

The International Rescue Committee

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is the leading non-sectarian voluntary agency dedicated to serving refugees worldwide. Founded in 1933 at the suggestion of Albert Einstein, the IRC assists refugees in thirty countries around the world and sixteen metropolitan areas in the U.S. Our work is threefold:



- In an emergency, the IRC responds rapidly, delivering critical medical, food, shelter, and public health services.
- Once the crisis has stabilized, the IRC sets up programs that help refugees cope with life in exile.
- For those who cannot safely return to their own country, the IRC will help them rebuild their lives in a new U.S. community.

Who is a refugee?



Refugee family fleeing conflict in Chechnya

Refugees are people who have fled their native countries and cannot return due to a legitimate fear of persecution, based on their race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinions. They are driven from their homes by violence and may spend years in exile in refugee camps. There are currently an estimated 14 million refugees worldwide. Some may eventually be accepted for permanent resettlement by other countries (fewer than 1/2 of 1% of all refugees are accepted by the US).

IRC Mission Statement

The International Rescue Committee is the leading nonsectarian, volunteer organization providing relief, protection and resettlement services for refugees and victims of oppression or violent conflict. The IRC is dedicated to freedom, human dignity and self-reliance. This commitment is reflected in well-planned resettlement assistance, global emergency relief, rehabilitation and advocacy for refugees.

IRC Wins Top Ratings from Magazines and Charity Watchdog List

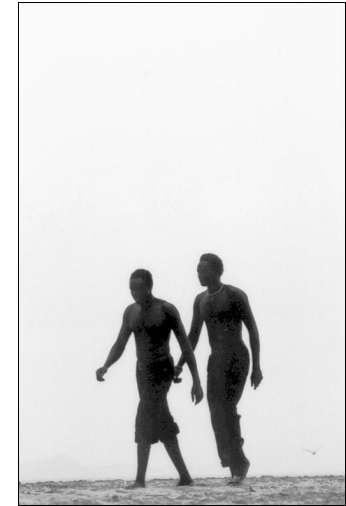
Long known for its excellent management and financial efficiency, the IRC has been given very high ratings by several national magazines. **92.5 cents of every dollars goes to direct refugee services.**

Forbes magazine's December 2003 edition included the IRC as one of 10 "Gold Star Charities" out of survey of 200 non-profit organizations. The **Forbes** survey analyzed three criteria: "charitable commitment" (the percentage of spending devoted to programming rather than fundraising or overhead); "fundraising efficiency" (the cost of raising funds) and "donor dependence" (income from donations rather than other sources, such as the sale of goods or services). **Forbes** awarded the IRC grades of 90, 93 and 94, respectively.

A charity-rating service featured in the Nov. 11 2002 edition of **Business Week** magazine has awarded the IRC its highest grade, four stars, based on an analysis of IRC's finances.

In its December 2002 edition, **SmartMoney** ranked the IRC as the leader in relief and development in its annual "Make Your Donations Count" story.

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Lost Boys Education Fund

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The Lost Boys

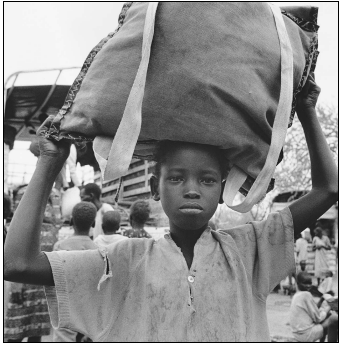


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In 1987, a civil war drove an estimated twenty thousand young boys from their families and villages in South Sudan. Most six or seven years old, they fled to Ethiopia to escape death or induction into slavery and the northern

army. Wandering for years, they walked more than a thousand miles, half of them dying before reaching a Kenyan refugee camp. The survivors of this tragic exodus became known as the Lost Boys of Sudan.

Through the next fourteen years of loss and suffering, these remarkable young men pursued their education while living in a poverty stricken refugee camp. In 2001, close to four thousand Lost Boys came to the United States seeking peace, freedom, and education.

Lost Boys Education Fund

"Education is our mother and our father"

-Lost Boy Saying

Education is a high priority for the Lost Boys of Sudan. In keeping with IRC's dedication to freedom, human dignity, and self-reliance, the Lost Boys Educational Fund was developed to provide monetary support to Lost Boys pursuing their educational goals.

Each semester, the Lost Boys Education Fund distributes an equal amount of money to each eligible Lost Boy who demonstrates that he is registered in school. The amount distributed is determined by the number of qualified applicants and the current amount in the fund.



Alepho Deng, Attends City College in San Diego

How Can You Help?

To contribute to the Lost Boys Education Fund, write a check payable to **IRC**. Indicate "Lost Boys" on the memo line and mail to

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122 East 42nd Street, 12th Floor
New York, New York 10168**

Questions:
please contact Sharon Darrough
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Are You a Lost Boy or Girl?

If you are attending school, you can apply for funds from the Lost Boys Educational Fund. To qualify, you must:

- ✓ Be considered to be a Lost Boy or Lost Girl of Sudan who was resettled in the United States as a refugee
- ✓ Attend community college, four-year university, technical or vocational school, or other educational institution to improve your future
- ✓ Submit the following information by the deadline as listed on the application:

- Completed Application Form (to be available soon at www.theirc.org or from sharond@theirc.org)
- Proof of current registration in school
- Copy of ID Card
- Copy of Social Security Card
- Copy of I-94 (front and back)

Mail completed application and supporting materials to:

**Lost Boys Education Fund
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