

**Embassy of India
Khartoum**

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Economic & Commercial Report for November 2022

1. **Name of the Country: Republic of the Sudan**
2. **Bilateral Trade (Calendar Year Basis, Values in USD Million)**

(Source: DGCIS, India)

| Year | India's Exports | India's Imports | Total | % change vis-à-vis previous year |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---|
| 2017 | 840.85 | 440.57 | 1,281.42 | - |
| 2018 | 795.45 | 707.12 | 1,502.57 | +17.3% |
| 2019 | 1,062.00 | 467.30 | 1,529.30 | +1.8% |
| 2020 | 1,047.56 | 253.80 | 1,301.36 | -14.9% |
| 2021 | 1017.91 | 260.80 | 1,278.71 | -1.8% |
| 2021 (January -Nov) | 911.41 | 258.25 | 1,169.66 | - |
| 2022 (January -Nov) | 1,322.16 | 160.20 | 1,482.36 | +26.73% ↑ |

(Source: Central Bank of Sudan)

| Year | India's Exports | India's Imports | Total | % change vis-à-vis previous year |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---|
| 2017 | 696 | 90 | 786 | - |
| 2018 | 794 | 154 | 948 | +20.6% |
| 2019 | 682 | 152 | 834 | -12% |
| 2020 | 985.93 | 158.69 | 1,144.62 | +37.3% |

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| 2021 | 813.30 | 86.98 | 900.28 | -21.35% |
| 2021 (Jan-Sep) | 609.07 | 73.12 | 682.19 | - |
| 2022 (Jan-Sep) | 826.01 35.6% ↑ | 88.43 | 914.44 | +33.99% |

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Main items of India's exports to Sudan during the period (January- Nov 2022)

(Source: DGCIS, Kolkata)

| S.No | Items | Value in US \$ (Million) (Jan-Nov 2021) | Value in US \$ (Million) (Jan-Nov 2022) |
|------|---|---|---|
| 1 | Sugar and Sugar Confectionery. | 421.74 | 648.76 |
| 2 | Mineral Fuels, Mineral Oils and Products of Their Distillation; Bituminous Substances; Mineral Waxes. | 0.51 | 89.48 |
| 3 | Pharmaceutical products | 59.39 | 63.13 |
| 4 | Vehicles Other Than Railway or Tramway Rolling Stock, And Parts and Accessories Thereof | 67.78 | 59.04 |
| 5 | Cotton | 53.25 | 56.85 |
| 6 | Cereals | 15.12 | 46.46 |
| 7 | Nuclear Reactors, Boilers, Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Parts Thereof. | 49.84 | 47.93 |
| 8 | Articles of Apparel and Clothing Accessories, Not Knitted or Crocheted. | 27.15 | 38.04 |
| 9 | Miscellaneous Chemical Products. | 16.58 | 29.20 |
| 10 | Plastic And Articles Thereof | 26.03 | 27.21 |
| | Others | 174.02 | 216.06 |

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| | Grand Total | 911.41 | 1322.16 |
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Main items of India's exports to Sudan during the period January- Sep 2022

Source: Central Bank of Sudan (CBOS) -

| No | Items | Value in Million US \$ | | | | |
|----|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| | | Total | UAE | China | Egypt | India |
| 1 | Wheat & Wheat Flour | 698 | 6.78 | 10.48 | 46.17 | 26.78 (3.84%) |
| 2 | Chemicals | 870 | 49.56 | 97.22 | 121.92 | 136.94 (15.74%) |
| 3 | Machinery & Equipment | 799 | 26.9 | 299.55 | 21.78 | 78.62 (9.84%) |
| 4 | Manufactured Goods | 1,028 | 48.78 | 295.54 | 222.62 | 74.90 (7.29%) |
| 5 | Textiles | 327 | 5.57 | 165.17 | 8.47 | 47.49 (14.52%) |
| 6 | Transport Equipment | 401 | 35.87 | 177.04 | 1.02 | 38.72 (9.66%) |
| 7 | Petroleum Products | 1,388 | 1,343 | 0.65 | 1.62 | 0.22 (0.02%) |
| 8 | Other Food Stuffs | 1,196 | 85 | 89.86 | 76.51 | 412.5 (34.49%) |
| 9 | Others | 489 | 76.54 | 95.49 | 42.62 | 9.84 (2.01%) |
| | Grand Total | 7,196 | 1,678 | 1,231 | 542.73 | 826.01 (11.48%) |

