Support Little Ripples

Your generous donations support and inspire children and teachers to realize their dreams.

A monthly donation of $41 or a one-time contribution of $492 will support one Little Ripples teacher for one year.

www.littleripples.org/donate

Give a Hand to Little Ripples
Teachers, parents, and students: Give a Hand to Little Ripples by challenging your classrooms to raise $10 per student...and get creative! Each classroom that completes the challenge can decorate a handprint that will go up on a wall of one of the Little Ripples classrooms.

Donate by Check
Please make all checks payable to i-ACT with “Little Ripples” in the memo line. Mail to:

i-ACT
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How to Get Involved

There are many creative ways for you, your organization, school, or community to get actively involved with Little Ripples. You can participate in ‘Give a Hand,’ sponsor a classroom, teacher, classroom kit of supplies, and more. Other ideas? We would love to hear from you! Please write to info@littleripples.org with questions and any ideas!

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BUILDING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN DARFURI REFUGEE CAMPS

**I-ACT**'s Little Ripples Early Childhood Education Program

Over two years ago, the idea for Little Ripples started organically through our conversations with refugee community leaders and the need to better support the broad development of young children in the camps. Far too many young children are left without proper care during the day as their parents must leave to collect firewood and resources or work in the precious few jobs that exist in the camp. Children enter primary school unprepared for their first year of school and teachers are confronted with large classrooms of undisciplined children who may speak any one of half a dozen languages.

Just as we value the preschool education and development of our young children here in the United States, we want to bring the same level of high quality programming to the Darfuri refugee population. Using the input of preschool and early childhood development experts as well as the refugees themselves, the Little Ripples curriculum encompasses Darfuri culture and values, as well as focuses on the foundations of learning, peace-building, and trauma recovery.

**Camp Goz Amer Pilot School**

- Construction of the school site was completed in June 2013. The school includes 6 classrooms, an office, a kitchen, five latrines, and a safe outdoor shaded play area.

- As there are very few paid working positions for women in the camps, Little Ripples is providing valuable employment and training opportunities for young refugee women. Twelve teachers, one Lead Teacher, and one School Health Educator have been trained in basic child development, classroom management techniques, health and hygiene strategies, and peace-building activities.

- Little Ripples Goz Amer is providing a nurturing space for 400 children ages 3-5 to learn and grow during the day. The school day consists of large and small group activities with a focus on learning through play.

**Future Little Ripples**

**Pillars of Little Ripples:**

*Peace, Helping, and Sharing*

We are seeking support for the first school site in Camp Djabal. The pilot schools in each camp will serve 400 students each, and we eventually hope to expand to serve over 8,000 children ages 3-5 in both of the camps.

The impact of Little Ripples goes beyond the students. Older siblings will no longer have to miss school to tend to the young ones, and parents will be able to focus on securing resources and income for their family. The ripples will continue flowing into the future with children who know the meaning of hope and have increased opportunities and skills to build a strong and peaceful Darfuri society.

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Our mission is to provide a comprehensive preschool education program for refugee children ages 3-5 living in two Darfuri refugee camps: Goz Amer and Djabal.