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**COALITION OF OVER 100 ORGANIZATIONS COMMENDS ADMINISTRATION  
FOR A REDESIGNATION AND EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED  
STATUS FOR SUDAN**

*These designations stand to extend life-saving protection to an additional 2,750 people.*

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Today, African Communities Together ([ACT](#)) and the Temporary Protected Status Deferred Enforced Departure Administrative Advocacy Coalition ([TPS-DED AAC](#)) commend the Biden administration for its decision to extend and redesignate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for nationals from Sudan. In a [statement](#) published today, DHS Secretary Mayorkas stated, “Since the military takeover of its government and the recent violent clashes, Sudan has experienced political instability and ongoing conflict that has resulted in a humanitarian crisis.” The decision comes after [over 100 organizations](#) led by African Communities Together called for the continuation and expansion of eligibility for the humanitarian protection of Sudanese living in the United States. Advocates also commend the administration’s decision to grant [Special Student Relief](#) to international students from Sudan in light of the ongoing crisis.

The designation has been extended for a period of 18 months effective on October 20, 2023, and ending on April 19, 2025. Sudanese individuals who have maintained continuous residence in the United States since August 16, 2023, and who can demonstrate continuous physical presence from October 20, 2023, are now eligible to apply for TPS for the first time. The expansion benefits an additional 2,750 individuals who meet the new eligibility criteria under the redesignation.

**Diana Konaté, Policy Director at African Communities Together stated:** “Our members from Sudan have fought for themselves and their community members seeking protection in the United States for over two decades. As they continue to lead efforts in seeking renewal of protections for Sudan, it is time for the administration to acknowledge the need for sustainable relief to address the longstanding crisis in Sudan. We are thankful that the Biden administration recognized the critical and urgent need for TPS, but our members deserve expanded protections in the form of humanitarian parole to protect their families still trying to flee the war and measures that put long-term Sudanese residents in the U.S. on a path to citizenship. We look forward to working with the Biden administration to ensure robust use of humanitarian relief to protect communities in need of it.”

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*[African Communities Together](#) is an organization of African immigrants fighting for civil rights, opportunity, and a better life for African families in the U.S. and worldwide. ACT connects African*

*immigrants to critical services, helps Africans develop as leaders, and organizes African immigrant communities on the issues that matter.*

*The [TPS-DED AAC](#) is a national coalition of more than 100 organizations with deep expertise in law and policy surrounding TPS and DED. Member organizations range from community-based organizations directly serving impacted communities in the United States to international NGOs, working in and providing insight from affected countries.*