Main items of India's imports from Sudan during the period Jan – Nov 2022

Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

| S.No. | Items | Value in M US \$ (Jan-Nov 2021) | Value in M US \$ (Jan-Nov2022) |
|-------|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Oil Seeds and Olea. Fruits; Misc. Grains, Seeds and Fruit; Industrial or Medicinal Plants; Straw And Fodder. | 21.06 | 90.52 |
| 2 | Edible Vegetables and Certain Roots and Tubers | 90.88 | 21.26 |
| 3 | Copper and Articles Thereof. | 2.68 | 11.92 |
| 4 | Lac; Gums, Resins and Other Vegetable Saps and Extracts. | 7.45 | 11.59 |
| 5 | Lead and Articles of Thereof | 5.38 | 9.66 |
| 6 | Cotton | 3.65 | 6.65 |
| 7 | Aluminum and Articles Thereof. | 0.28 | 6.34 |
| 8 | Others (Zinc And Articles Thereof, Iron And Steel, Organic Chemicals, etc) | 126.87 | 2.26 |
| | Grand Total | 258.25 | 160.20 |

Main items of India's imports from Sudan (Jan – Sep 2022):

Source: Central Bank of Sudan (CBOS)

| No | Items | Value In Million US \$ |
|----|-------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Melon seeds | 40.48 |
| 2 | Sesame | 16.18 |
| 3 | Arabic Gum | 8.69 |

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| 4 | Other Agricultural Products | 8.17 |
| 5 | Cotton | 6.10 |
| 6 | Others | 8.81 |
| | Grand Total | 88.43 |

(CBOS figures excludes Crude oil)

3. Trade Promotional Activities organized in the month of November 2022

i. On 01.11.2022, the Ambassador held a Press briefing with more than 30 journalists and print media and announced a visit of a Multi-Product Business Delegation to be led by the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) from 14-17 November 2022 to Sudan. Mr. Haitham Al Tijani, Secretary General, and Mr. Amroo Jafar, Vice Secretary-General from the Union of Chamber of Commerce, Union Chamber of Commerce also joined the Ambassador. During the press briefing, the Ambassador and Mr. Amroo also responded to queries from participating journalists related to the commercial events, India-Sudan bilateral trade, and various activities organized by the Embassy to boost trade.

ii. On 5 November 2022, the Embassy organized a day long Business Seminar titled ‘Strengthening India – Sudan Business Partnership’ at Hotel Al Salam, Khartoum. The event was organized in hybrid mode. Participants from Sudan attended in physical mode while those from India joined in virtual mode. The seminar aimed to explore the opportunities to promote India-Sudan bilateral trade, investment opportunities in Sudan, and trade prospects in priority sectors of mutual interest. The discussion also included bilateral tie-ups and business initiatives. H.E. Mrs. Ahlam Madani Mehdi, Hon’ble Federal Minister of Investment of Sudan was the Chief Guest.

iii. The Embassy in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Export Organization (FIEO), India, and the Union of Chambers of Commerce, Sudan organized a two-day business event and Business-to-Business (B2B) meetings on 15 & 16 November 2022 at the premises of the Union Chamber of Commerce. 14 Indian companies were part of the delegation headed by FIEO. The B2B meetings were held to facilitate interaction and tie-ups with Sudanese companies with the visiting 14-member multi-sectorial Indian business delegation led by Mr. Manish Sharma, Regional Head, FIEO (North Region), to Sudan. Inaugural Ceremony for the B2B meetings was organized on 15 November and was graced by the presence of H.E. Mrs Amal Salih Saad Mohamed, Federal Minister of Trade & Supply, Sudan as the Chief Guest; Dr Hassabo, President of National Chamber of Importers, Khartoum, Sudan; HE Mr. B S Mubarak, Ambassador of India; and Mr. Manish Sharma, Regional Head, FIEO (NR). In two

days of the B2B meetings, more than 500 Sudanese members of the business community interacted with the representatives of the visiting Indian companies. The delegation also paid a familiarization visit to the 3rd session of the Sudan Agrotech Expo, which was being organized from 14-17 November 2022 at Sudanese Fairs Ground, Khartoum.

iv. On 16 November 2022, the Embassy organized a ‘Networking Meet with the Visiting Indian Business Delegation’ for discussions on promoting business partnerships, at Hotel Kanon. Prominent Sudanese businessmen from various sectors, business facilitators, representatives from the government, and representatives of various Sudanese trade bodies attended the event.

