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A digital library for Sudan

The Sudan Open Archive (<http://www.sudanarchive.net>) offers free digital access to knowledge about all regions of Sudan, combining an expanding full-text database of historical and contemporary literature with a linked analytical guide to internet resources. It is available online and in free-standing CD and DVD format.

Using the archive

Users can conduct full-text word searches across the Archive. Word searches can also be made within documents, with optional highlighting and thumbnail page display. Documents may be printed or saved as PDFs.

Access to historical and current events

The first phase of development of the Archive involved the digitisation of several hundred reports covering the history of aid in Sudan, stored by UNICEF in Sudan and Kenya. High-specification scanners were used in situ to convert paper into digital files. Most of this material was not previously available in electronic form. It includes *The Southern Sudan Vulnerability Study* (1999), *The Jonglei Field Officers Handbook* (1998) and *Towards a Baseline: Best Estimates of Social Indicators for Southern Sudan* (2004).

A library of books and reports on environmental issues has now been added to the Archive, including back issues of *Sudan Wildlife and Sport* and the multi-volume *The Flowering Plants of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan* (1950-56). Also the official, signed texts of documents of political importance such as *The Abyei Boundaries Commission Report* (2005). Future editions of the Archive will incorporate documents in Arabic, a collection of literature on local peace processes, an expanded range of ethnographic and historical literature, and grammars and dictionaries of Sudanese languages.



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Support and partnership

Organizations or individuals interested in helping to support the expansion of the Archive, or with suggestions for new material to be incorporated, are invited to contact the Co-ordinator (coordinator@sudanarchive.net).

A regional knowledge network

The Archive is part of a planned Eastern African regional network, linking local knowledge to global information systems. Future services will include the provision of critical summaries and full-text versions of key reports and articles via e-mail, prior to their incorporation in the Archive. Contact sudanreports@riftvalley.net.





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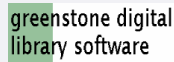
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