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The Sudan Open Archive 2.0

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A digital library for Sudan

The Sudan Open Archive (<http://www.sudanarchive.net>), expanded and redesigned, offers free digital access to knowledge about all regions of Sudan. It combines a growing full-text database of historical and current material with a linked analytical guide to internet resources.

Using the archive

Version 2.0 of the Archive is available online or as an external hard drive. Users can conduct full-text word searches across the Archive and within documents, with optional highlighting and thumbnail page display. Documents may be printed or saved as PDFs.

Origin of the Archive

The first phase of development of the Archive involved the digitisation of several hundred reports covering the history of development aid in Sudan, warehoused by Unicef in Sudan and Kenya. Most of this material was not previously available in electronic form. It includes *The Southern Sudan Vulnerability Study* (1999) and *The Jonglei Field Officers Handbook* (1998).

Access to historical and contemporary documents

Collections of material on environmental issues and local peace processes have since been added to the Archive. These include the multi-volume *The Flowering Plants of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan* (1950-56) and recent reports such as *Local Peace Processes in Sudan* and *Rule of Lawlessness: Roots and repercussions of the Darfur Crisis*. Official texts of new documents of political significance are uploaded as they become available. These include *The Abyei Boundaries Commission Report* (2005) and the report of the *Assessment and Evaluation Commission on Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement* (2007).



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A growing resource

Version 2.0 doubles the number of documents in the Archive. New additions include ethnographic works and grammars and dictionaries of Sudanese languages. Future developments will include word-searchable Arabic-language documents.

Open source, open access

The Sudan Open Archive is designed and implemented by the Kenya and UK-based *Rift Valley Institute* (RVI) and maintained with support from the J.M. Kaplan Fund. The Archive was created by DL Consulting using open-source *Greenstone* software developed by the *New Zealand Digital Library* project at the University of Waikato. The work of the Archive is guided by an international advisory board composed of Sudanese scholars, international specialists and technical experts.

Support and partnership

The RVI seeks partnerships with institutions and individuals - in Sudan and elsewhere - for further expansion and development of the Archive. (Existing development partners include *Unicef*, *UNEP* and the Southern Sudan Centre for Census, Statistics and Evaluation.) Offers of sponsorship for individual documents or collections of material are also welcome. Please [contact the Director](#).

