



## ABOUT THE COVER

The Cover of the current issue of the Sudanese Journal of Paediatrics (SJP) highlights rheumatic heart disease (RHD) control in Sudan, and its associated activities in sentinel sites for RHD control in rural endemic areas. Depicted below the pyramids of the Kushite rulers of Meroe, the Southern Capital of the Napta/Meroitic Kingdom (800BC–350AD) (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mero%C3%AB>), is a photo of school children in Al Managil-Gazira State holding posters showing RHD awareness messages. The historic importance of education in Sudan is reflected in the Meroiti script, the indigenous alphabet consisting of 23 letters, which has been developed in the Naptan Period at about 700–300BC and was used to write the Meroitic language. The Arabic script of the “Sudanese Journal of Paediatrics”, which reflects the current main language and culture, was designed at the College of Fine and Applied Arts, Sudan University of Science and Technology (SUST), by Taha El Atta, PhD. To learn more see Editorial.