

World awaits birth of new African nation

Almost four million southern Sudanese have registered to vote in an independence referendum widely expected to result in a new nation rich in oil resources but impoverished by civil war, and with one of the lowest levels of human development around the globe



KEY INDICATORS*

	Northern Sudan	Southern Sudan
Population	35 million	8.5 million
Population living in poverty	50%	90%
Child malnutrition (under-5s)	35%	48%
Primary school enrolment	62%	20%
Adult literacy rate	60-70%	24%
Under-5 mortality (per 1,000)	105	126
Maternal mortality (per 100,000 live births)	638	2,054
HIV prevalence (adults aged 15-49)	1.6%	2.3%
Population with access to safe water source	58.7%	48.3%