

URGENT CALL TO ACTION

The outbreak of conflict in Sudan in April 2023 exposed civilians to risks and vulnerabilities, with over 6.5 million displaced people at risk of human trafficking within Sudan and in bordering countries. The conflict has also affected the capacities of government and non-governmental organisations to respond or provide services to victims.

The latest United Nations [report](#) indicates the continued exploitation of millions of men, women, and children around the world, being sold as commodities for purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, forced marriage, and other forms of trafficking.

We therefore call upon the Sudanese authorities to;

1. Amend national laws to fight human trafficking and establish clear regulations and capacity-building initiatives for enforcement agencies.
2. Protect victims by providing safe shelters, supporting their rehabilitation, preventing potential victims, and raising awareness.
3. Offer comprehensive support, including legal, medical, psychological, and social aid.
4. Strengthen cross-border cooperation through better information exchange and coordination among law enforcement and judicial agencies across countries to fight transnational criminal networks.
5. Address root causes by tackling economic issues, resolving conflicts, enhancing security, and increasing awareness.

We further appeal to;

All concerned parties, governments, international organizations, civil society, the private sector, and media to unify efforts against this heinous crime of human trafficking and restore freedom and dignity to victims of human trafficking and protect potential victims.

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