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Sudan UPR Briefing for Mexico

Sudan Task Force

Advocacy and engagement with States coordinated by the Committee for Justice (CFJ).

The Sudan Task Force invites Mexico to renew and strengthen its recommendations to Sudan in light of continuing violations, with concrete protection and accountability measures for the 2027 Universal Periodic Review.

Previous recommendations and implementation

Violence against women and legal reform

2022 recommendation 137.221: "Accelerate the creation of the commission for women and gender equality and adopt a law on violence against women, including provisions that criminalize domestic violence."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Adoption, amendment or effective implementation of the specific legal measures has not been verified in full. The Sudan Task Force documents rape and other sexual violence during raids, flight, detention and displacement. Survivors face fear of retaliation, stigma and limited access to medical, psychosocial and legal assistance. The status and practical operation of the proposed commission have also not been verified.

Minimum age of marriage

2022 recommendation 137.268: "Modify legislation to set the legal minimum age for marriage at 18 years."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan noted this recommendation.* The statutory minimum-age reform and its implementation have not been verified. The Sudan Task Force documents forced marriage and other forms of conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence. These findings support stronger survivor protection and referral services, without establishing whether the specific earlier legislative amendment was enacted.

Prevention of displacement and durable solutions

2022 recommendation 137.282: "Intensify efforts to prevent further displacement and advance in the search for solutions to the internal displacement of persons."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* The prevention objective has not been achieved in practice. The Sudan Task Force documents displacement associated with attacks, threats, destruction of homes and livelihoods, and abuses along escape routes. Protection of displaced people and safe, voluntary durable solutions remain urgent concerns. The attack on Zamzam in April 2025 alone displaced more than 406,000 people. A framework for voluntary, safe return and other durable solutions, with protection of housing, land and property, remains necessary.

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New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

The Sudan Task Force proposes that Mexico put forward the following recommendations during Sudan's 2027 Universal Periodic Review.

Sexual and gender based violence

1. Within six months, establish formal coordination between the unit combating violence against women, prosecutors and health authorities to investigate and refer conflict-related sexual violence cases, maintain a unified confidential case system, and publish annual anonymized data on investigations and judicial referrals.

2. Within six months, establish free and confidential referral services for survivors in conflict-affected States and displacement sites, providing medical care, psychosocial support and legal assistance, including accessible mobile services for children and women with disabilities, without conditioning care on filing a complaint.

Forced displacement

3. Immediately prohibit arbitrary displacement and, within 12 months, adopt a national framework for voluntary, safe and dignified return or other durable solutions, with mechanisms to document housing, land and property claims and secure restitution, and safeguards against eviction or land seizure without a lawful basis and judicial review.

Suggested note on timing: *Unless otherwise specified, the proposed implementation deadlines would run from the adoption of Sudan's 2027 UPR outcome. Existing legal obligations and urgent protection measures require immediate action.*

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