Sudan

Country Data
Total land area (ha): 237,600,000 [3]
Population density (people per km² of land area): 20 (2011) [1]
Population growth (annual %): 2.1 (2012) [1]
Unemployment total (% of total labour force): 18 (2012) [8]
GNI coefficient: 35.3 (2011) [1]
Poverty gap at national poverty line/ at 1.25$ (PPP) (%): 16/ 5 (2008) [1]
GDII (value/rank of 148): 0.604/129 (2012) [2]
Mean years of schooling: 3.1 (2012) [2]
Literacy rate adult total, 15 and above (%): 72 (2011) [1]
Life expectancy at birth (total years): 62 (2011) [1]
Mortality rate under 5 (per 1000 of live births): 73 (2012) [1]

GDP and WEF Sector
GDP growth annual (%): 3.1 (2011) [1]
Government spending (bio. LCU): 31 (2011) [1]
Inflation, GDP deflator (annual %): 34 (2012) [1]
Tax revenue (% of GDP): no data available
Subsidies and other transfers (% of expense): no data available

Consumption and Foreign Inflows
Net ODA received (% of central government expense): no data available [1]
Agriculture (source denotes incomplete data)
Water available per capita: 1.411 m³/a (2011) [1]
Water consumption per capita: 683.4 (2005) [1]

Rainfall average: 416 mm/a [2]
Rainfall distribution spatial: 25 to 1600 mm/a [2]
Rainfall distribution temporal: erratic spatial and temporal distribution with rainfall variation coefficient of 0.3 to 1, recent slight decrease in annual rainfall and increased vulnerability due to droughts [2]

Internal renewable water resources
Surface water: 62.5 km³/a [1]
Groundwater: 7 km³/a [1]
Total renewable resources: 64.5 km³/a [1]

Additional Sources
Drainage water: no data available
Treated municipal wastewater: no data available
Desalination: 2 plants with capacity of 0.024 km³/a in Port Sudan [3]

Balances:
Surface water entering the country, natural: 119 km³/a (2011)[1]
Surface water leaving the country, natural: 84 km³/a (2011) [1]
Outflow secured/submitted through treaties: 65.5, 84 km³/a

South Sudan has one of the highest infant and child mortality rates in the world with 67 deaths per 1,000, for the North the numbers are slightly lower with 49 deaths per 1,000. Water contamination has several sources and lack of adequate sewage treatment represents one of them. According to the World Bank 43% of the population rely on open defecation. Water borne diseases due to a lack of adequate sewage treatment facilities make up 80% of all reported diseases in Sudan [5].

Water for Energy

Sudan has eight known reservoirs, of which the Shereyk Dam and the Karjar Dam are under construction. According to UNEP the total designed storage capacity of 8.58 km³ for the larger dams obtains losses in the range of 60% to 34% and results in 6.17 km³ [5]. Siltation processes affect all large dams in Sudan except the Jebel Aulia. With the extension of the Roseires Dam in 2012 the capacity of the reservoir is estimated to 7.4 km³. The main objectives of these reservoirs are flow control and increase of the irrigation potential and secondly generation of electricity. The total and actual numbers on the current storage capacity in Sudan are not available.

Biofuels
Sudan is the third largest sugarcane producer in Africa. Production of biofuels from byproducts of sugar is concentrated mainly on ethanol and secondly on biodiesel. [11] Currently sugar is cultivated on five major irrigation schemes and an area of 200,000 ha. Total production experienced an increase of 77% within 18 years and the government is further planning to expand the area to 1.4 mio ha. A very significant but largely unquantified increase of 77% to 34% and results in 6.17km³ [5]. Siltation processes affect all large dams in Sudan except the Jebel Aulia. With the extension of the Roseires Dam in 2012 the capacity of the reservoir is estimated to 7.4 km³. The main objectives of these reservoirs are flow control and increase of the irrigation potential and secondly generation of electricity. The total and actual numbers on the current storage capacity in Sudan are not available.

