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Sudanese economy continues to decline months after military takeover

Foreign aid to Sudan, especially from the United States, has been halted since the military took power in OCT 2021. Before the coup, the US was to provide \$700 million for economic assistance to Sudan, but has frozen this assistance until a civilian-led government is put into place. The World Bank has also suspended its aid, and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) delayed its \$50 million program for debt relief to the country. Because of these suspensions in financial assistance, Sudan's economy has fallen into a precarious state. On 06 FEB, across Sudan, fuel prices rose by 15 percent. Gas stations in Khartoum increased the price of gasoline from 362 pounds per liter to 415 pounds per liter. Fuel prices had already increased last year, as Sudan ended fuel subsidies due to strict measures supported by the IMF, after the IMF agreed to supply Sudan with aid. Sudan has also faced shortages of bread and other staple goods since the coup. Despite rumors that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will provide \$100 million in assistance to human rights groups in Sudan, USAID released in a statement on Twitter that they have not provided any funding. The USAID did state they have begun planning for a new program of support that will provide "training and technical assistance by expert advisors on civil society." The US continues to explore more options to reduce the funds available to the military in Sudan. END

CMCD Note

The US allocated \$700 million in economic assistance aid to Sudan in the 2021 year, but due to the coup on 25 OCT 2021, this aid was paused. Now, with funds still leftover and available, the US has begun drafting up a plan to directly supply the pro-democracy and human rights groups in the country with approximately \$100 million in aid. The US's plan will bypass the Sudanese government, ensuring they receive nothing in their hopes of the military running out of funds to support its current network and activities. Additionally, the former US Ambassador to Botswana, Michelle Gavin, wrote article stating the US does not have enough influence to end the Sudanese crisis alone. Gavin stressed that the US must ensure China and some Gulf states do not attempt to give the Sudanese government aid, in order to make up for a lack of funds by the US and United Nations.

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