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Region:	Africa – south of Sahara, (Other) Nile Valley			
Country:	Sudan			
Ecosystem Type:	Deserts, swamps, rainforest, arid/semi-arid			
Social Characteristics:	War-torn society			
Scale of Study:	National, regional, district, community			
Resource Type:	Water, agriculture, grazing land/rangeland, (Other) UNESCO World Heritage Site, wildlife			
Type of Initiative:	Development project			

Community-Based Work:	Human health, monitoring, environment assessment, resource management	
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Summary:	Although the amount of water on our planet is relatively fixed, it remains essential for all living things as well as hydropower generation, navigation, industrial use, etc. It is also becoming increasingly necessary for the growth and economic well-being of industry. It is vital, therefore, that this scarce resource is well managed to meet the needs of a growing population as well as the demands of increased industrialisation throughout Sudan. Water and raw materials may be transported for long distances to reach domestic consumers and industries. Domestic and industrial wastes, however, must be dealt with where they are generated. In large cities, waste management has been difficult because of rapid urban growth. Environmental and water pollution is now a major concern throughout Sudan. An integrated approach to tackle water pollution issues should be adopted by industries, communities, local authorities, central governments, and professionals working in the sector. Most polluters give little or no attention to the control and proper management of the polluting effluents. This may be due to lack of enforceable legislation and/or the fear of spending money on the treatment of their effluent prior to discharge. Furthermore, the fines imposed on offenders are generally too low and therefore do not deter would be offenders.	