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## Research challenges

The present report has encountered a number of research challenges, including: lack of or limited reporting on some of the issues covered by the ToR due to the communication outage affecting media coverage and communication opportunities in wide parts of the country, for extended periods of time during the reference period; targeting of media personnel normally reporting on the issues addressed by the report and that often resulted in self-censorship and relocation; limited or scarce international and national media and other organisations presence in most of Sudan, as a consequence of the on-going hostilities; the sensitivity of the issues at stake; and the documented reluctance of affected survivors to report about incidents or events on safety and security grounds. Additionally, information on key socioeconomic indicators for Port Sudan, within the time reference period of this report, was scarce among the sources consulted within time constraints.