



# Caring for Kaela

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## Transformational Development

### CFK-Chad Programs:

- Individual-level Initiatives: Education to Employment
- Community-level Initiatives: Capacity Building
- National-level Initiatives: Peace Building
- International-level Initiatives: Policy and Advocacy



## EDUCATION TO EMPLOYMENT

**Update from the Bethesda Center** - The rainy season just came to an end in Ndjamen. The Bethesda center flooded, as did most of the city, under the seasonal torrential downpour. The sewage "system" is not underground in the capital city of Chad and wastewater travels in ditches along-side people's houses. These trenches overflow every rainy season making it a sanitary mess for everyone living there.

During an Open House at the Evangelical Church of Chad this July, the Center's coordinator, Daniel, sensitized the congregation about the needs of the children and encouraged the mothers of the church to spend some time at the Bethesda Center to support the kids.

Due to the educational sponsorship of Ms. Anne, Julien was enrolled in Private School (Ecole Evangelique Shama) this September where he will also be learning to speak English. With the funds sent by CFK, the Center was able to purchase sports uniforms, school books and supplies. Thanks to all who donated!

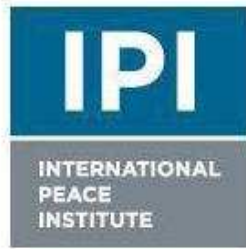


## COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

**Wakith Tamma** ("It is Time" in Arabic) goes back on the stands in Ndjamen! The Editor in chief receives a laptop from CFK to restart the publication after the rebel attack of February halted production. The newspaper who seeks to engage young people in the development of their country, profiled the biography of Mohandas Gandhi the father of non-violent movements. The October edition also discussed the disturbing trend of violence in the school system.

# PEACE-BUILDING

“No one is born a good citizen; no nation is born a democracy. Rather, both are processes that continue to evolve over a lifetime. Young people must be included from birth. A society that cuts off from its youth severs its lifeline.”  
-- **Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General**



## October 2008: Multi-Stakeholders' Consultation on Chad

Caring for Kaela (CFK) in collaboration with the U. S. Institute of Peace (USIP) organized a consultation at the International Peace Institute (IPI) in New York, to address the political instability in Chad and its implications for the widening regional crises in general. **Mr. Victor Angelo, Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT), was Caring for Kaela's guest of honor.** The consultation brought together Ambassadors, senior officials and experts on Chad from the European Union; the United Nations; the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC); the governments of Belgium, Chad, Congo, Eritrea, France, Ireland, Libya, Nigeria, Norway, Senegal, South Africa, Sweden, and the United States; experts from the nongovernmental community; academia; and other significant international stakeholders.

During the Consultation, CFK gave Chadians from the U.S. Diaspora a seat at the table; putting Chadians at the same level as Secretary-Generals and Ambassadors. Dr. Djime Adoum, member of CFK's Advisory committee and the Coordinator of the Independent Commission for an Inclusive Dialogue (CIDI) challenged the status quo. Because of CFK's success in elevating the Chadian voice, President Déby agreed to meet with Dr. Adoum and discuss with him what the Chadian people have relentlessly called for: the need for an inclusive and comprehensive peace process to stabilize the country. At the end of the conversation, President Déby agreed to let Dr. Adoum create a Team to go see the Chadian rebels and assess how to engage them in a sustainable peace process.



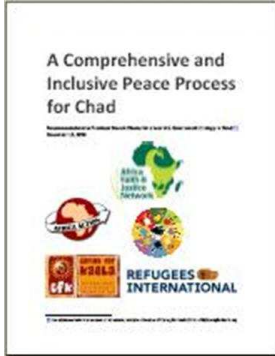
**Testimony from the Field:** When a friend called to tell me Anadif had just been released, I let out a sigh of relief, thanking God he had not

been killed. Anadif sells small automotive parts in Abéché's market place. He was suspected by the national police of being involved with the opposition. While incarcerated he was tortured and beaten. They forced him to drink gasoline and eat hot peppers. Even a week after he's come home, his eyes remain bloodshot and are permanently damaged.

The ruling clan strikes at anytime, reigning with complete impunity, unencumbered by any law, earthly or divine. Without a justice system, banditry and inter-ethnic violence are devastating the region. No one is safe.

# POLICY AND ADVOCACY

## December 2008: CFK makes recommendations to President Obama for a new U.S. Government Strategy in Chad



Analysts, policy makers and experts are now accepting that the conflicts in Chad and Sudan have mutually reinforcing dynamics. Chad's internal political instability is having devastating consequences on the peace processes in Sudan and the Central African Republic (CAR). A new U.S. Government strategy must be created to stabilize Chad and bring to an end the continued degradation of conditions in the region.

## August 2008: Advocacy at the United Nations

After the U.N. Technical Assessment Mission returned from Chad, CFK and several other NY-based NGOs met with the Department of Peace-Keeping Operations and Department of Political Affairs to discuss our recommendations for an expanded MINURCAT mandate that addresses the root causes of the conflict in Chad. Meetings were also held with France, Belgium, Italy, Russia, Costa Rica and Libya.



## August 2008: Senate advocacy pays its dividends!

To support the efforts of the Chad Working Group, U.S. Senators Russell Feingold, Mary Landrieu, Joseph Lieberman, Patrick Leahy and Christopher Dodd write a letter to Sec. Rice in support of an inclusive peace process in Chad and an expanded U.N. mandate.

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" Isaiah 9:6*

The Caring for Kaela Team would like to wish each of you a beautiful Christmas celebration and a wonderful new year filled with His Grace.

John 13:34-35



*"Today we begin in earnest the work of making sure that the world we leave our children is just a little bit better than the one we inhabit today." --*  
**President-Elect Barack Obama**

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“Give me 10 men  
who fear nothing but  
God and hate  
nothing but sin” --  
*John Wesley*

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## About Caring for Kaela

CFK is a Christian relief and development organization whose vision is to empower the lives of children in Africa.



## Our Mission

- To provide homes for children victimized by war, crime, or abuse,
- To raise those children to reach their God-given potential,
- To build the foundation for peaceful and productive communities by promoting self-sustained, people-centered approaches to development; and
- Strengthen the communities where we operate.

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