

**“A Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City”**  
**Fact Sheet: SUDAN**

<b>Internally Displaced People (IDPs)</b>	5.8 million (highest in the world) <sup>1</sup>
<b>Refugees</b>	523,000 (fifth highest in the world) <sup>2</sup>
<b>Refugees fled to</b>	Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda
<b>Darfur conflict began in</b>	2003
<b>Southern Sudan conflict</b>	1983-2005
<b>Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) began working there in</b>	1979
<b>MSF staff on the ground</b>	4,590
<b>MSF activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary health care</li> <li>• Treatment of malnutrition</li> <li>• Water-and-sanitation programs</li> <li>• Treatment of sexual violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epidemic responses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• War surgery</li> <li>• Vaccination</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mental health care</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>MSF concerns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of humanitarian space to reach parts of Darfur due to insecurity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violence against civilians</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Renewed violence in the south despite the peace agreement</li> <li>• Alarming malnutrition rates in the south</li> </ul>

- In a country devastated by over 20 years of war, with little or no health infrastructure, where deadly diseases are common and outbreaks of meningitis and cholera frequent, the ability of MSF teams to respond quickly and efficiently to emergencies remains crucial.
- More than three years after the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, medical needs in south Sudan remain critical. An absence of health-care staff and health structures, roads and transport, other actors and investment means that MSF is the only medical organization present in many areas of south Sudan and struggling to meet the substantial needs.
- MSF has provided medical humanitarian aid in the Sudanese region of Darfur since 2003, when government forces and allied militia began fighting rebel groups seeking greater autonomy for the arid and impoverished region. By the end of 2007, the number of displaced people in Darfur had reached close to 2.5 million.

For more information visit [www.doctorswithoutborders.org/sudan](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/sudan)

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<sup>1</sup> SOURCE: Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre: “Internal Displacement: Global Overview of Trends and Developments in 2007” (April 2008). For latest data visit <http://www.internal-displacement.org>

<sup>2</sup> SOURCE: UNHCR: “2007 Global Trends” (June 2008)