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Content	<p>The COVID-19 pandemic is a global public health concern affecting and imposing a great burden on health systems worldwide. All efforts are now directed towards combating the virus by various means utilizing different resources and capabilities in different countries. This is a descriptive, cross-sectional study conducted through interviews to highlight the role of revolutionary committees in defeating the pandemic in Alsehafa area, Khartoum, Sudan. This area is divided into four neighborhoods in 42 blocks. We studied block No.38 containing 295 houses with an average population of 1,770 persons. Revolutionary committees are bodies that were formed during the Sudanese revolution to organize the population and preserve the revolution's goals. During the pandemic, it spread awareness through leaflets and posters in the most populated trading places, shops, bakeries and mosques. This also included sterilization of crowded places, conducting hygiene campaigns in Alsehafa, and distributing masks and gloves. Donations were collected from the community and governmental institutions sums of money were distributed to select residents affected by the curfew imposed by the state. The government's role was to provide some important commodities and foodstuffs and sell them in organized markets, which are run by revolutionary committees. One of the difficulties they encountered was some people neglect the guidelines, recommendations, and methods of prevention due to their stigma and literacy. To date no cases have recorded in Alsehafa block38. The study showed that the revolutionary committees have an effective role in defeating the COVID pandemic in the area and the efforts should be continued.</p>