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1. Policy Update

1. United Nations General Assembly is currently in session and Darfur has been mentioned.
2. Chad and Central African Republic has passed a peacekeeping troop resolution.
3. Bush has made reasonably strong comments on Darfur recently, and we should hold him accountable.

2. Campaign Update

The launch of the National campaign on September 9th went extremely well. We have two events this weekend, one in Rochester, NY on the 29th, and a large event in Burlington, Vermont on the 30th.

This past week the Armenia torch event took place, and it went very well. Photographs are available at www.dreamfordarfur.org.

China is extremely aware of our actions and events, and when they talk about Darfur they consistently mention the Olympics and their unique relationship with Sudan, yet they continue to purchase up to 70% of Sudan's oil and provide them with weapons.

3. STAND

Hailey Flynn has been helping with the STAND groups get involved with the Dream for Darfur campaign. Students are excellent with outreach and media, and we have a list of the student contacts in each state that we will be sending to the state leads.

4. Speakers

We have compiled a list of potential speakers for every target state and we will be sending this to the state lead. If you are not a target state, e-mail Emily@savedarfur.org and she will send you the list.

5. Athlete Outreach

Where Will We Be, Joey Cheek's international coalition of athletes working to end the crisis in Darfur, has been making connections with many college and Olympic athletes to get them active on Darfur. Also, Where Will We Be has begun a partnership with Team Darfur, who produces Darfur athletic wear.

If you are interested in having Team Darfur items for your event or reaching out to athletes in your state, contact Martha Bixby. While you should be making an effort on your own to get athletes to come to your event, you may e-mail Martha at wwwbinfo@gmail.com to see if she can assist you with getting a hold of some athletes.

6. Materials

Torch information is available online under our resources section. There are details about the torch, as well as alternatives for the cities that will not receive torches from us.

Also, if you are interested in presenting the DVD clip from the Chad and Rwanda torch lightings at your event, please contact cassie@savedarfur.org.

7. Blog

We have implemented a blog on the Save Darfur website for our events. A representative from each city will be responsible for submitting a 300-word description of the event, as well as photography and/or video.

We also need you to do a brief write-up of your even with a breakdown of the media and highlights for our own use. You should have a photographer at your event, and afterward, you may post the photos on Snapfish or Flickr. We would like to compile these throughout the tour for potential residual media.