

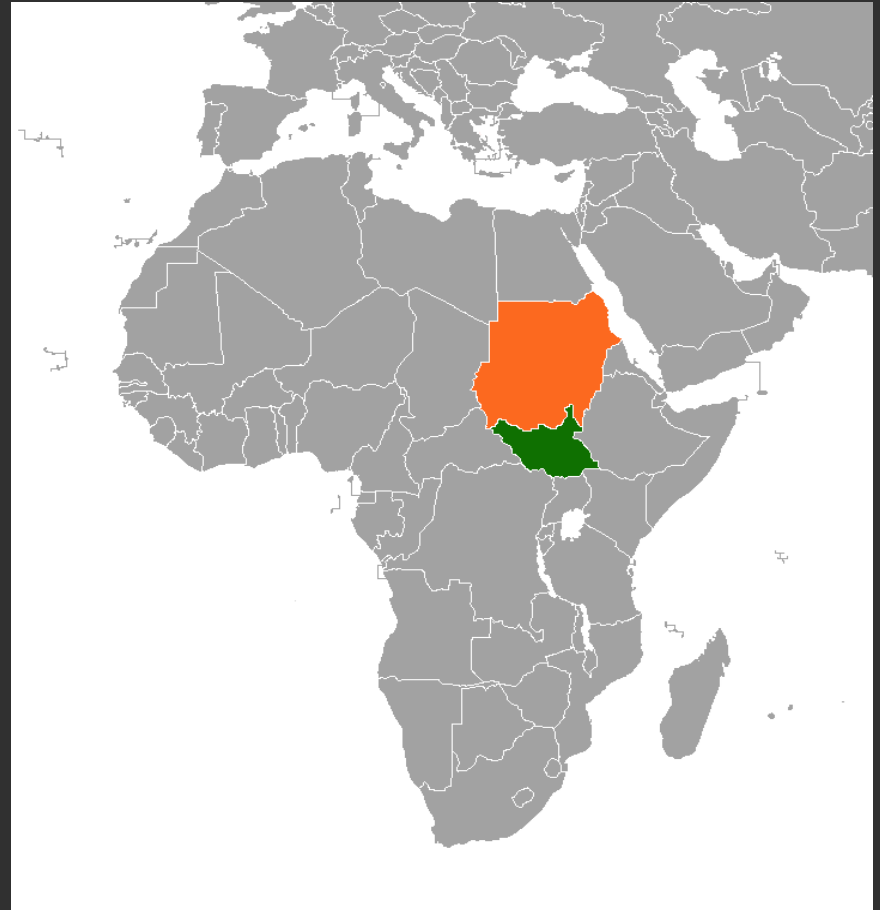
STATUS OF WOMEN IN SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN

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Location

Image(map showing location of
Sudan and South Sudan in Africa)

Orange-Sudan
Green-South Sudan



Geography

Sudan is mainly composed of vast plains and plateaus that are drained by the Nile River and its tributaries.

South Sudan on the other hand is a mix of plains, plateaus and mountains. The central region is mostly flat but the country also contains highland areas especially around its periphery.

The Nile River is the most dominant physical feature in both countries.

Status of Women

SUDAN

-Female population is approximately 22.47 million(2021), male population is 22.44 million.

Common issues they face;

-laws restricting freedom of women

-child marriage

-domestic violence

-Lack of representation in government

-Inequalities in access to health and education

-Harsh cultural practices such as FGM which was banned by the government in 2020 but still practised

SOUTH SUDAN

-Female population is approximately 5.68 million(2021), male population is 5.7 million.

Issues they face, similar to Sudan;

-Child marriage(most common issue)

-Gender based violence

-Gender disparities in health

-Lack of education

Dress-code



According to Nuha Khattab, a teacher in Sudan, there are different kinds of modesty in Khartoum. They vary from complete hijabis or niqabis, where you can only see their faces and hands. Then there are modest girls who are not fully committed to the hijab, but wear modest clothes that are suitable for the public eye in Sudan. Lastly, there are ones who are liberal and westernised in their apparels, which has increased ever since the revolution, she said.

What is being done to solve these problems;

SUDAN

-Initiatives put in place to fight against gender based inequality like the “No to Women Oppression” initiative (2020)

-Help from organizations such as the United Nations and USAID through training home health promoters to reduce maternal deaths.

-Help from private organizations that donate sanitary and scholastic materials to girls and women in Sudan.

-Protests against oppressive laws by the government and military.

SOUTH SUDAN

-Campaigns against gender based inequalities and discrimination like “Ana ma mara sakit” campaign.

-UN providing services to women mostly in rural areas of South Sudan such as health and education services provided by UN workers and volunteers.

-Government also trying to fight against gender based inequality through electing women into government positions (29%) seats held by women.

Campaigns against gender inequality

#MaMaraSakit *She is everything*

We are not 'Just Women'
We are the foundation of this nation.

We carry the load of our families, our communities and our country on our shoulders everyday.

We have suffered and endured, yet we are strong, it is time to rise again!

We are capable of achieving all we aim for, be anything we dream to be!

We are the leaders of TODAY
not just tomorrow!



Campaigns mainly organized by UNMISS
(United Nations Mission In South Sudan)

Such as;

“Ana Ma Mara Sakit” campaign to fight against gender inequality.

“Mata Askut” campaign to fight against domestic violence and sexual abuse.

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