



**George Clooney, Matt Damon, Brad Pitt and other famous actors donated \$1 Million To Assist Women and Children in West Darfur, Sudan and Eastern Chad**

**“Save the Children is saving lives in Darfur” said George Clooney**



Not on Our Watch, a new organization headed by George Clooney, Matt Damon, Brad Pitt, Don Cheadle, Jerry Weintraub and David Pressman, announced a \$1 million donation to Save the Children to assist more than 70,000 displaced women and children living in temporary camps in West Darfur, Sudan and in eastern Chad.

“These prominent artists understand that women and children make up the largest proportion of war’s casualties, not soldiers or combatants,” said Gabriela Alexandrescu, member of the Directory Board of International Save the Children Alliance and Executive President of Save the Children Romania.

For more than three years, hundreds of thousands of children and their families have lived in extremely difficult circumstances in West Darfur and in Chad. With funding from the new grant, Save the Children will provide reproductive health care, protection and emotional support services for women and girls, including essential care for newborns as well as low birth-weight and pre-term babies. Construction of a new women’s center in Krenek camp will provide referrals for health care and support to survivors of sexual violence. In eastern

Chad, Save the Children is focusing on health care and nutrition to reduce deaths among children under age 5 from preventable causes, particularly from infections and malnutrition.

Save the Children is the largest international organization conducting relief efforts for displaced families in West Darfur, now reaching approximately 500,000 children and women, in camps and surrounding conflict-affected communities each month.

Since September 2006, International Save the Children Alliance has launched the campaign "Rewrite the future" in over 40 countries all over the world, the most extended campaign in the last 85 years of existence, with the purpose of offering quality education for children from countries affected by armed conflicts. In the next 5 years, Save the Children will bring to school 3 millions of children missing out on an education from the countries affected by war and, in the meantime, will improve the quality of education for other 5 millions of children. Save the Children Romania gets involved in the "Rewrite the future" campaign, succeeding to raise the funds for the necessary school supplies for children from the villages in Afghanistan (in December 2006, Save the Children Romania sent the necessary school supplies for 300 hundred children from the city Qalat, region Zabul, Afganistan and at the beginning of June 2007 for 400 hundred children from the city Qalat and in the countryside DHI Qar, city Talil, Iraq). For the future, Save the Children Romania intends to get involved, even more, in sustaining the educational program for the children from countries affected by armed conflicts.

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