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RESEARCH IN DISPLACEMENT: THE IMPACT OF WAR ON SUDAN'S HIGHER EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC RESEARCH COMMUNITY



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Impact of War on Sudan's Higher Education and Academic Research Community

Rift Valley Institute

2024

The war in Sudan has crippled the country's higher education system, forcing students and academics into displacement and disrupting university operations. This analysis by Muna and Rebecca uncovers the destruction of institutions, faculty and student displacement, and the urgent adaptation strategies being used to sustain education. With universities in crisis, the long-term consequences threaten peace, civil society, and future governance.

Fund Transfers to Sudan: Obstacles and Available Solutions for Donors

Shabaka

December 2024

Strict regulations on fund transfers are making it harder for humanitarian responders in Sudan to access critical resources, worsening the crisis. This analysis breaks down the key barriers—including bureaucratic restrictions, security risks, and economic instability—hindering international aid. It also explores alternative funding solutions, from mobile banking (Bankak) to Hawala networks and in-kind donations, offering pathways to sustain local humanitarian efforts.



Economic and Social Consequences of Conflict



SUDAN STRATEGY SUPPORT PROGRAM POLICY NOTE 10 DECEMBER 2024

Impact of Conflict on Employment, Income, and Household Welfare in Sudan

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Sudan has been embroiled in a high-intensity conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces and Rapid Support Forces since April 2023, leading to widespread displacement and an escalating humanitarian crisis. This conflict, centered on Khartoum, Sudan's economic hub which historically has contributed nearly one-third of Sudan's GDP, has caused unprecedented economic and social upheaval. As of January 2025, over 12.3 million people have been displaced, and reported fatalities were approaching 30,000.^{1, 2} Sudan's GDP has contracted sharply—estimates from the IMF, World Bank, and African Development Bank for 2023 alone showing declines of between 18 and 38 percent. This poor economic performance has continued with further drops in output in 2024. Unemployment surged from 32 percent in 2022 to 46 percent in 2023. The average household income is estimated to have declined by nearly 50 percent relative to pre-conflict levels. Urban households, especially in Khartoum, have been disproportionately affected due to the destruction of economic infrastructure and loss of industrial jobs, while rural households face severe disruptions in agriculture and access to essential farm inputs. The conflict has strained household welfare systems and exacerbated food insecurity. Many households are increasingly reliant on remittances and humanitarian aid to meet their basic needs. These dynamics underscore the urgent need for effective policy interventions to address both the immediate humanitarian needs and long-term recovery challenges of Sudan.

Methodology

This research draws on data from three nationally representative household surveys providing data on the 18 states of the country: the 2022 Sudan Labor Market Panel Survey (SLMPS), the 2023/24 Sudan Rural Household Survey (SRHS), and the 2024 Sudan Urban Household Survey (SUHS). SLMPS captured pre-conflict baseline data on household livelihoods, income, employment, and food security, while SRHS and SUHS provide comparable data for households in rural and urban Sudan, respectively, under the current conditions of conflict.³ SLMPS was implemented through in-person data collection. Given the barriers to in-person

Civil Society and Conflict in Sudan: Shifting Roles, Challenges and Priorities

International IDEA
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Amid Sudan's ongoing conflict, civil society remains a vital force in humanitarian aid, governance, and human rights. This analysis explores its evolving role, from traditional networks to modern organisations, highlighting both successes and limitations during political transitions and armed conflict. Strengthening civil society requires conflict-sensitive interventions, localised peace efforts, and stronger protections for civic freedoms.

Employment, Income, and Household Welfare in Sudan

IFPRI – Sudan Strategy Support Program
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Sudan's conflict is deepening economic hardship, with job losses, falling incomes, and worsening food insecurity across rural and urban communities. This analysis highlights the uneven impact on different households and the risks of aid imbalances fueling social tensions. Without urgent action, existing inequalities will only widen, further destabilising communities.

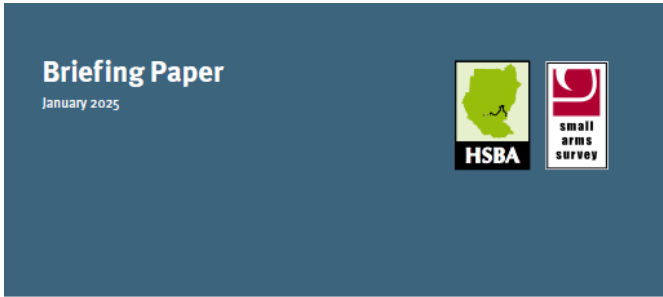


CIVIL SOCIETY AND CONFLICT IN SUDAN

Shifting Roles, Challenges and Priorities



Power and Regional Dynamics



The Republic of Kadamol (A Portrait of The Rapid Support Forces at War)

