

Introduction

Sudan is a country located in Northern Africa bordering the Red Sea. Neighboring countries include the Central African Republic, Chad, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Libya, and South Sudan. The geography of Sudan is generally flat, with mountains in the east and west and annual flooding in the south due to the Nile River system. The government system is a federal republic; the chief of state and head of government is the president. Sudan has a largely traditional economy in which most citizens rely on agriculture, and there is limited central planning by the government. Sudan is a member of the League of Arab States (Arab League) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).



Location: Northern Africa

Capital City: Khartoum (+3 GMT)

Chief of State: Sovereign Council Chair and Commander-in-Chief of the Sudanese Armed Forces General Abd-al-Fattah al-Burhan Abd-al-Rahman

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Currency: Sudan Pound (SDG)

Major Languages: <p>Arabic (official), English (official), Nubian, Ta Bedawie, Fur</p>

Primary Religions: <p>Sunni Muslim, small Christian minority</p>

Calling Code: 249

Voltage: 230

Key Websites

Main Government Page: sudan.gov.sd

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Lower Middle Income
Level of Development:	Developing
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$197.62 billion (2022)
GDP growth (annual %):	-0.95% (2022)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$4,216.02 (2022)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$22,165,390,604.10 (2021)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	7.80% (2015)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$4.44 billion (2022)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	138.81% (2022)
Labor force, total:	13,501,917 (2022)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	18.73% (2022)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.58 billion (2022)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.81 billion (2022)

GDP Composition %

Agriculture Services Industry Manufacturing



**Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

Rankings

Index	Rank
Corruption Perceptions Index	161 / 178
Index of Economic Freedom	173 / 176
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	121 / 160
Inward FDI Potential Index	119 / 139
KOF Index of Globalization	181 / 185
Open Budget Index	110 / 114

Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: E - The highest-risk political and economic situation and the most difficult business environment. Corporate default is likely.

Business Climate rating: E - The highest possible risk in terms of business climate. Due to a lack of available financial information and an unpredictable legal system, doing business in this country is extremely difficult.

Strengths

- Gold and oil resources, Red Sea ports
- Geographical and economic proximity to the Gulf States
- Agriculture and livestock farming could benefit from productivity gains, thanks in particular to investors from the Gulf
- Normalising relations with South Sudan, thereby facilitating the continued payment of transit duties on oil pipelines

Weaknesses

- Political instability since the overthrow of dictator el-Bechir in 2019, the military coup in 2021 and the internal armed conflict since April 2023.
- Inter-community violence in the southern regions, marked by the presence of militias, particularly in Darfur, Kordofan and Blue Nile; fighting fuelled by the armed conflict
- Poverty (35.7%), high unemployment (33% in early 2023), insecurity, dependence on food aid, risk of famine (40% of the population will suffer acute food insecurity in 2024)
- Unsustainable external debt exacerbated by the suspension of international financial aid and extremely low foreign exchange reserves
- Currency depreciation and hyperinflation
- The country is heading for partition

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