



MONTHLY UPDATE

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Providing Shelter, Promoting Participation

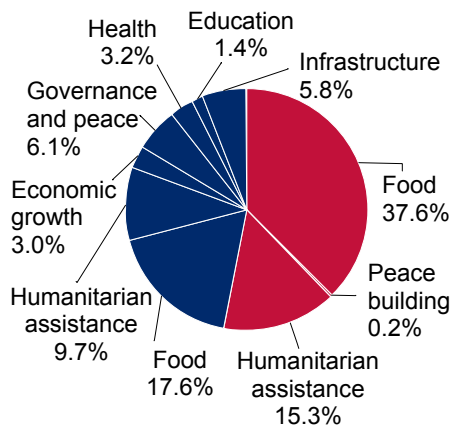
For the more than two million Darfurians who have been forced to flee their homes, shelter and other supplies are resources that not only save lives, but also restore and protect dignity.

USAID partner CRS has integrated shelter provision with other services to improve their ability to cope with past trauma and prepare to mitigate future risks. In West Darfur, CRS has provided shelter and supplies to more than 2,000 displaced families using an approach that seeks to maximize participation, ownership, and dignity. After a basic training course, beneficiaries decide the type of shelter construction they would like, and participate in setting camp, demarcating land, and constructing the shelter. Beneficiaries are asked to provide roof coverings through locally available materials, while CRS provides other needed construction supplies. More than 65 grassroots community shelter committees have been established and trained by CRS to guide beneficiaries through the process and monitor and evaluate activities.

Flexibility and responsiveness are also key to the success of USAID-supported CRS activities. In January 2007, when violence displaced families from three villages in the Kulbus Corridor, CRS was able to immediately mobilize resources and construct temporary communal shelter units in Ardamata camp to receive the newly displaced. Since then, shelters with a longer life span have been built for individual households.



USAID ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN FY2006, ESTIMATED



Darfur 53.2%

Food:	\$266.11 million
Peace building:	\$1.40 million
Humanitarian assistance:	\$108.27 million
Darfur:	\$375.78 million

South, East, and Three Areas 46.8%

Humanitarian assistance:	\$69.02 million
Food:	\$124.87 million
Economic growth:	\$21.37 million
Governance and peace:	\$43.27 million
Health:	\$22.69 million
Education:	\$10.25 million
Infrastructure:	\$40.80 million
South, East, and Three Areas:	\$332.27 million

Countrywide Total: \$708.05 million

The Three Areas are Abyei, Blue Nile, and Southern Kordofan.



With support from USAID, CRS works with displaced people in West Darfur to plan and construct shelters. Photo: CRS

