



Dissemination Webinar Sudan Labor Market Panel Survey 2022 (SLMPS 2022)

September 18, 2023

4:00 pm – 7:30 pm (Cairo Time)

On Zoom

Context

Sudan is the fourth-largest country in the MENA region, with a 2022 population estimate of 46.9 million. The country has experienced five years of declining GDP over 2018-2022. Sudan is also a fragile and conflict-afflicted state, with, in 2022, 1.1 million refugees and 3.7 internally displaced persons (IDPs). The MENA region generally is short on data and under-researched compared to other regions (Das, Do, Shaines, & Srikant, 2013; Ekhatior-Mobayode & Hoogeveen, 2022).

In 2022, the Sudan Central Bureau of Statistics and the Sudan Ministry of Labour and Administrative Reforms in collaboration with the Economic Research Forum conducted the Sudan Labor Market Panel Survey (SLMPS), nationally representative survey which covered all states. Prior to SLMPS, the last nationally representative labor force survey in Sudan was in 2011 and the last nationally representative household survey of any kind was in 2014/2015.

The objective of the SLMPS 2022 is to facilitate better understandings of labor market dynamics and outcomes in Sudan and to provide high-quality and reliable data sufficient for in-depth, multi-dimensional analyses of economic and labor market issues in Sudan. The SLMPS fills a critical need for data in a time of much uncertainty in Sudan and will serve to activate a new research community and simultaneously inform policy decisions by capturing the details of the Sudanese labor market, and the socio-economic characteristics of its labor force participants.

In addition, the SLMPS 2022 follows a rich heritage of LMPS surveys conducted in three other countries: Egypt, Jordan and Tunisia. Currently available datasets from the LMPS project are four waves in Egypt (1998, 2006, 2012, 2018), two in Jordan (2010, 2016) and one in Tunisia (2014).

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Event Objectives, Agenda and Organization

The event will be held on September 18, 2023, virtually on zoom, to introduce the SLMPS, outlining the details of the design of the survey, including the topics covered by this multi-purpose household survey and the complexities of the sampling. In addition, the event will provide a platform to discuss key findings on the structure of the labor force and employment in Sudan among the research and policy communities. The event will also an opportunity for researchers to get an introduction to the SLMPS data.

The event will be held in English and Arabic interpretation will be provided.

Agenda

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4:00 – 4:10	Welcome Remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ibrahim Elbadawi, Managing Director, ERF - Ali Abbas, Director General, CBS - Ragui Assaad, Professor of Planning and Public Affairs at University of Minnesota and ERF Research Fellow
4:10 – 4:40	Introduction by the Central Bureau of Statistics (30 mins)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ali Abbas, Director General, CBS
4:40 – 5:10	Introduction to the SLMPS 2022 (30 mins)
	<p>Moderator: Somia Elkhair, Director of Research and Planning Sector, CBS</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Ragui Assaad, Professor of Planning and Public Affairs at University of Minnesota and ERF Research Fellow (presenting, 20 minutes)</p> <p>Caroline Krafft, Associate Professor of Economics at St. Catherine University</p> <p>Lead commentator: Saif El Din Abd El Rahman, Resilience Advisor, UNDP Resilience Hub, Nairobi (10 minutes)</p>
5:10 – 5:20	Q&A
5:20 – 6:00	The structure of the labor force and employment in Sudan (40 mins)
	<p>Moderator: Sara Hassanain, Former Acting Minister of Health, Sudan</p> <p>Speakers:</p>



	<p>Ragui Assaad, Professor of Planning and Public Affairs at University of Minnesota and ERF Research Fellow.</p> <p>Caroline Krafft, Associate Professor of Economics at St. Catherine University (presenting, 30 minutes)</p> <p>Lead commentator: Hamid Eltgani Ali, Dean of School of Economics, Administration and Public Policy, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (10 minutes)</p>
6:00 – 6:10	Q&A
6 :10- 6:20	Closing Remarks (10 mins)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ibrahim Elbadawi, Managing Director, ERF - Ragui Assaad, Professor of Planning and Public Affairs at University of Minnesota and ERF Research Fellow.
6:20-6:30	Break
6:30-7:30	Applied data session (for researchers interested in using the data)
	<p>Ragui Assaad, Professor of Planning and Public Affairs at University of Minnesota and ERF Research Fellow.</p> <p>Caroline Krafft, Associate Professor of Economics at St. Catherine University (presenting)</p>
7:00-7:30	Applied data Q&A