

REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN



Area: 728,215 sq. mi. (third largest country in Africa)

Capital: Khartoum

Population: 48 million (2023); approx. 70% is under 30 years old

Shares borders with: Libya; Egypt; Chad; the Central African Republic; South Sudan; Ethiopia; Eritrea; and the Red Sea

Languages: Arabic and English

Religions: 91% Muslim (majority Sunni); 5.4% Christian; 2.8% indigenous

Human Dev Index: .508 (Low) — 172/191 in the world

GDP (PPP) per capita: \$1,330 (Source: World Bank, 2021)

Economy: Imports from China; Russian Federation; Saudi Arabia; India; United Arab Emirates. Exports to United Arab Emirates; China; Saudi Arabia; Egypt; India. (Source: WITS)

Trade with the U.S.: U.S. exports to Sudan in 2022 were \$143 million, down 6.8% from 2021 but up 157% from 2012. U.S. imports from Sudan in 2022 were \$37 million, up 101.3% from 2021, and up 473% from 2012. (Source: U.S.Trade Rep.). Sudan is ineligible for benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). Enacted in 2000, AGOA provides eligible sub-Saharan African countries with duty-free access to the U.S. market. (Source: U.S.Trade Rep.)

Key Historical Dates:

1956: Independence; established diplomatic relations with U.S.

1989: Following a military coup, Omar al-Bashir became ruler of Sudan.

2011: South Sudan seceded from the united Sudan.

2019: Civilian-led revolution ended the rule of al-Bashir.

2023: On April 15th, 2023, a coup attempt by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) to seize power by force which caused and is causing unprecedented suffering to the Sudanese People.

2023: The U.S. embassy in Khartoum suspended its operations.

Interesting Facts:

*The White Nile and the Blue Nile merge in Khartoum to form a single river – the River Nile

*A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ancient city of Meroe, is known for its Nubian pyramids.

*Dinder National Park and Radom National Park are UNESCO biosphere reserves.

*Diverse geography: Savannas and Plains; *Deserts:* Sahara Desert, Nubian Desert.

Mountains: Nuba Mtns., Marra Mtns.

Lowest elevation: The Red Sea. *Highest point:* Jabal Marra(10,000') Darfur.