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Coptic Orphans Grants \$10,000 for the Relief of Refugees in Sudan

On November 15, 2006, Coptic Orphans disbursed the final portion of the \$10,000 designated to help the Coptic Orthodox dioceses in the Sudan to alleviate the suffering of refugees in Sudan. This disbursement completes the inauguration of Coptic Orphans' activity in the country that began in 2006, which has already produced tangible results.

The funds will go to the two areas in which Coptic Orphans has established bases of activity through the Coptic Church: Sheshena in southern Sudan, where a humanitarian crisis has taken shape after Ethiopian, Eritrean, Nubian, and other refugees have been forced to flee their homes, and Dar-El-Salaam near Khartoum, where Coptic Orphans is addressing a crisis of poverty and lack of access to education.

The local dioceses partnering with Coptic Orphans will use the funds to meet the educational and material needs of the refugees there. In the Dar-El Salaam center, Coptic Orphans contacts have been establishing kindergartens, a library, and have been meeting material needs by constructing sanitary restroom facilities and providing a goat to each family, which can provide a reliable and long-term source of food. They have been also alleviating the crisis of access to water by establishing a system for water management and distribution.

Coptic Orphans is an international, award-winning nonprofit organization that exists to improve the lives of orphans and other vulnerable children in Egypt to empower them to realize their potential and become productive members of society. Coptic Orphans is passionate about transforming a generation that will have the courage to change the next one.

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