v. On 24 November 2022, the Ambassador joined Engineer Abdel Wahed Abdel Moneim, Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation, Khartoum State and various dignitaries at the inauguration of the Sudan Construct Show Exhibition 2022 at Fairs Ground, Khartoum-Burri. Sudan Construct is an International Exhibition in the areas of Infrastructure and Construction. Several companies including Indian companies in the areas of construction equipment, building materials, electric components, waterproofing and paints participated in the Expo.

vi. Ambassador received a delegation from the State of South Darfur headed by the Governor of the State Mr. Hamid Altigany Hanon, on November 24, 2022. Several areas of cooperation including Investments, cooperation in agriculture and capacity building were discussed.

vii. The Embassy publicized the following business events on its website and social media:

- a) IndusFood 8-10 January 2023
- b) “Rajasthan International Expo- 2023” from 20-22 March 2023 at Jodhpur.
- c) the National MedTech Expo 2022 from 17th-19th January 2023 at New Delhi

4. (i) **Trade and Commercial Delegation from India to Sudan:**

- An Indian delegation led by the Chairman of the Indian Oilseeds and Produce Exporters Promotion Council (IOPEPC), Mr. Nilesh Vira visited Sudan to participate at the 5th Sudanese International Oil Seeds Conference held from 18-19 November 2022. More than 30 representatives from Indian companies participated in the conference. At the invitation of the Union Chamber of Commerce, the Ambassador participated in the inauguration ceremony of the conference.

- The visiting delegation from IOPEPC held meetings with the Ambassador at the Embassy premises and also held meetings with Prof. Ahmed Obeid Hassan, Executive Director of the Chamber of Oil and Agricultural Crops (Sudanese Chambers of

Industries Association). Several initiatives to collaborate with the Sudanese agricultural producers were discussed during the meeting.

(ii) **Trade and Commercial Delegation from Sudan to India: NIL**

(iii) **Total number of business visas issued: 784**

5. Important International Trade Fairs/Exhibitions in Sudan. Report on recent such fairs/exhibitions, including details of Indian participation and response:

- An Indian delegation led by the Chairman of the Indian Oilseeds and Produce Exporters Promotion Council (IOPEPC), Mr. Nilesh Vira visited Sudan to participate at the 5th Sudanese International Oil Seeds Conference held from 18-19 November 2022.
- Khartoum International Trade Fair (KITF) is scheduled to take place in the month of January 2023. Mission has requested FIEO, FICCI, Pharmaexcil, and the Indo-African Chamber of Commerce to disseminate information about KITF among member companies for their participation.

6. Analysis of global exports & imports of Sudan, especially with respect to products of export and import interest to India:

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| Total international trade of Sudan in 2022 (Jan-Sep) | 10,885.119 M\$ | |
| Total Sudan Exports: | 3,689.088 M\$ to World | To India 88.43 M\$ (2.39%) |
| Total Sudan Imports | 7,196.031 M\$ to World | From India 826.01 M\$ (11.48%) |

Major trade partners of Sudan for the period Jan- Sep 2022

| Major destination of Sudan Exports | Value in US\$ (million) | Major Source of Sudan Imports | Value in US\$(million) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| UAE | 1,733.66 | UAE | 1,678.06 |
| China | 548.64 | China | 1,231.49 |
| Egypt | 405.89 | India | 826.01 |
| Turkey | 179.94 | Egypt | 542.73 |

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| Saudi Arabia | 287.27 | Saudi Arabia | 393.69 |
| India | 88.43 | Russia | 275.07 |

(Source: Central Bank of Sudan)

Top Trade Partners of Sudan (as per the CBOS data Jan-Sep 2022)

- 1- UAE (3,411.72 US\$ Million)
- 2- China (1,780.13 US\$ Million)
- 3- Egypt (948.62 US\$ Million)
- 4- India (914.44 US\$ Million)**
- 5- Saudi Arabia (830.00 US\$ Million)

Major items of Export of Sudan:

Gold, Sesame, Livestock, Ground Nuts, Cotton, Fodders and Arabic Gum.

Major items of Import of Sudan are:

Manufacturing Goods, Food Stuffs, Machinery & Equipment, Petroleum Products, Chemicals, Wheat, Transport Equipment, Textiles, Medicines, and Sugar

7. (i) Market Prospects in respect of major items of Indian export interest:

Sugar & other food stuff, textiles & readymade garment, pharmaceutical & chemicals, machinery, manufactured goods, agriculture products and machineries, etc.

