

"Home" is a word that evokes images of safety and comfort. Thinking of home usually brings a smile. The faces of the children of Darfur light up when they tell the story of what home used to be. They miss it. When they tell the story of what happened to their homes—on that fateful day that changed their lives forever—they get serious and even detached, their dark eyes lost in their memories. Their current homes are tents.



MY HOME takes you through children's journeys, a walk from a home that was destroyed—where family and friends were killed, and which now is only in their memories—to a home that is supposed to be temporary—where they stand in lines for handouts, and which gives them a new name: refugee.

MY HOME is a multimedia experience. The children's voices, faces, and drawings tell their horrific stories. They also show the beauty and resilience of children who continue to play, learn, and grow. Against all odds, they keep dreaming and hoping for a day when they can walk back home to build a stronger Darfur.

The conflict in Darfur has killed hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians and displaced millions. The children of Darfur have seen horrors no child should ever see. Over 3,400 villages have been attacked by the Government of Sudan and the Janjaweed, the militia they arm and support. Most of these villages, the homes of children and their families, have been completely burnt to the ground. The United States has declared what is happening in Darfur, genocide.

i-ACT is a small, grassroots team dedicated to putting a face on the numbers of dead, dying, and displaced while creating mutually enriching relationships between those in danger and those willing and able to act, fostering a new culture of participation. i-ACT visits the refugee camps on the Chad-Darfur border on a regular basis. All the children artists and the ones seen and heard through the MY HOME walk are friends.

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