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Country/ entity	Sudan Southern Kordofan - Blue Nile - Abyei
Region	Africa (excl MENA) Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Agreement on the Provision of Humanitarian Assistance and Cessation of Hostilities For the Two Areas of Blue Nile and Nuba Mountains/South Kordofan
Date	17 Dec 2019
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Sudan Conflicts (1955 -))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Kordofan - Blue Nile - Abyei process
Parties	General Mohamed Hamdan Head of the Transitional Government Negotiation Delegation Lieutenant General Dagalo Malik Agar Eyre Chairman of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) and Commander in Chief of the Sudan People's Liberation Army-North (SPLM/A-N/SRF)
Third parties	Witnessed by Hon. Tut Galuak Manime Special Adviser to the President of the Republic on Security Affairs Chairman of the Mediation Committee On behalf of the President of the Republic of South Sudan
Description	The agreement provides for a ceasefire and delivery of humanitarian aid to the war-affected areas in the Blue Nile and South Kordofan states.

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Groups

Children/ youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/ displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical Page 2, Objectives of the Agreement 5. Creating an environment conducive for the safe and voluntary return of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees to their homes. Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 3, Joint Humanitarian Committee (JHC) 18. The Parties agreed upon a comprehensive mandate for the tripartite JHC, which must include the following competencies: ... c) Undertaking humanitarian action necessary to support the resettlement and rehabilitation of the IDPs and refugees;
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)	Page 2, Objectives of the Agreement 3. Providing for a path forward for achieving durable peace for the Two Areas in a manner that promotes and complements the efforts for the successful completion of a just, comprehensive, and durable peace for all of Sudan and a transition from the oppression of the Former Regime to a democratic new Sudan, based on equal citizenship;
State configuration	No specific mention.
Self determination	No specific mention.
Referendum	No specific mention.
State symbols	No specific mention.
Independence/ secession	No specific mention.
Accession/ unification	No specific mention.

Border delimitation	No specific mention.
Cross-border provision	<p>Page 3, Humanitarian Access</p> <p>13. Humanitarian access and delivery of aid shall be facilitated through both cross-line and cross-border corridors, where it is appropriate.</p> <p>14. The precise formula for cross-line and cross-border aid delivery shall be decided by the tripartite Joint Humanitarian Committee (JHC).</p> <p>15. The Parties shall seek protection and assistance from relevant third-parties, the Republic of South Sudan, and international organizations or humanitarian organizations for the purpose of facilitating both cross-line and cross-border aid delivery and access.</p>

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
Elections	No specific mention.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.

Civil society Page 2, Objectives of the Agreement

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Page 2, Principles of Humanitarian Action

9. The Parties guarantee the free movement and safety of civilians to and from the areas controlled by each party.

Page 2-3 Humanitarian Access

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11. The Parties commit to respecting and protecting humanitarian relief personnel and objects used for relief operations, and agree to refrain from attacking, harassing, intimidating, or detaining personnel, as well as to refrain from attacking, destroying, misappropriating, or looting relief supplies, installations, material, units, or vehicles operating in the humanitarian action.

12. Humanitarian access shall be guaranteed throughout the conflict-affected areas controlled by the SPLM/A-N/ SRF, without prejudice to national sovereignty, including through safe and unhindered multiple access corridors for all humanitarian personnel, supplies, and equipment.

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Page 3-4, Joint Humanitarian Committee (JHC)

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a) Coordinating the delivery of humanitarian assistance in the affected areas in need in the Two Areas, with each party having responsibility within their respective area of control;

b) Monitoring, assessing, and reporting about the provision of humanitarian assistance to the affected populations in the Two Areas, with each party having responsibility within their respective area of control;

c) Undertaking humanitarian action necessary to support the resettlement and rehabilitation of the IDPs and refugees;

d) Making humanitarian arrangements related to the security, livelihood, and safe movement of nomads, particularly with regard to their presence in or movement through conflict-affected areas;

e) Helping UN agencies and international and national organizations to develop a plan for demining the Two Areas and removing explosive remnants of war in the Two Areas each party in their respective areas of control.

Traditional/
religious
leaders No specific mention.

Public
administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political
power
sharing No specific mention.

Territorial
power
sharing No specific mention.

Economic
power
sharing No specific mention.

Military
power
sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human
rights/RoL
general Page 2, Principles of Humanitarian Action
7. The Parties confirm that all humanitarian actions for the Two Areas shall be undertaken in accordance with the international humanitarian law and all applicable and relevant standards, and best practices, as well as all relevant international mechanisms.
8. The Parties confirm that all humanitarian action for the affected civilians in the Two Areas shall respect the dignity of beneficiaries, the guiding principles of UNGA Res. 46/182, and the humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, and independence.