Deforestation rates in Sudan are high. Although the importance of forests for management of water resources has been widely recognized, deforestation is proceeding. The loss of riverine forests is correlated with increasing sedimentation, high loss in storage capacities of reservoirs, regulation of watershed and increasing vulnerability to floodings [12].
**Energy Production and Consumption, 2011**

**Energy Production Sources, 2011**

**Energy Imports Exports Balance**

**Energy for Land/Food**

Energy production highly dependent on oil with instability of supply after the independence of South Sudan
- Low access rate to electricity, around 30% in 2011 according to the World Bank.
- Hydropower most viable resource, around 75% of electricity production in 2011 according to the World Bank.
- Government plans import energy from Ethiopia and construct new hydropower plants with foreign investments.
- High distribution losses (around 22%) not including extreme losses in the dams due to siltation processes.
- Per capita emissions of CO2 around 0.3 kt with an overall amount of 14,173 kt in 2011.
- Methane emissions in the energy sector resulted in 7,154 metric tons of CO2 equivalent for 2011. [1]

### Gas Potential

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**Energy for Water**

In Sudan water supply is mainly regulated by diesel driven water pumping units [13]. As in 1980 the demand in convential energy could not be covered in rural areas, the government decided to enhance the development with the installation of wind pumps for water supply[11]. Water distribution in Sudan is reported to be very cost intensive and thus in recent years there has been a significant increase in renewable energy systems in order to reduce the capital cost for energy consumption [14]. While in the past large scale irrigation in agriculture was practiced by gravity systems, pumping technologies became important in the 20th century with flood irrigation and waterwheel techniques [12]. The Gezira scheme is the largest gravity driven irrigation system of Sudan. Within studies of the FAO the area of irrigated agriculture using pumping is indicated in 346,680 ha in 2000 and the area equipped for full or partial control irrigation accounts for 1,730,970 ha. According to estimations calculated by ERAF (2001) 3.6l of diesel are needed to pump 13.9 m³ of water and a head of 50m. Specific data on energy or electricity consumption for water distribution are not available.

**Case Study: Gezira Scheme**

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**Energy Use in Agriculture**

The energy use in agriculture is very low with 87 ktoe in 2011 comparing it to international standards. Electricity use in this sector accounts for 26 ktoe while 61 ktoe represent the use of oil products. [2]

**Machinization**

Investments in agricultural machinery show a steady expansion. In 2004, agricultural machinery in use were 16,639 tractors and increased to 25,564 tractors in 2008 [1]. Mechanized farming in Sudan experienced a high increase with an area of 12.6 mio. ha in 2001 compared to 7.9 mio ha in 1995 [10]. Machinery is used in farming systems with large scale commercial rain-fed cultivation in the dry and wet savanna of Sudan.

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[5] Biomas: 15.1 mio. m³(forest wood), plans for 60 mio. l bioethanol and 50 mio. l biodiesel [6].
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Sudan has a high agricultural potential but due to inadequate water resources and difficulties in transport much of the arable land area is not used. Efforts were undertaken to push the potential and high investment by oil rich neighbours have been carried out since the 1970s to develop Sudan as a major food producer for the Middle East[6]. With the independence of South Sudan the northern part of Sudan has undertaken a lot of investments in pushing forward agriculture to drive the economy and to decrease the dependence on oil as main export product. To establish agriculture large areas of forests were cleared resulting in a severe land degradation and increased vulnerability to droughts and ongoing desertification[9]. Irregular rain affects the yields and causes spatial food deficit. Production of meat and paddy rice had a high increase in the period of 1996 to 2011, while other commodities kept stagnant or decreased such as wheat[5].

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Sudan continues to struggle with the macroeconomic aftereffects of South Sudan's secession in 2011, as the country lost 75% of oil output and almost 60% of its fiscal revenues. Precarious employment and the absence of publicly financed safety nets severely increase the impacts of food, energy and water insecurity on the population.

At least 70% of the Sudanese population relies on traditional rainfed agriculture and livestock production for food and income. Constant rural-urban migration weakens the agricultural productivity and deepen poverty in both urban and rural areas. As urban populations continue to grow, competing demands for urban and agricultural uses of water increase the stress on the already declining water resource. Hence, problems of irrigation as well as transportation remain the greatest constraints to a more dynamic agricultural economy.

Yet, the farming practices have reduced the arable soil, and have caused desertification to spread. Continuous deforestation due to logging of firewood further increase these effects and lead to severe land degradation. Moreover, the loss of riverine forests increases siltation of reservoirs that reduces their holding capacity and their use for agriculture as well as energy production.

In addition, climatic phenomena like the El Nino warming impact Sudan's heavily rain dependent food security.

Serious concerns for the future of water security in Sudan are raised due to the changing water use of the upstream countries, as well as by the constant water pollution due to the absence of treatment facilities.

Conflicts over natural resources have to stop, cooperation and environmental governance has to increase. Natural resource assessment and management strategies should be increasingly included into peace building and peacekeeping efforts.

