

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs)

Persons or groups of persons who have been forced or obliged to flee or leave their homes or places of habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights, natural or human made disasters, and who have not crossed an internally recognized State border.

Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement

Estimated internally displaced population

As a result of almost continuous conflict since its independence, Sudan has one of the highest populations of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the world, with an estimated 5.35 million IDPs throughout the country in 2006. The majority of the IDPs (2 million) reside in Khartoum in 32 areas of the city, including four official IDP camps, squatter areas and relocation areas. Some 1.8 million are in the three Darfur states. The exact number of IDPs in Sudan and their exact locations are difficult to confirm as there is no comprehensive data about IDPs in Sudan, and there is constant movement of populations, as some take advantage of the peace in Southern Sudan to return home, whilst others are fleeing the conflict in Darfur.

IDPS IN SUDAN



State	Number of IDPs
Khartoum	2 000 000
Darfur (All states)	1 800 000
Red Sea	277 000
Blue Nile	235 000
Bahr el Ghazal	210 000
Northern	200 000
Unity	135 000
White Nile	110 000
West Kordofan	107 000
South Kordofan	82 000
Kassala	76 000
Sennar	60 000
Gedaref	42 000
Eastern Equatoria	26 000
Western Equatoria	No data
Jonglei	No data
TOTAL	5 355 000
IDP children in Sudan (60%)= 3.2 Million	

REFUGEES

A refugee is a person who is forced to flee their home because of a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, nationality, social group, religion, or political opinion, and has crossed an internationally recognized border.

1951 UN Refugee Convention and Protocol

Refugee populations

Sudan has ratified the UN Refugee Convention and thus is bound to protect refugees within its borders.

Most refugees who have fled to Sudan are from Eritrea and are in the found in the east of Sudan, with some 78,000 refugees in Kassala State.

REFUGEES HOSTED BY SUDAN

Country of Origin	Number
Eritrea	196,900
Ethiopia	14,900
Uganda	7,900
Chad	5,000
Other countries	7,000
TOTAL	231,700

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 Information sources: Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) www.internal-displacement.org
 and
 USCRI World Refugee Survey 2006, www.refugees.org

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