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Sudan UPR Briefing for South Africa

Sudan Task Force

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

The Sudan Task Force invites South Africa 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

Sexual and gender based violence

2022 recommendation 137.249: "Continue to strengthen measures in combating violence against women and girls and provide legal protection for victims of sexual and gender-based violence."

Implementation assessment: *Sudan supported this recommendation.* Effective prevention and protection have not been achieved. 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. Independent investigations and effective remedies for survivors remain essential.

New recommendations from the Sudan Task Force

The Sudan Task Force proposes that South Africa 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.

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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