 **Zoom in Case Study:**

***A Refugee Crisis in Africa***

**Darfur**

* Darfur is an isolated region in North Africa, and the scene of a devastating humanitarian crisis;
* At least 400,000 people died between 2003 and 2007;
* 2.5 million have been forced to migrate;
* Most have moved to refugee camps in Chad.

**Darfur Crisis**

* Is complicated, with racial, environmental, and political roots;
* Both Arab and Non-Arab peoples live in Sudan;
* Long history between these groups;
* Darfur has suffered from decades of drought and famine;
* Conflict was created over the remaining water sources.

**Rebel Groups**

* In 2003, rebel groups in Darfur declared independence from Sudan;
* Stated government was oppressing non-Arab peoples;
* The government replied with army and air force attacks on rebel villages;
* The government has also been accused of supplying weapons to Janjaweed fighters, who attack non-Arab villages and refugee camps.

**Conclusion**

* The United States government has called their actions genocide;
* International aid workers have been killed, and food and medical supplies stolen;
* However, the United Nations has been slow to take action because the Sudanese government denies any connection with the Janjaweed;
* A small African peacekeeping mission was attempted with little success;
* Full UN involvement came in June 2007, and many felt it came much too late.