It is widely agreed that the primary users – those who directly depend upon the natural resource for their livelihood, for example farmers and pastoralists in the case of Sudan – should have the greatest entitlement. Renewable energy systems in rural areas can become a viable low cost energy-supply option.

In regard to land issues, it is important to put hold to increasing deforestation by providing alternative energy production technologies. Besides, the economic importance at livestock and pastoral livelihoods must be recognised. This is ensured by taking account of customary procedures in NRM, and reinstating endogeneous mechanisms for conflict arbitration and resolution.

Water Security

The livelihood of Sudan depends on its water security. Eighty percent of the country works in agriculture, which accounts for 97% of its water use. Sudan has a very high water use per capita (1,897 m³/a) and suffers from a water deficiency and cannot cover its water demand for agriculture and other essential uses. With population growth the water demand is expected to double until 2050.°

Most of Sudan’s currently accessible Groundwater is shared with surrounding countries. Sudan utilizes shares of the water from the Nile river, but its use is not regulated by the government. This unrestrained use of shared water, mostly for irrigation and energy, creates tension with neighbouring countries like Egypt and Ethiopia.

Water security on a household level is affected by a lack of adequate sewage treatment facilities. Water borne diseases make up 80% of all reported diseases in Sudan and cause the highest infant and child mortality rates in the world with 49 deaths per 1,000.

- **Water supply**
  - High access to safe water through diesel and wind driven pumps, whereas 43% of the population rely on open defecation.

- **Virtual water**
  - Livestock negatively affects the balance of virtual water exported.

- **Reservoir**
  - High loss in storage capacities of reservoirs due to increasing sedimentation.

- **Pollution**
  - High discharge of untreated excreta into water bodies, pollution of groundwater and high concentrations of DDT in potable water storages due to the use of pesticides in agriculture.

- **Protected Areas**
  - Missing monitoring programs and environmental regulations on protection of water bodies cause a high threat to nature and the population.
Food Security

Food security in Sudan is threatened by a combination of conflict, insecurity lack of infrastructure, lacking access to markets and high food prices. Food assistance is delivered to four million people in Sudan, of which the large majority are conflict-affected people. Still, the agricultural potential in Sudan is not exploited.

- **Cropping patterns**
  In the northern region agriculture is based on traditional rainfed farming. Cotton as traditional crop experienced a high decrease in cultivation.

- **Energy use in Agriculture**
  The energy use in agriculture is very low compared to international standards.

- **Water use efficiency**
  Most farms are rural and fed by rainwater. Overirrigation in the Gezira scheme due to technical deterioration and management failures.

- **Food markets**
  Cotton and gum Arabic are the major agricultural exports. Livestock exports to Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and other Arab countries. Local markets are not functioning.

- **Machinization**
  Much of Sudan’s land is cultivated by mechanized farming. This intense agricultural system has reduced arable soil. Mechanization needs to increase to improve productivity.

- **Productivity in Agriculture**
  Subsistence farming and pastoralist communities. Rural-urban migration weakens the agricultural productivity.

- **Food supply**
  High child malnutrition at 31.8% and 28% of population below the minimum level of dietary energy consumption in 2010.

Energy Security

Sudan’s oil-dependent energy security was severely weakened when it lost most of its oil reserves following the separation of South Sudan. The Government plans to import energy from Ethiopia and construct new hydropower plants with foreign investments. However, high distribution losses occur in addition to high losses in the dams, due to siltation processes.

- **Biofuels**
  Biofuels are emerging as an important energy source.

- **Land for Biofuels**
  Existent plans to expand the area from 200,000 ha to 1.4 mio ha. Effects on soil quality not assessed.

- **Fuelwood**
  Fuelwood is an important energy source as poverty is widespread. Deforestation rates in Sudan are high.

- **Hydropower**
  Hydropower is the most viable resource. Its potential is high. Further dams are under construction. There is a need for comprehensive environmental assessment.

- **Fossil fuels**
  High oil-dependency. Access to Fossil fuels is a source of conflict between South Sudan and Sudan.

- **Access to Electricity**
  Low access rate to electricity, around 30% in 2011.

Rating

The rapid assessment of the situation above, based on available data, was established following the UN Water Country Profiles. It provides an overview of trends according to the following:

- ★★★★★ insufficient data
- ★★★★★ trends are of significant concern
- ★★★★ trends are of concern
- ★★★ trends are stable or, progressing on certain issues but not on others
- ★★★ trends show some measure of improvement in all relevant indicators assessed
- ★★★★★ trends show significant improvement and there is no concern
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