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## **Sudan crisis continues leaving millions vulnerable**

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After months of protracted fighting, violence in Sudan continues to spread across the country causing millions to flee their homes.

The ongoing conflict has put pressure on already scarce resources, with many people facing a lack of water, sanitation, food, shelter and safety, resulting in an urgent need for humanitarian assistance for people displaced within Sudan and in neighbouring countries.

Armed clashes began in April 2023 and as violence spread, more than three million people have been forced from their homes including over 350,000 children, with 24.7 million people now in dire need of humanitarian assistance.

More than 1,000 people have been killed, and over 12,000 injured in the fighting with the impact felt by the most vulnerable. A staggering 75 percent of people affected by the conflict are women and children.

“With so many people forced from their homes and the rainy season approaching, immediate needs are growing fast. For a long time, Sudan has been a host for refugees from neighbouring countries, these refugees are now forced to uproot and flee once more.”

“Important aid work has been happening in refugee camps for many years with limited resources. This new wave of conflict is pushing the country beyond breaking point”, said Sally Thomas, Caritas Australia’s Humanitarian Lead.

Caritas Australia is working with our partner, CAFOD, and local partners SOS Sahel and ERRADA to respond to the Sudan crisis.

Your donation will help provide urgent aid and assistance to those forced from their homes by this crisis. Visit [caritas.org.au](https://www.caritas.org.au) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support to vulnerable communities in Sudan.

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**NOTE:**  
**Sally Thomas, Caritas Australia’s Humanitarian Lead is available for interview.**

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