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Food Security in Sudan

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About this issue

In Sudan, the full panoply of global change processes is voraciously being played out, to cause crisis or offer potential opportunity. Which way the pendulum swings depends on how the main actors on the ground choose to react. Famine, food insecurity and the supply of international food aid have been a constant part of the Sudan picture since the late 1960s but does it have to be that way?

This special issue of *Disasters* contains a selection of the best papers presented at a unique forum, organised by the World Food Programme and the Feinstein International Center at Tufts University, and held in Khartoum in June 2006. The forum encouraged WFP-Sudan to think outside the box, to imagine alternative roles to the emergency-driven food-aid distribution which had come to dominate their Sudan operations in 2005/6.

WFP, along with the government of Sudan, is positioned to set an international example of what can be done with the tools at their disposal, to seize this opportunity and build a 21st century approach to the alleviation of food insecurity - to save lives *and* livelihoods. The papers in this special issue examine why such an approach is desperately needed and how it might be achieved

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