i-ACT
DARFUR

CommKit

WHAT?

i-ACT (interactive-activism) uses the power of the Internet and cutting edge technology to put a face to the mind-numbing numbers of dead, dying, and displaced.

CommKit, an internet-based communication system, uses specialized technology to enable communication between victims and survivors from Darfur living in remote and unconnected areas and human rights advocates and reporters. It is specifically designed for users with no prior computer skills and low literacy rates. Users, both refugees and their online networks, can exchange video, photos, and written messages that create deep personal relationships.

i-ACT uses cutting edge technology to allow something as basic as person-to-person connections and relationships.

WHY?

These real time relationships become catalysts for action and policy change. The raw media created by Darfur refugees communicates the urgency and severity of ongoing human rights atrocities as they happen.

HOW?

i-ACT's team visits the refugee camps in Eastern Chad on a regular basis, building relationships with individuals, families, and communities of refugees. We train refugee students, teachers, and women to use CommKit, and hope to leave at least one per school, per camp with a community leader.

Refugees log in, upload messages and send them to their online friends and networks. Individuals and communities anywhere in the world use a website to read or view messages and respond. CommKit and refugee citizen journalists become the ongoing link between the camps and the world.

WHERE?

First area of focus is the Sudan–Chad border, a remote region of the world with no existing technological infrastructure. i-ACT looks to be the voice of the displaced and in danger and bring CommKit to any part of the world needed.

WHEN?

i-ACT has been putting a face to the numbers since 2005. In 2010, i-ACT wants to deploy CommKit to refugee camps in Chad.

INITIAL COST?

Initial Program Deployment: $41,500
$25,000 i-ACT Trip to Deliver and Train Refugees
$500/month Satellite Transfer
$9,500 CommKit Hardware
$1,000 Training Materials

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