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Dear John,

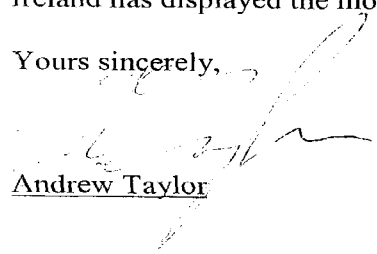
I have just finished 6 months work with GOAL in West Darfur setting up a large scale food security program with funds from both DCI and OFDA. The program was initiated after a food security assessment implemented in the Jebel Marra in October 2004 had identified that the food production for 2004 was reduced to a mere 10% of normal production years, due to the combined effect of conflict and drought. Subsequently, the food security program was established by GOAL to deliver comprehensive seed kits to 30,000 households to enable the local people to produce their own food to prevent a potential dependency on future food handouts from the international community.

This food security program is significantly larger than any other similar programs implemented by humanitarian organisations through out Sudan. The good news is that the program is well on track with village surveys completed, seed deliveries arriving in the GOAL warehouse in Golo, and distribution scheduled for April and May with the wet season starting in June.

I will personally be leaving the GOAL program in Jebel Marra for a rest, and will be then taking on a short term consultancy with UNFAO in South Sudan with the agenda of moving their office from Nairobi to Rumbek and to encourage greater momentum in their programs activities back in the field. After this temporary assignment I look forward to working with GOAL again.

The greatest disappointment from my time in Darfur, was to see a number of well known international relief organisations confined to the cities of Darfur with relatively extravagant resources. The fact is that GOAL was one of the few organisations that were out in the field delivering real humanitarian interventions to the communities in West Darfur who have been isolated by conflict and compromised by drought. Furthermore, I would like to state that from my experience with a diverse range of international development and emergency relief organisations over the last 10 years, that GOAL Ireland has displayed the most genuine commitment to real humanitarian relief.

Yours sincerely,

  
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