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on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU has not provided any financial support to the ‘armed groups’ including Rapid Support Forces (RSF). EU-funded activities in Sudan are implemented by Member States’, the United Nations, international organisations, non-governmental organisations and consultancy firms, for direct benefit of vulnerable populations. Projects are subject to audits and evaluations. In the reference to the European Court of Auditors (Report No 17/2024), the Commission examines specific reported incidents on a case-by-case basis through an individual assessment of necessity and proportionality, based on substantiated evidence.

On 20 November 2025, the EU High Representative/Vice-President denounced the atrocities in El Fasher and announced sanctions against Abdelrahim Hamdan Dagalo, RSF's second in command¹.

The Commission supports human rights organisations, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. These organisations monitor and report on human rights violations, particularly of vulnerable groups, such as religious minorities. Their work includes advocacy, protection and increasing access to justice. The EU urges all parties to uphold their obligations under international humanitarian law and human rights law.

Under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument-Global Europe the Commission supports vulnerable populations affected by the conflict within Sudan and to Sudanese refugees and their hosts in neighbouring countries, including job creation the return of children to schools; health, food security and the protection of vulnerable groups.

The Commission also supports projects to manage migration, addressing trafficking of human beings and smuggling of migrants.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/11/20/sudan-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-20-november-2025/>.