

### Sudanese Journal of Public Health: More Steps Forward

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As promised, our journal is continuing to figure well into the health context of the country and the region. The SJPH is increasingly regarded as a platform for publishing in the spirit of knowledge sharing, provision of evidence and individual promotion. The journal is active in the associations for medical journalism in the region-Forum for African Medical editors (FAME) and Eastern Mediterranean Association of Medical Editors (EMAME).

Now in its third issue, the Sudanese Journal of Public Health is coming out in more copies (2000) and in a full color format. This is to make the journal more convenient and attractive and to provide for the increasing demand from different institutions and individuals in Sudan and abroad.

To achieve the features of a robust medical journal, the SJPH has recently obtained an ISSN number that is now printed on the front cover of this third issue. Another remarkable progress in the short life of the SJPH is the creation of a website for the journal. Starting from this issue, the contents of our journal can be fully accessed through the website <http://www.sjph.net.sd>.

Open access decision was taken on the grounds that Sudan is generally an under researched country. Researchers and professionals may obtain through this journal some data and information that can foster health research about Sudan for the sake of improving population health. We promise to maintain the website and continuously improve and develop it to be convenient and useful for authors and readers alike.

Last but not least, the journal managed to establish and maintain contacts with Sudanese health professionals working abroad. Staff working with WHO offices in EMRO receive their copies of the SJPH regularly, thanks to the WHO office in Sudan. Separate meetings were held with individual doctors and public health specialists working in Saudi Arabia, UK and Ireland. All of them commended the journal and promised to contribute. We now feel more encouraged to maintain and further improve this journal to contribute to health care in our country and worldwide. We promise to keep progressing!