



## Introduction to SUDAN

THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN is a large North African nation culturally split in two, with an Arab majority living in the north and a non-Arab African minority in the south. Civil wars, child soldiers, and the humanitarian crisis in the Darfur region have marked the nation's recent history. International peacekeeping forces have been brought in to stabilize the nation and bring aid to its people.

## The SUDANESE people

<b>Total population:</b>	41,087,825
<b>Children under 15:</b>	16,709,167
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	51.42 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$2,200
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	N/A*
<b>Average years of education:</b>	N/A*
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	61.1%
<b>Internet users:</b>	4.2 million
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	11.186 million
<b>Major/official language(s):</b>	Arabic, English, Nubian

### Risk issues impacting children:

- 40% of the population does not have safe water access, with nearly 70% not having access to adequate sanitation.
- Less than 20% of children finish primary school.
- An estimated 10,000 children remain associated with armed forces and groups.
- Female genital mutilation affects 68% of females.
- Sudan has the highest number of internally displaced persons in the world.

## More about SUDAN

<b>Capital city:</b>	Khartoum
<b>Type of government:</b>	Government of National Unity
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	2,505,813
<b>General terrain:</b>	Generally flat, mountains in far south, northeast and west, desert
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Oil, cotton, textiles, agriculture
<b>National motto:</b>	"Victory is ours"
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	Khartoum

## Reaching SUDAN

Currently classified as World A: Unreached

### Major religions:

- Sunni Muslim - 70%
- Indigenous - 25%
- Christian - 5%

### Christian groups:

- Roman Catholic - 51.2%
- Anglican - 30.8%
- Protestant - 12.5%
- Orthodox - 4.1%
- Independent - 1.4%

<b>Unreached People Groups:</b>	138 (49.7% of pop)
<b>Average annual Christian growth:</b>	0.077
<b>Average annual baptisms:</b>	188,044
<b>Foreign missionaries:</b>	740
<b>Per million:</b>	20.05
<b>National Christian workers/pastors:</b>	3,000
<b>Per million:</b>	81.30
<b>Number of churches/congregations:</b>	4,337

## Children's ministry in SUDAN

*Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Sudan. The following information regards general children's ministry in North Africa, and may not all be applicable to this nation.*

- Overview:**
- The nations of North Africa, almost exclusively Muslim, are some of the most unreached and closed countries on the planet.
  - Conversion to Christianity is discouraged. In some countries, converts may be rejected by their families and communities, or face arrest or execution.
  - A few leaders have been mobilized and trained by organizations to conduct some children's ministry. Though there is some training available for children's leaders, there are far fewer workers than there are children to be reached.

## Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in  
**4,337** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**16,709,167** children for Christ