

Sudan Settlements

Source: SIM (OCHA, FAO, JLC, HIC-Darfur, NIMA, and UNMIS)

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Level Detail: 1: 1000 000

Accuracy (Scale digitised): 1: 250 000

Completeness of data:

State Capitals 100%

Principal Towns ?%

Secondary Towns ?%

Administrative Centres ?%

Villages/Settlements ?%

Abstract:

The majority of these points in **Southern Sudan** came from the [Data Exchange Platform for the Horn of Africa](#) (DEPHA). DEPHA was contracted by UNICEF to build a settlement layer in approximately 1999/2000. That data set was refined/reviewed based key informant information by FAO. WFP Flight Office provided data for all settlements with airstrips. WFP data is geo-referenced; virtually all other locations in the south are not geo-referenced.

The classification is quite consistent across southern Sudan. Isaac Yol of FAO spent a great deal of time interviewing key informants and combined that information with his own extensive knowledge of Sudan. The result is quite a complete data set (for the higher orders of settlements) as well as a consistent classification.

Darfur settlements were improved by the Humanitarian Information Centre (HIC – Darfur) and the Information Management Unit (IMU) of OCHA, Sudan.. According to FAO they are also consistently classified. However, it is not clear how consistent the classification of northern settlements might be with southern settlements. I.e. Should both Nimule and Wada ‘ah be classified as Primary Towns when we use a Sudan wide rather than regional perspective?

Settlements in **Northern Sudan** come from different sources mainly NIMA gazetteer. The list is incomplete and very old; **users of this data are requested to send updated information where ever found** to the Sudan Interagency Mapping Group SIM (sim@unsudanig.org). Get the latest SIM contacts from www.unsudanig.org/sim .

Spatial Domain:

Bounding Coordinates:

West_Bounding_Coordinate: 21.881639

East_Bounding_Coordinate: 38.516667

North_Bounding_Coordinate: 22.966667
South_Bounding_Coordinate: 3.550000

Reliability of data:

- Primary source – High quality data
- Primary source – Reasonable data
- Primary source – Rapidly assessed data
- Secondary source
- Different sources with different levels of reliability

Attribute Information:

1. **Name1:** Provides definitive name/spelling for each location. (**Name2** and **Name3** provide alternative names where exist)
2. **Source:** Source of agency providing or classifying the settlement data.
3. **HIC_Pcode:** DARFUR ONLY Place codes and Vulnerable Population Locations Codes (**VPCODE**) adopted by HIC-Darfur and OCHA IMU.
4. **PCODE:** Place code (unique identifier) based on the 1: 250 K index tiles.
5. **Type:**

0	Capital (Khartoum)
1	State Capitals
2	Principal Towns
3	Secondary Towns
4	Administrative Centres
5	Villages/Settlements
6	IDP camp
VP	Vulnerable Population locations