been raised for the purchase of solar cookers by some 300 organizations, churches, and synagogues across the United States.
- Fundraising need is ongoing because solar cookers have a lifespan of only about 3 months. Replacement of the cookers must be constantly made.
- Political advocacy and education are important features of the war against Darfur genocide and global human rights violations.

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