

ECHO Factsheet - Sudan



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What are the needs?

Sudan remains a humanitarian and development challenge. The problems are chronic and exacerbated by the expulsion of many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in 2009. Malnutrition rates are beyond emergency levels in many regions and disease outbreaks are common. The number of refugees and internally displaced persons remains high, while access to food for the most vulnerable population is an ongoing concern.

Some 5.8 million people are reliant on some form of humanitarian assistance in Sudan. In Darfur, there are 2.6 million people who have been uprooted from their homes, including 1.6 million across 60 camps.

In South Kordofan and Blue Nile states, ongoing violence has affected hundreds of thousand people, many of which have fled to other parts of Sudan or to neighbouring [Ethiopia](#) [1] and [South Sudan](#) [2].

The humanitarian needs remain huge and are a priority for the humanitarian community, however the situation remains volatile and international humanitarian organisations face harsh difficulties in accessing some areas and delivering aid.

Lack of access to the population in need is a major obstacle. Most of ECHO's partners operating in the eastern states of the country were closed down by the authorities, leaving very limited humanitarian coverage and response capacity.

How are we helping?

The European Commission's European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations is providing support in health and nutrition, water and sanitation, food security and livelihoods, as well as catering for the needs of the conflict-affected people. The European Commission mainly focuses on Darfur given the prevailing needs and the access conditions, but also funds interventions in other areas of Sudan.

Emergency preparedness and response in the sectors of [food assistance](#) [3] and livelihoods, access to health,

provision of [clean water and sanitation](#) [4], shelter and non-food items for conflict affected populations are priority actions for the European Commission.

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