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**TOP STORY**

**Sudan: Disaster Response Updates**

**WASHINGTON** - In 2007, Sudan continues to cope with the effects of conflict, displacement, and insecurity countrywide. During more than two decades of conflict between the former Government of Sudan (GOS) and the southern-based Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A), fighting, famine, and disease have killed more than 2 million people, forced an estimated 600,000 to seek refuge in neighboring countries, and displaced 4 million others within Sudan.



The former GOS and the SPLM signed the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and formed the joint Government of National Unity (GNU) in 2005, officially ending the North-South conflict. ([Source](#))

- [Read ongoing Situation Updates along with detailed maps outlining events on the ground in Sudan](#)

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**USAID Provides Assistance to Help Fight Wildfires in Albania and Macedonia**

**WASHINGTON** – The U.S. Government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is providing \$100,000 to assist the Governments of Albania and Macedonia in combating recent wildfires.

U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Stephen Cristina declared a disaster in Albania on July 27 and U.S. Ambassador Gillian Milovanovic declared a disaster in Macedonia on July 25, both due to loss of property and livelihoods as a result of the wildfires that have swept through the respective countries.

In Albania, wildfires are active in 21 of the country's 36 districts, and the flames have destroyed 15 homes, consumed 4 fire trucks, and ravaged 4,942 acres of forest land. In addition, widespread smoke is causing health issues, particularly for women and children.

([Source](#))

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USAID is providing assistance to the Government of Nepal following monsoon rains that have caused flooding and landslides...

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