South Kordofan lies in the south central part of Sudan. The multicultural and multiethnic population of South Kordofan State is estimated to be 2.5 million people. The population suffers from chronic poverty and this has been exacerbated by recent conflict.

The region was afflicted by conflict for over two decades, leading to death, destruction and population displacement. This ended in 2002 with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

After South Sudan's secession in June 2011, conflict erupted in many parts of Abyei, Blue Nile and South Kordofan resulting to large-scale population displacement. In South Kordofan, some 200 000 people were displaced or severely affected and the already weak health infrastructure in the State destroyed.

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