Close to five times as many people have been displaced in Darfur in the first months of 2021 than in all of 2020. In March and April, fighting was reported in several Darfur states, and South Kordofan. There have also been sporadic incidents of inter-communal violence in parts of Darfur. There are currently 237,000 newly displaced people in 2021.

There are 7.3 million people that are food insecure. From June-September 2021, during the lean season, 9.8 million people will be severely food insecure. Cereal prices are exceptionally high due to currency weakness and the soaring costs of agricultural inputs. The prices are more than 200 per cent higher than January 2020 and over 600 per cent higher than the five-year average.

The Federal Ministry of Health confirmed 35,656 COVID-19 cases and 2,662 deaths since 3 March 2020. Sudan is now in its third coronavirus wave and the number of cases is likely higher than reported. The National Medical Supplies Fund reports that 43 percent of emergency medicines are available.

Given the high number of people affected by shocks this year, humanitarians need urgent and flexible emergency funding. As of 31 May, the 2021 Sudan Humanitarian Response Plan received US$334.6 million — 17.2 per cent of the requirement.