

PROFILE: SUDAN



Geographically and politically complex, the Republic of Sudan has experienced decades of conflict since achieving independence from Anglo–Egyptian rule in 1956.

The country plunged into two prolonged periods of civil war. By the time the second phase came to an end in 2005, up to 2 million people had died.

Meanwhile, in 2003, violence erupted in Darfur, western Sudan. Some 2.7 million people have been displaced and around 300,000 have died – mostly from disease.

In January 2011, a referendum took place in South Sudan – one of the conditions of a Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed in 2005 – voting on the issue of independence from the north. An overwhelming majority of people voted to secede.

On 9 July 2011, South Sudan formally gained independence.

TEARFUND'S WORK IN SUDAN

Tearfund has been working in Sudan for more than 40 years, meeting needs of people traumatised and impoverished by conflict.

Tearfund's partners and Disaster Management Team (DMT) began responding to the crisis in Darfur 2004 by working in three areas of this region in western Sudan – and in four refugee camps in neighbouring Chad.

DMT provides food aid for under-fives and pregnant and nursing mothers, while DMT health clubs teach children the importance of using clean water for drinking and cooking – and how to avoid diarrhoea.

DMT is present in two areas of south Darfur and one area in west Darfur, meeting basic needs through nutritional support, safe water, latrines, hygiene education, school building, provision of safe play areas and initiatives to restore the environment.

Vulnerable people are also helped to grow food for immediate survival.

Currently Tearfund has two partner organisations in Sudan which are bringing transformation through disaster response and leadership development.

- **Pray for people living in poverty in Sudan.**
- **Pray for our Sudanese partners and Tearfund's Disaster Management Team as they seek to help others.**
- **Pray for justice, peace, health and hope for everyone.**