

**The Impact of Aerial Bombing of Civilian Settlements in Southern Kordofan** Sudan Consortium

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During October 2013, the Sudanese Air Force dropped at least 40 bombs in 11 separate attacks carried out against civilian areas in Southern Kordofan.

Since the conflict began in June 2012, the effect of such targeting has been both to destroy substantial amounts of newly planted and/or mature crops, but, more significantly, to deter farmers from cultivating their fields at critical times during the crop cycle, for fear of being killed or injured in an air attack.

Whilst the civilian population in Southern Kordofan has developed its own protection strategies to mitigate the effects of these air attacks (including digging “foxholes” in which they can seek shelter) significant numbers of civilians continue to be killed or injured in these attacks, and indeed the number killed is increasing.

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