Key Indicators for South Sudan

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Population
The population of Southern Sudan was 8.26 million in the 2008 Census. Of this 4.29 million are male, and 3.97 million are female. The population is a very young one, with 16% of the population under the age of 5, 32% under the age of 10, 51% under the age of 18 and 72% of the population under the age of 30.

The average number of members in a private household in Southern Sudan is 7.

Water, Health and Sanitation
55% of the population has access to improved sources of drinking water. 67% of the urban population has access improved sources of drinking water compared to 53% of the rural population.

80% of the population does not have access to any toilet facility.

Infant Mortality Rate is 102 (per 1000 live births).

Under 5 Mortality Rate is 135 (per 1000 live births). This was highest in Western Equatoria at 192, and lowest in Jonglei at 82.

Maternal Mortality Rate is 2054 (per 100,000 live births) – the highest in the World

17% of children were fully immunized.

Education
27% of the 15 years and above population is literate.

The literacy rate for males is 40% compared to 16% for females.

53% of the urban adult population is literate, compared to 22% of the rural adult population.

40% of the population between 15-24 is literate. The literacy rate for males in this age group is 55% compared to 28% for females.

Household Characteristics
83% of the population live in tukuls.

38% of the population has to walk for more than 30 minutes one way to collect drinking water.

50% of the population use firewood or grass as the primary source of lighting. 27% have no lighting at all.

96% of the population uses firewood or charcoal as the primary fuel for cooking.

Source: National Baseline Household Survey (2009)

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