(ii) Major items of Indian import interest:

Gold and other minerals, sesame, seeds & grains, Arabic gum, cotton, ground nuts, etc.

8. Trade Queries for Imports/Exports for the month of Nov 2022:

Enclosed.

9. Trade complaints received during the period and follow up action on earlier complaints: No new complaint was received during the month of November 2022. For earlier complaints, Mission has been pursuing with relevant companies

10. Indian investment in Sudan (company wise and sector wise), and performance of existing Indian subsidiaries/joint ventures /collaborations, if any, in Sudan:

Total Indian investments in Sudan up to December 2020 amounted to more than US\$ 471.5 million with 86 investment projects including 53 industrial projects, 21 service projects as well as 12 agricultural projects.(As per National Investment Authority of Sudan)

11. Status of ongoing major investments by Indian PSUs/Pvt. Sector in Sudan, and proposed Indian Investments in Sudan:

ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) invested over US\$ 2.3 billion in undivided Sudan. Currently there is an arbitration going on due to default in payment by the Sudanese side.

12. Analysis of Investment opportunities in Sudan:

Despite the challenges that Sudan is experiencing in the National economic, investors from Gulf, Turkey, China, and India have already entered Sudan. Chambers and Partners have identified the following investment opportunities in Sudan:

- Natural resources/mining: especially gold.
- Agriculture: With the Nile River running through it, Sudan has more than 150 million hectares of arable land.
- Livestock: Sudan has national animal resources, which include cattle, camels, sheep, goats, poultry, horses, and an annual stock of more than 110,000 tonnes of fish. The most important animal products in Sudan are milk, meat, poultry, skins, fur and wool.
- Transport: As Africa's third-largest country and bordering seven countries, Sudan offers great opportunities for investment in the transport sector.
- Industry: Investment opportunities in industry in Sudan include following sub-sectors: agri-processing, food, spinning and textiles, leather, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, oil and soap, engineering, building materials and refractories, and printing and packaging.

13. Status of trade and investment related issues taken up by the Mission with Government of Sudan:

Mission is continuously discussing the issues related to trade and investment with trade bodies of Sudan, Ministry of Trade and Supply and other Stake holders

14. Details and Results of meeting & interactions of the Mission with Trade, Industry & Economic Ministries / Department / Agencies in Sudan:

On 2 November 2022, the Ambassador of India, H.E. Mr. B.S. Mubarak along with Second Secretary (Consular) Mr. Anil Kumar met with the Dean of Nahda College, Dr. Eman Basheir Nour Eldaym.

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event and Business-to-Business (B2B) meetings on 15 & 16 November 2022 at the premises of the Union Chamber of Commerce.

15. Important policy changes by the Government of Sudan, especially with respect to trade, investment, aid /credit facilities etc: Nil

16. Position of Sudan on WTO-related issues, and with respect to other important multilateral fora. Recent important changes in policy and public opinion in these areas: Nil

17. Major international tenders issued & bids invited in Sudan:

The following tenders have been uploaded at India Trade Portal during Nov 2022:

- School Uniform by Norwegian Refugee Council
- Supply materials and installation of Sustainable Solar Systems
- Invitation to bid to supply and deliver medical equipment (UNHCR -East Sudan Operation Kassala by UNHCR)
- Telecommunication Equipment by Norwegian Refugee Council

18. Aid/ Assistance received by Sudan from other countries/international agencies, funding organizations etc:

On 20.11.2022 The United States government provided over 47,000 metric tons of sorghum to address the worsening food crisis in Sudan. In a statement, the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum stated that the items were provided by the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance through the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust and distributed by the World Food Programme (WFP). The donation is within the framework of U.S. humanitarian aid support to Sudan.

On 24.11.2022, the Ukrainian Council of Ministers approved a decree by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on the provision of humanitarian aid to the countries of Africa and Asia. Ukraine will provide 125,000 tons of wheat to three African countries including Sudan and Yemen under a Humanitarian Food Programme.

19. Pending References from the Mission: NIL

20. Monthly expenditure of the Commercial Budget:

There is no Commerce Budget in EOI, Khartoum, for the FY 2022-23.

21. Some Important Economic & commercial developments:

On 07.11.2022, Saudi Arabia pledged to invest USD 3 billion dollars in Sudan, announced the Sovereign Council following a meeting between General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and Crown Prince

Mohammed bin Salman. Saudi Public Investment Fund (PIF) has established five regional investment companies, including Sudan.
