

United States Accomplishments in Sudan

- The U.S. is the largest single donor to Sudan. The U.S. has provided more than \$5 billion in aid to the Sudan and Eastern Chad since 2005. To date, the U.S. has funded more than 80% of the World Food Program's food aid in Sudan and Eastern Chad, reaching approximately 6.5 million people throughout the region.
- The U.S. funds life-saving humanitarian assistance, providing shelter, health services and relief supplies to Sudan's most vulnerable people. The U.S. continues to help Southern Sudan rebuild after the devastating two-decade civil war; conducting longer-term development programs in education, health, democracy and governance, and economic growth.
- The U.S. lent critical support for the transition to the UN-AU hybrid peacekeeping force (UNAMID). Since 2004, the U.S. has provided over \$450 million for the purchase of vehicles and communication equipment, as well as the construction and maintenance of 34 African Union base camps which were transferred to the U.N. The U.S. is working with the UN and other allies to train these forces and provide them with helicopters, combat engineers, and other equipment that are critical for this mission to be a success. All told, the U.S. played a leading role on the deployment of the troops, and contributes approximately 25% of UNAMID's budget.
- During his February 2008 trip to Africa, President Bush committed an additional \$100 million to train and equip African troop-contributing countries to prepare them for their participation in UNAMID.
- To increase pressure on all parties to end the violence in Darfur, the U.S. imposed economic sanctions on seven individuals and more than 160 companies owned or controlled by the Government of Sudan or linked to militia.
- In January 2008, President Bush confirmed the appointment of Ambassador Richard S. Williamson as his Special Envoy to Sudan in order to energize diplomatic solutions to the Darfur crisis.
- Ambassador Williamson has made the deployment of UNAMID forces a priority. Ambassador Williamson, along with other elements of the U.S. government, is also pushing for the full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and a final resolution to the Abyei dispute. He is leading efforts to seek dialogue with all Sudanese parties and promote political settlement to conflicts in Sudan, including in Darfur.
- Ambassador Williamson and his Canadian counterpart, Douglas Scott Proudfoot, have established a group known as the "Friends of UNAMID" to provide support and pressure on the UN, Sudan, and troop-contributing countries to strengthen the mission and hasten deployment.

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