



The Humanitarian Crisis in Sudan and the Looming Threat of Famine

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World Hunger 2023

- *Number of food insecure people worldwide*: 276 million last year; 345 million today and rising
- *Staple food prices*: down from 2022 peak (1.71 x baseline) but high at 1.36 x baseline
- *Fertilizer prices*: down from 2022 peak (4 x baseline) but still 2.8 x baseline
- Four-year drought in Horn of Africa: impacting 37 million
- Number of countries at risk of famine: rose from 4 (2016) to 8 (today)
- World Food Program faces 44% increase in costs

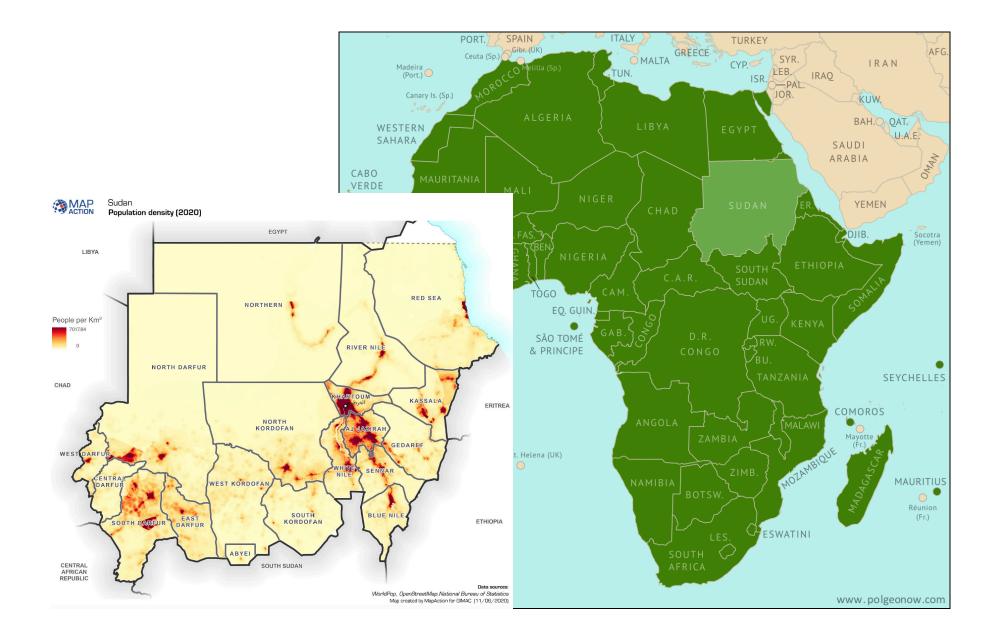
Three Dimensions of Hunger

- Food Production and Supply disruption Made worse by climate crisis and Covid-related supply chain disruptions And the Russian invasion of Ukraine
- Food Entitlement collapse

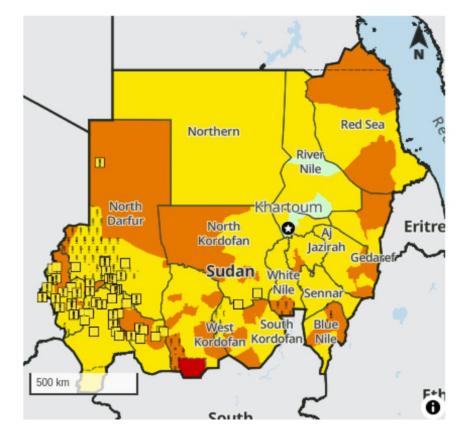
Starvation is the phenomenon of some people not having enough food, not the phenomenon of there not being enough food

Political agency (bad policy, armed conflict, starvation crimes)
 The verb 'to starve' can be transitive... starvation is often something people do
 to one another





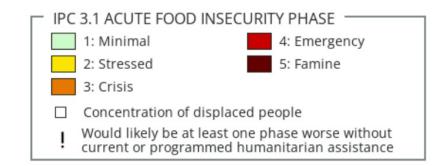
Projected food security outcomes, February - May 2023





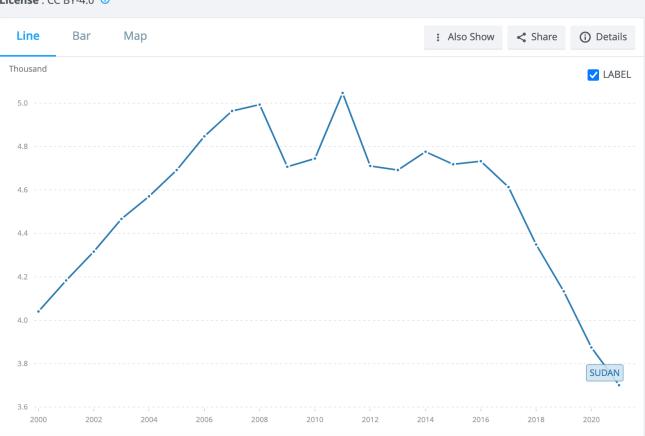
Sudan - Food Security Outlook

Approx. 14m people in need of assistance (IPC3 or higher) equal to 31% of the total population



