

**Embassy of India
Khartoum**

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Economic & Commercial Report for December 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%

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
	Grand Total	911.41	1322.16

Main items of Import in 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-Nov 2022)
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
	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
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 December 2022

a. Mr. B.S. Mubarak, Ambassador along with Dr. Gamal A. Abdelaal Khugali, Chairman, Admin. Council, Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research of Sudan and other dignitaries participated at the launching of the solar system at the Gezira College of Technology on 1 December 2022. With the launching of this solar system, Gezira College of Technology will use 100% renewable energy.

As part of the outreach activities, the Ambassador of India Mr. B.S. Mubarak led a delegation visit to Nyala City, the Capital of South Darfur on 11th and 12th December 2022. The Governor of South Darfur, H.E Hamed Hanoun, convened a meeting of all Ministries and discussed important areas of collaboration between India in South Darfur, especially in the areas of agriculture and health. A series of meetings also took place with the State Ministries of Agriculture, Investment, and Finance. A special session on exploring the business partnership between India and South Darfur was organized with the Nyala Business Community.

b. Embassy publicized the following Business events on its website and social media:

- The 3rd Edition of International SME Convention (ISC) 2023 from 19-21 March 2023
- Indian Handicraft and Gift (IHGF) Delhi Fair (Spring) 15-19.03.2023
- INDIA STEEL EXPO 19-21 April 2023 at Bombay Exhibition Centre (NESCO), Mumbai.

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

- Ambassador met Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Chief Operating Officer Tridel Technologies India on 13 Dec 22. Tridel Technologies is a multinational organization in Environmental Industry, specialized in developing end-to-end solutions for Surveying, Marine Infrastructure, Monitoring and Mapping through environmental data collection,

data management and data analytics. On 10 Dec 2022, the company signed a contract for development of Damma Damma Oil Terminal Project (Phase II), with Sea Ports Corporation (SPC), Sudan. The project will lead to the construction of an oil berth and two tug berths. In past, Tridel had undertaken weather observations and hydrographic survey projects in the river Nile.

- Ambassador received a six-member delegation from Gleneagles Global Health City, Chennai (India). The hospital team visited Khartoum from 10-13 December 2022 with their key specialists from Cardiac Science, Liver Transplant & HPB, Oncology, and Plastic & Reconstruction Surgery departments. The delegation briefed the Ambassador on the hospital's collaboration with Sudan. Several areas of medical cooperation with Sudan including the exchange of visits between Doctors and capacity building were discussed. The delegation apprised that to facilitate Sudanese patients willing to go to India for treatment, Gleneagles Global Hospital opened its office in Khartoum in association with Cardman company Sudan.

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

(iii) **Total number of business visas issued: 538**

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

Khartoum International Trade Fair is scheduled to take place in Jan 2023. Mission has requested FIEO for Indian Companies participation in this fair.

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

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
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 Dec 2022:

35 as per the attachment.

9. Trade complaints received during the period and follow-up action on earlier complaints: None.

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 the 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 Result of meeting & interactions of the Mission with Trade, Industry & Economic Ministries / Department / Agencies in Sudan:

- Ambassador Mr. B.S Mubarak called on H.E. Dr. Gibril Ibrahim Mohamed, Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of Sudan on 26 December 2022. Several areas of cooperation between India and Sudan including investments from India were discussed during the meeting.
- Ambassador received a delegation headed by the Governor of South Kordofan State of Sudan, H.E. Mr. Musa Jabr Mahmmoud on 26 December 2022 at the Indian Embassy and discussed important areas of collaboration between India and South Kordofan, especially in the areas of agriculture, health, and skill development.
- The Ambassador received Mr. Osama and Mr. Nageep from Expert Integrated Solution Co Ltd, a leading Sudanese company in Water Proofing Engineering and Exhibitions Planning and Management. It recently organized the 8th session of the Sudan Construct Show "An International Exhibition for Infrastructure and Construction" from 24-27 November 2022 at Burri fairgrounds.

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 the public opinion in these areas: Nil

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

Tenders uploaded to the India trade portal during Dec 2022 are attached.

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

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: Nil
