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Therefore, gifts to Act are worth twice as much

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For the first time, the Akelius Foundation has entered into a collaboration with Act Swedish Church.



The civil war in Sudan has created the world's largest humanitarian crisis. Copyright 2025 The Associated Press. All rights reserved

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Act The Church of Sweden's Christmas collection this year goes to people who are in need in various ways. For Act, it could be a big fundraising success. The Akelius Foundation, the charity founded by real estate magnate Roger Akelius, will double every donation to the Christmas fundraiser. The doubled money from the Akelius Foundation will go to people affected by the war in Sudan.



Kerstin Engström. Akelius foundation

– The crisis in Sudan is terrible, but not so much attention in the Swedish media, says Kerstin Engström, who is chairman of the Akelius Foundation.

Was moved by Act's work

This is the first time that the Akelius Foundation has had this type of collaboration with Act Church of Sweden. The Akelius Foundation became aware of Act's work in connection with Radiohjälpen's collection for the Children of the World. Part of the Akelius Foundation's support for that collection went to Act Church of Sweden's efforts to provide education to South Sudanese refugee children.

– When Act reported what they had done with the money, we were very touched, says Kerstin Engström.

Expecting at least 300 million kronor

That's why the Akelius Foundation is stepping in and doubling the donations to Act's Christmas fundraiser. Kerstin Engström does not rule out more collaborations in the future.

“We are politically and religiously independent, and we do not donate to religious or political causes. Our donations should go to those who are leading in the most difficult situations,” she says.

Akelius Foundation doubles donations to five additional organizations during December.

– We hope that we will be able to double donations to at least 300 million kronor.

During last year's Christmas fundraiser, Act Church of Sweden raised 54 million kronor. The purpose of the collection at that time was peace work in the world's most conflict-affected areas.

Facts: Akelius Foundation

Roger Akelius founded the charitable foundation Akelius Foundation in 2007.

Akelius Foundation gives gifts to:

children in need

refugees and other people suffering as a result of government measures or who are in need of medical care

educational projects and development of education

During the month of December, Akelius doubles all donations to Act Church of Sweden, Doctors Without Borders, Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages, UNHCR and UNICEF.