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# **EU-SUDAN** RELATIONS

### EU SUPPORT TO THE POLITICAL TRANSITION IN SUDAN

Sudan has embarked on a **political and economic transition** following the Constitutional Declaration of 17 August 2019. This is a major step towards civilian-led rule with a **historic opportunity to achieve peace**, **democracy and economic recovery**.

The European Union **supports the consolidation of the Sudanese transition** by accompanying the country on its path of political and economic reforms. We are committed to remaining a key partner for the authorities, in their quest to make the transition to democracy a success.

### PRIORITIES

• Support to democratic and economic reforms & social cohesion, including strengthening the participation of women and youth;



- Support to basic service delivery to alleviate the socio-economic situation in the country;
- Support to the civil society, including independent media;
- Mobilisation of humanitarian assistance to help the increasing numbers of those most in need.

#### **EU AND SUDAN**

#### > Development cooperation

Since the civilian-led Government took office in early September 2019, the EU has provided  $\in$ 75 million in development assistance to accompany political and economic reforms, mostly through the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF). On 25 June 2020, the EU pledged further  $\in$ 250 million in development funding at the High-Level Sudan Partnership Conference to support the people of Sudan, and the high number of refugees hosted in the country, in particular with the creation of a social protection system.

## > Stability and peace

Since the start of the political transition, the EU has helped strengthen social cohesion and human security in Sudan's peripheries, supported the efforts of the civilian-led Government to consolidate the democratic changes underway and to reduce the risk of conflict.

## > Humanitarian assistance

The EU provides humanitarian assistance to people in need in Sudan, with funding channelled exclusively through UN agencies, NGOs and international organisations. Since August 2019, a total of  $\in$ 86.2 million have been mobilized by the EU in humanitarian aid to support the most vulnerable.

**€325** million

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Total EU support: **€426** million