



Create Little Ripples in YOUR Classroom

Teachers, parents and students: YOU and your CLASSROOM can make a lasting difference that will ripple out and impact future Darfuri generations! Help us plant the seeds of education, peace and hope for Darfuri children and their communities. You and your classroom can help start a young child's education that will immeasurably shape her or his development and lifelong learning.

There are many creative ways to get involved and bring fun and connected awareness to your classroom. Here's one:

Garden Project

GROW A GARDEN! Growing a garden is a great way to explore healthy living skills, nature, environmental awareness and community development, as well as collaboration, sharing, helping, peace, food, ABC's/123s and culture. For this project, grow a garden using food that is grown and consumed in Darfur and/or something from your hometown/region that can be shared with the students at Little Ripples. Be sure to document the whole process by taking photos, videos or by creating drawings!

Here's How:

1. Share our Web site's Little Ripples video with your classroom, and make a commitment to become a School Ambassador.
2. Research and discuss what foods are grown in Darfur, Sudan. What foods are grown where you live? Why is growing food important? You could discuss the similarities and differences between your and Darfur's climates and environments. (Some types of food grown in Darfur, Sudan are: lentils, wheat, sorghum, melons, peanuts, pumpkins, eggplant, tomatoes, okra, watermelon and tea leaves)
3. Find or create a space to grow a garden. This can be anything from growing a small garden with only one type of plant to a larger garden with a variety of plants. Use what is available and accessible to you and your students. Depending on what your classroom decides to grow, gardens could be grown indoors or outdoors and made from wooden crates and boxes, plastic bottles, glass jars, buckets or a plot of dirt.
4. Based on your space, choose the seeds you and your students would like to grow. Research and learn how to grow the seeds you have chosen. Depending on what you grow, learn how much sun, water and depth of dirt you will need. This is usually found on the back of the seed packet.
5. Plant and watch your garden GROW! Create a fun way to document the growth of the plants and watching them over time. You may take photos, videos or have the students draw the experience to later share with the students of Little Ripples in Goz Amer refugee camp.

6. When it comes time to harvest the plants, make an event out of it! Create a meal together, and explore different ways the food can be used. For example, if you grow tomatoes, try sun-drying them, which is a common practice for the people of Darfur. Share the meal with the school community and students' parents.
7. After the Garden Project is complete - from researching to planting, growing, harvesting and making a meal - gather all the photos, videos and/or drawings and choose how you would like to share your experience with the students of Little Ripples in Goz Amer refugee camp. You could create a video or book of photos and drawings.

Contact Katie-Jay Scott at ktj@iactivism.org to get started!

We can share photos of the gardens in the refugee camps and find ways for your students to connect with the Little Ripples students and teachers.

Learn more ways your classroom can be involved at www.littleripples.org/schools-ponds