Bill of rights/ similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	Page 2, 7. The Parties confirm that all humanitarian actions for the Two Areas shall be undertaken in accordance with the international humanitarian law and all applicable and relevant standards, and best practices, as well as all relevant international mechanisms. 8. The Parties confirm that all humanitarian action for the affected civilians in the Two Areas shall respect the dignity of beneficiaries, the guiding principles of UNGA Res. 46/182, and the humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, and independence.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio- economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizen, general Page 2, Objectives of the Agreement 3. Providing for a path forward for achieving durable peace for the Two Areas in a manner that promotes and complements the efforts for the successful completion of a just, comprehensive, and durable peace for all of Sudan and a transition from the oppression of the Former Regime to a democratic new Sudan, based on equal citizenship;
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Detention procedures	No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/
access

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Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance</p> <p>Page 2, Objectives of the Agreement</p> <p>6. Alleviating the suffering of the people in the Two Areas through immediate humanitarian action to those who are in need, as well as through long-term political and social transformation.</p> <p>Page 4, Joint Humanitarian Committee (JHC)</p> <p>18. The Parties agreed upon a comprehensive mandate for the tripartite JHC, which must include the following competencies:</p> <p>...</p> <p>g) Developing programs for promoting rehabilitation, social integration, and capacity-building in conflict-affected areas;</p> <p>Page 4, Joint Humanitarian Committee (JHC)</p> <p>20. The Parties shall convene a humanitarian conference to be attended by national, regional and international actors to develop long-term measures to improve the humanitarian situation for all conflict-affected areas in Sudan.</p>
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	<p>Page 4, Joint Humanitarian Committee (JHC)</p> <p>18. The Parties agreed upon a comprehensive mandate for the tripartite JHC, which must include the following competencies:</p> <p>...</p> <p>f) Helping to alleviate competition over resources and pastoral pathways that could help the humanitarian action, including promoting peaceful relations between herders and farmers;</p>
International funds	No specific mention.
Business	No specific mention.
Taxation	No specific mention.
Banks	No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/
rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/
nomadism
rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or
riparian
rights or
access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision</p> <p>Page 2, Objectives of the Agreement</p> <p>2. This Agreement incorporates the cessation of hostilities, which will be developed subsequently into a permanent ceasefire in accordance with final security arrangements, which shall be agreed upon.</p> <p>...</p> <p>4. The cessation of hostilities provided for in this agreement aims at guaranteeing the unhindered access to humanitarian assistance, which shall be developed into a permanent ceasefire in accordance with final security arrangements.</p> <p>Page 4-5, Mechanism for Monitoring Cessation of Hostilities in the Two-Areas</p> <p>21. The Parties shall form a mechanism for the cessation of hostilities in the Two-Areas composed of three representatives from each Party chaired by the representative of the Republic of South Sudan.</p> <p>22. The monitoring mechanisms shall be flexible and in keeping with prevailing mood of partnership and common purpose through the following measures:</p> <p>a) The Mechanism for Monitoring Cessation of Hostilities will be composed of three representatives from each Party and chaired by the Republic of South Sudan, and its headquarters will be based in Khartoum with joint working teams in Kadugli and el-Damazin.</p> <p>b) The joint working teams are composed of a representative from each Party and chaired by the third Party, and it will be based in Kadugli and el-Damazin.</p> <p>c) The monitoring teams mentioned above shall be formed within seven (7) days from the date of the signing of this Agreement;</p> <p>d) In the instance of any violation of the cessation of hostilities, the monitoring committee shall be informed and it shall investigate, and take necessary actions.</p> <p>e) The Parties shall adopt the customary ground-rules for the cessation of hostilities relating to the deployment of forces and operational supplies, etc.</p>
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>Page 4, Joint Humanitarian Committee (JHC)</p> <p>18. The Parties agreed upon a comprehensive mandate for the tripartite JHC, which must include the following competencies:</p> <p>...</p> <p>e) Helping UN agencies and international and national organizations to develop a plan for demining the Two Areas and removing explosive remnants of war in the Two Areas each party in their respective areas of control.</p>

Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	Page 3, Humanitarian Access 12. Humanitarian access shall be guaranteed throughout the conflict-affected areas controlled by the SPLM/A-N/ SRF, without prejudice to national sovereignty, including through safe and unhindered multiple access corridors for all humanitarian personnel, supplies, and equipments.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/ organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/ pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.

Mechanism	Page 4, Joint Humanitarian Committee (JHC) 18. The Parties agreed upon a comprehensive mandate for the tripartite JHC, which must include the following competencies: ... j) Supporting the creation of a mechanism for transitional justice and healing processes in the future that address the humanitarian challenges that have negatively impacted the Two Areas;
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar Page 4, Joint Humanitarian Committee (JHC)
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Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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