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As noted in the chapter on [3. Refugee status](#), some profiles of applicants from Sudan may be at risk of torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (see for example [3.2. Individuals fearing forced recruitment by the RSF](#), [3.3. Members of the Resistance committees \(RCs\) and Emergency Response Rooms \(ERRs\)](#), [3.4. Members of political parties, unions and civil society organisations](#), [3.6. Journalists and other media workers](#), [3.9. Women and girls](#), [3.10. Children](#), [3.11. Persons with diverse SOGIESC](#)). In such cases, there would often be a nexus to a reason for persecution falling under the definition of a refugee, and those individuals would qualify for refugee status. However, with reference to cases where there is no nexus to a Convention ground, the need for subsidiary protection under Article 15(b) QD/QR should be examined.

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