



Context and Highlights

Following the outbreak of armed conflict in Sudan on 15 April 2023, Ethiopia is receiving thousands of forcibly displaced people at two main points of entry (Metema and Kurmuk) along the land border between Sudan and Ethiopia. The Government's Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS) and UNHCR are coordinating the response to the new refugee inflows, including daily border monitoring, screening for asylum-seekers and refugees, and coordinating the provision of basic services, such as food, water as well as emergency healthcare, together with partners.

In Kurmuk, border points remain volatile with the potential for abduction, and other protection risks. The proximity to the conflict at the border perpetuates trauma and anxiety among refugees, hindering their ability to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. Construction of the new Ura site is ongoing to relocate the new arrivals who have stayed in Kurmuk transit center for over 8 months.

In Kumer and Awlala, physical security is of concern and access to services, in particular life saving services such as health is also challenging as transportation including lack of ambulance and untimely issuance of pass permits is persisting. Implementing Education activities is long coming. Preparedness of the flood contingency plan is ongoing.

Key figures

52,758

Total new arrivals in need of international protection

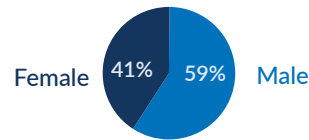
42,353

Sudanese and Non-Sudanese refugees/asylum seekers

7,780

Ethiopian refugee returnees

Gender breakdown



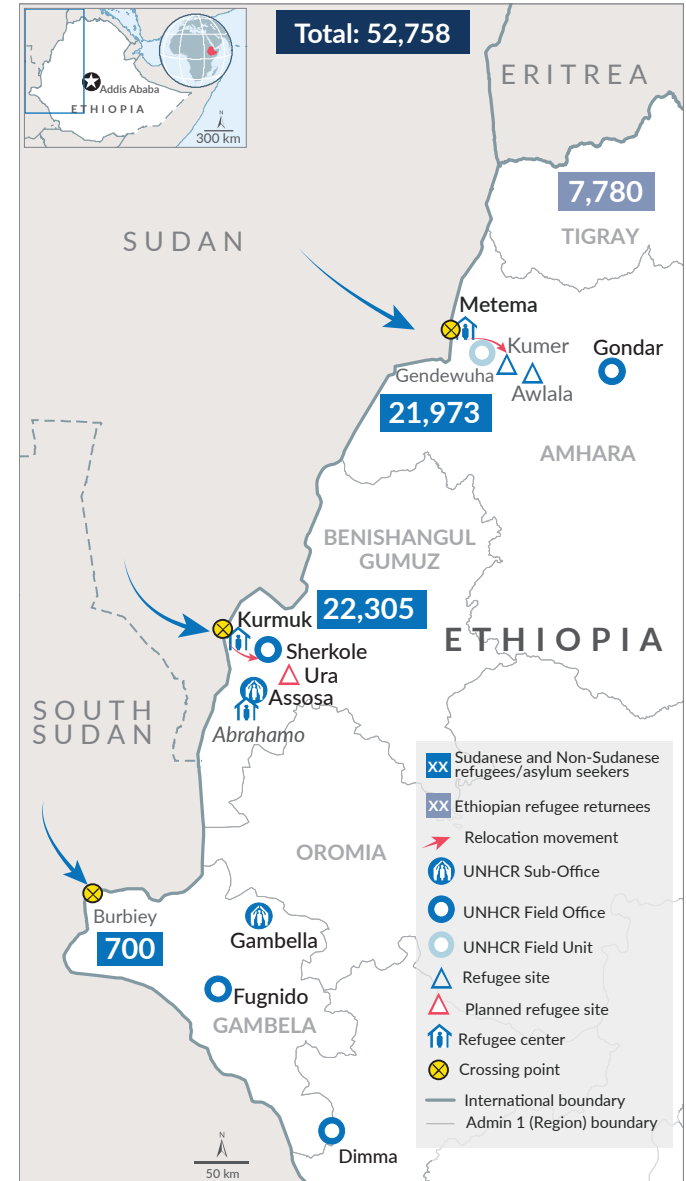
An estimated 58% of new arrivals are children

Funding

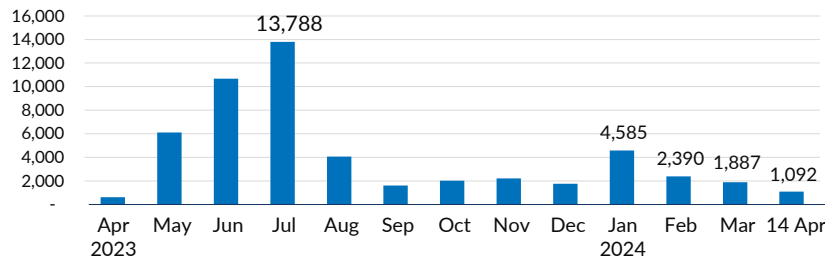
\$14.6M Received (16%)



Situation map



Arrival trends



Partnership

25 Organizations responding to the emergency

- 11 INGO
- 6 NGO
- 5 UN Agencies
- 3 Government

- Coordination: 2
- Protection: 13
- Education: 3
- Shelter & NFI: 3
- Livelihood: 1
- Health: 5
- WASH: 9
- Food Security: 2
- Nutrition: 2
- Logistics: 2

Achievements | From January 2024 to March 2024

27,437 Individuals provided with food assistance

9,352 People benefitted from specialized GBV prevention and response programmes

11 Average # of liters of water per persons per day (Standard > 20L)

10,747 People transported from border crossings to transit centers, camps and sites (9,383 individuals relocated from Metema to Kumer and Awlala. 1,364 individuals relocated from Kurmuk to Sherkole camp)

2,451 Children received child protection services

8,361 Individuals received primary healthcare consultations

100 # of people per communal toilet/latrine (Standard <20)