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Background: SARS-CoV-2 a novel member of the coronaviruses family causes an infectious disease called (COVID-19), due to worldwide rapidly spread; World Health Organization (WHO) has declared it a pandemic on March 11, 2020. On March 13, Sudan has been reporting COVID-19 cases. This study aims to shed light on Sudanese public knowledge, response and Information Sources about COVID-19. Methods: A cross-sectional study among 282 participants. All participants completed a face-to-face questionnaire between April 1 and May 15, 2020. It was structured to assess their knowledge, preventative response as well as the source of information about COVID-19. Results: 146 (51.7%) of respondents were Male, 149 (52.8%) lives in urban areas, 96 (34%) were employed and 112 (39.7%) have a high level of education. For knowledge (33.9%) of the respondents showed strong knowledge & (42%) moderate knowledge. On the other hand (32.6) showed poor knowledge about COVID-19. The educational level significantly ($P < 0.05$) associated with participant knowledge. 213 (75.5%) use a preventative response varies in levels from hand washing to shelter in place and 69 (24.4) don't take any response to this disease. The majority of participants use social media and news platforms as sources of information. Conclusion: The COVID-19 pandemic became a major challenge to the health in Sudan; therefore, these results provide an important baseline for planning required educational interventions & communities implementation of protective health measures as hands washing, avoid crowdings & stay home when feel unwell.