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## MUKESH KAPILA

Mukesh's job was to help people who were in need by giving them things like food and water and helping them to work out what to do. He helped the people in Rwanda after some of the Hutus tried to kill all the Tutsis, and he helped the people in Bosnia after the Bosnian Serb forces tried to kill the Muslim men and boys. Mukesh knows how bad it is when people are cruel to others just because they are different.

In 2003 Mukesh heard that lots of people were trying to get out of Darfur. People were travelling on foot, and hitching rides in trucks, for over 1,000 kilometres. Mukesh knew something bad must be happening so he took a four hour flight to go and see for himself.

Mukesh saw terrible things: people from one race were attacking people who were of a different race, they were burning their houses, cutting off the heads of their animals, hurting women and children, and killing people.

Seeing people hurt others because they were different reminded Mukesh of Rwanda and Bosnia. Mukesh knew it was very important to tell people that a bad thing was happening so that it could be stopped.

Mukesh told the BBC about what he had seen and they told the whole world. The United Nations sent peacekeepers to Darfur to try to stop the killings.

*To learn more about what happened in Rwanda read Henriette or Appolinaire 's stories.*

*To learn more about what happened in Bosnia read Hasan's story.*



This is a picture of Mukesh in Sudan:



Mukesh remembered that very bad things can happen when people are mean to others just because they are different. Mukesh knew this because he had seen what happened in Rwanda and Bosnia. When Mukesh saw similar things happening in Darfur he was quick to speak out and say stop.

We need to be quick to speak out and say stop when we see bad things happening.

