

EIRIS CRN Sudan Special Engagement

Questions sent to companies on 21 April 2023:

- What policies and procedures do you have in place for when an escalation of conflict happens in a region? Has this been applied to the context of Sudan in the past week?
- Given the history of the forces involved, have you assessed the risk that you will become unable to operate in Sudan, or that you might be exposed to complicity in human rights abuses if this conflict escalates further or does not rapidly end? What is your current assessment of these risks?
- Since the fighting began on 15 April, have you carried out any special measures or conducted any additional heightened due diligence to try to ensure that your value chain and stakeholders are safe and not directly exposed to the conflict? Were these additional measures based on any international guidance such as UN Development Program's guide on [Heightened Human Rights Due Diligence for Business in Conflict-Affected Contexts](#)?
- How have you been actively monitoring the situation in Khartoum or elsewhere in Sudan and what type of expertise have you draw on for your analysis? Have you reached out to your relevant local subsidiaries, business partners or clients regarding the situation on the ground and what assistance may be required?
- Have you been able to communicate to any of the parties or support local, regional or international diplomatic efforts (including through your home country) to immediately cease hostilities, restore calm and initiate a dialogue to resolve the current crisis?