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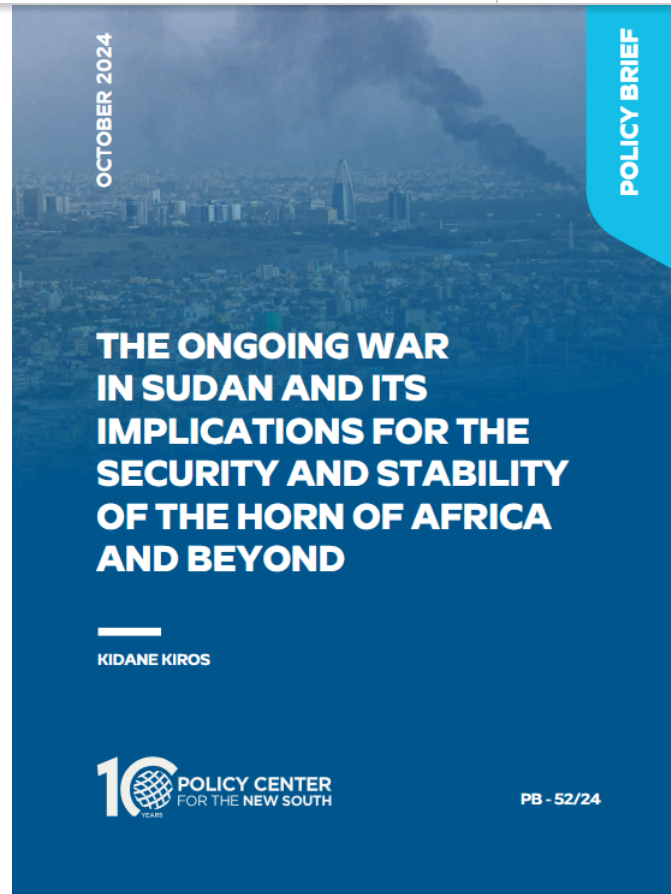


The RSF’s recruitment tactics and fragmented command structures have fueled its transformation into a militia-driven war economy. Prioritising looting and resource exploitation over governance, the RSF has deepened ethnic divides, weakened civilian institutions, and entrenched long-term instability. This analysis explores how its predatory accumulation of wealth threatens Sudan’s future.

The Ongoing War in Sudan and its Implications for The Security and Stability of The Horn of Africa and Beyond

Policy Center for the New South
October 2024

A critical analysis of how Sudan's conflict extends beyond its borders, posing significant security risks for the Horn of Africa and beyond. The study explores the implications for migration, economic stability, and geopolitical competition among regional and global powers. It emphasises the need to recognise Sudan's war as part of a broader regional crisis requiring coordinated international intervention.



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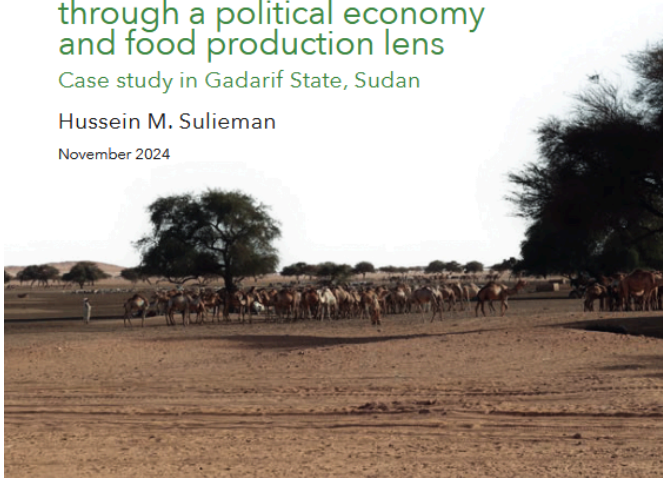
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through a political economy and food production lens

Case study in Gadarif State, Sudan

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Land disputes in Sudan’s Gadarif State are escalating as climate change, shifting land use, and exclusionary policies fuel tensions between farmers and pastoralists. This analysis examines the root causes of farmer-herder conflicts, highlighting how economic hardship and poor policy decisions have created a volatile environment. Without careful intervention, aid and development efforts risk worsening the crisis.

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Hate Speech in Sudan: A Driver of Conflict and Displacement

Wala Mohammed

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An analysis of how hate speech has fueled violence and displacement in Sudan, with a focus on its historical roots, social media amplification, and legal limitations. The study underscores the role of inflammatory rhetoric in escalating ethnic tensions and conflict. Addressing hate speech through legal reforms and community engagement is crucial for conflict-sensitive interventions and long-term stability.



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