

# DARFUR FAST FOR LIFE

Standing in Solidarity with our Sudanese Brothers and Sisters and Children

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## **MIA FARROW BEGINS HUNGER STRIKE IN SOLIDARITY WITH SUDANESE FAMILIES**

*Activist-actress kicks off world-wide Darfur Fast for Life for starving innocents in Sudan*

**Washington, DC--** Activist-actress Mia Farrow announced the Darfur Fast for Life today—a hunger strike in solidarity with the people of Darfur, Sudan. Farrow begins her 21 day water-only fast in solidarity with those starving in Darfur and for lasting peace in Sudan as a personal expression of outrage for the world’s inaction to the genocide.

Farrow begins the Darfur Fast for Life as U.S. Members of Congress, Enough Co-Founder John Prendergast, Save Darfur President Jerry Fowler, and other prominent activists gathered to protest the ongoing genocide and lack of aid at the Sudanese Embassy in Washington, D.C, where they will engage in acts of civil disobedience.

**Farrow and other activists are calling for the immediate restoration of all aid services and unimpeded access for aid workers to the refugee population, which provide a lifeline to 4.7 million people in the area. In addition, Farrow is calling for a credible process to bring lasting peace and justice to Sudan and a world in which the human rights of all humans are respected.**

Said Farrow, “I hope human rights advocates and citizens of conscience around the world will join me in some form of fasting, even if for one day. And when I can no longer continue, I pray another will take my place, and another, until finally there is justice and peace for Darfur’s people.”

**Since 2003, over 400,000 families and children have died and over 2.5 million displaced as a result of the genocide.** Over the last month, the genocide in Darfur has grown exponentially dire. Sudan’s President Omar al-Bashir expelled 16 aid agencies from the region after he was indicted for crimes against humanity and war crimes. Food, water, medicine, and shelter supplies, which were already alarmingly scarce, are beginning to run out in the camps for the internally displaced. Still, the world continues to watch as more innocents die as a result of inaction.

Said Farrow, “I undertake this fast in the heartfelt hope that world leaders who know what is just and right will act immediately to end the suffering in Darfur and Sudan. I also call upon President Obama and other leaders with influence to help build a credible peace process before our Darfuri brothers, sisters and children begin to die in numbers that could dwarf the Rwandan genocide.”

Other fast participants include: **Gloria White-Hammond**, chairwoman of the Save Darfur Coalition, **John Prendergast**, co-founder of the ENOUGH Project, **Pam Omidyar**, founder of the Humanity United, **Shannon Sedgwick Davis** of Bridgeway Foundation, **Ruth Messinger**, President of American Jewish World Service, **Tzivia Schwartz Getzug** of Jewish World Services, **Ellen Kennedy** of Genocide Intervention Network—Minnesota, and **Gabriel Stauring**, Director, Stop Genocide Now.

Mia and others will provide video and blog posts throughout the Darfur Fast for Life at [www.fastdarfur.org](http://www.fastdarfur.org). For more information, please contact Gabriel Stauring 310.415.2863 or [gabriel@stopgenocidenow.org](mailto:gabriel@stopgenocidenow.org) or April Lassiter 310.924.9249 or [mediakreativ@gmail.com](mailto:mediakreativ@gmail.com), or visit [www.fastdarfur.org](http://www.fastdarfur.org) for up-to-date information.

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