GDP per capita, PPP (constant 2017 international \$) - Sudan

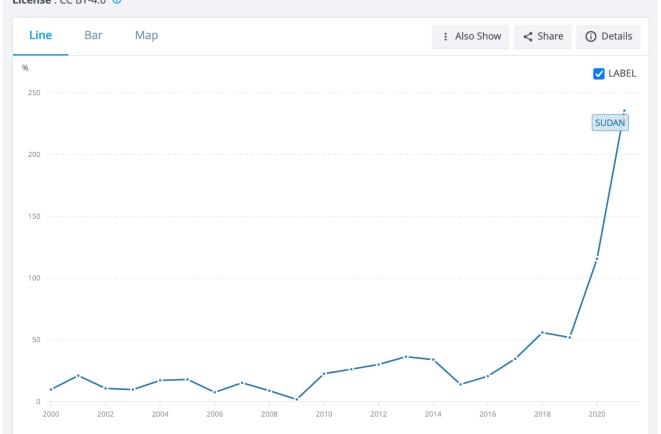
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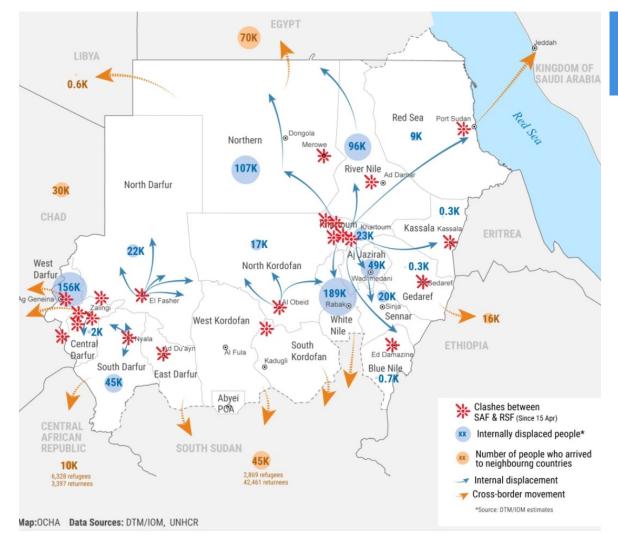


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Inflation, GDP deflator (annual %) - Sudan

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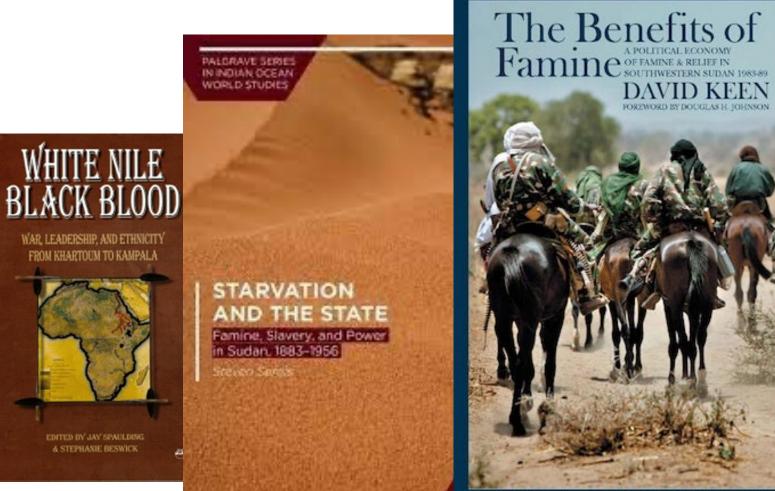
1,000,000 displaced in first 5 weeks of fighting

18m in need of assistance

The Central Bank of Sudan in flames, 30 April 2023







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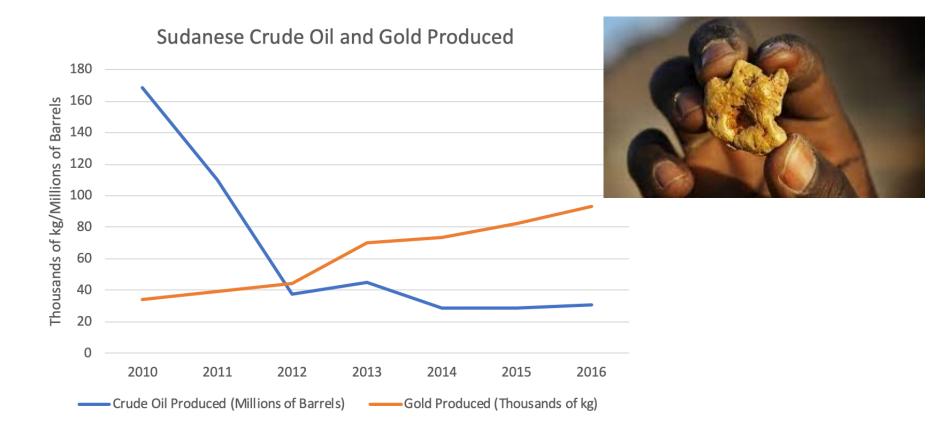
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Oil rents (% of GDP) - Sudan

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GDP (current US\$) - Sudan

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Data Source: Central Bank of Sudan and U.S. Geological Survey





Sovereignty Council

General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, Head of the Sudan Armed Forces, Chair of Sovereignty Council



General Mohamed Hamdan Dagolo, aka 'Hemedti', Head of the paramilitary Rapid Support Force, deputy Chair of Sovereignty Council



Abdalla Hamdok, Prime Minister





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MONEY, WAR AND THE BUSINESS OF POWER



