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El Niño drought on top of war is pushing Darfur and Kordofan toward famine, hunger monitor warns



Explainer image: a sorghum crop in Sudan. RamboSD, CC BY 4.0 via Wikimedia Commons. Context, not a photo of the event.

A new alert from the UN-backed Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) says malnutrition is worsening in several hotspots of Greater Darfur and Greater Kordofan as a severe El Niño drought compounds the war.

In Greater Darfur, 13 of 17 nutrition surveys since January recorded critical levels of acute malnutrition; a September survey in Eastern Jebel Marra found levels above famine thresholds in two displacement camps. More than 300,000 people have been displaced in Greater Kordofan since October 2025.

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complications had received it by August. On 3 October an airstrike hit two marked WFP-contracted food trucks between Dilling and Kadugli in South Kordofan, killing a driver.

DEPTH five layers, from what happened to the full picture

L1 WHAT HAPPENED

A UN-backed IPC alert says malnutrition is worsening in hotspots across Greater Darfur and Greater Kordofan as a severe El Niño drought compounds Sudan's war.

L2 WHO'S AFFECTED

Displaced families and children. In Greater Darfur, 13 of 17 nutrition surveys since January found critical acute malnutrition; in Eastern Jebel Marra, two displacement camps were above famine thresholds. More than 300,000 people have been displaced in Greater Kordofan since October 2025.

L3 WHY IT'S QUIET

We don't have media-coverage data for this story yet, so we won't guess why it was quiet. It is here because the outlets below reported it and it drew little wider attention.

L4 DEEPER IMPACT

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L5 FULL CONTEXT

Aid itself is being hit: on 3 October an airstrike struck two marked WFP-contracted food trucks between Dilling and Kadugli in South Kordofan, killing a driver.

SOURCES UN News: Sudan: Drought and war push Darfur and Kordofan towards famine · IPC (via ReliefWeb): IPC Alert: New evidence reveals rapidly worsening conditions across Greater Darfur and Kordofan · UN News: Sudan: Driver killed in aerial attack on aid trucks in South Kordofan

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