ETHIOPIA
Refugees and Asylum-seekers

As of 31 July 2024

1,064,412*

Total Refugees and Asylum-seekers
(1,001,051 refugees | 63,361** asylum-seekers)

288,267

Households
(average family size: 4)

80% Women & Children

54% Children (0 -17 years)

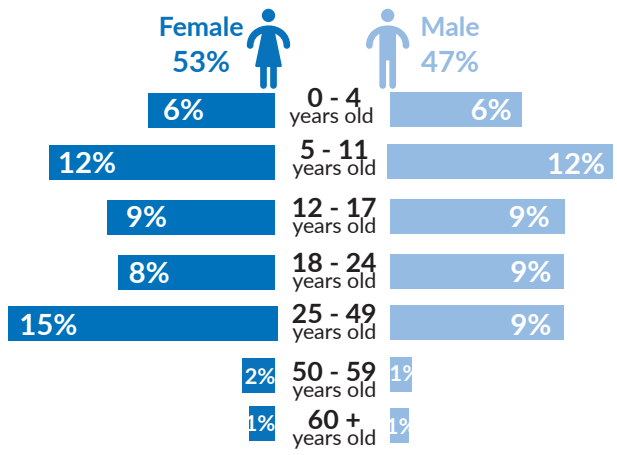
44% Adults (18 - 59 years)

2% Elderly (60+)

Context

Ethiopia is the third largest refugee hosting country in Africa, home to over 1M refugees and asylum seekers—mainly from South Sudan, Somalia and Eritrea. Following the outbreak of armed conflict in Sudan (April 2023) , Ethiopia is receiving thousands of forcibly displaced people at several points of entry. UNHCR and the Government of Ethiopia through the Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS), in partnership with regional authorities, other UN agencies and NGOs are working to provide safe asylum access, documentation, protection and solutions to those who need humanitarian support.

Age-gender breakdown

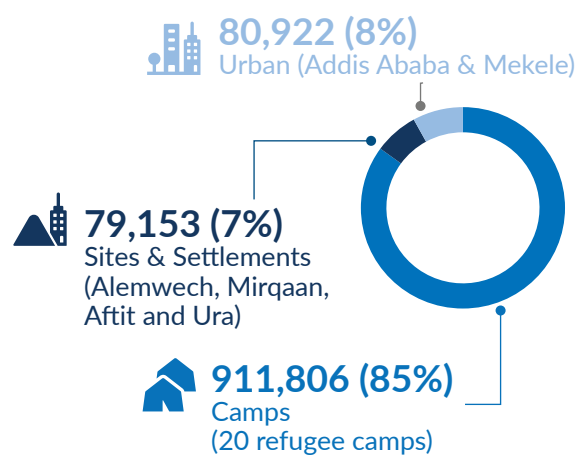


Countries of origin

Country of origin	Total Individuals	Percentage
South Sudan	430,634	40%
Somalia	356,551	33%
Eritrea	179,379	17%
Sudan	88,596	8%
Kenya	4,035	<1%
Yemen	2,547	<1%
DR Congo	974	<1%
Syrian Arab Republic	724	<1%
Others***	972	<1%
Total	**1,064,412**	

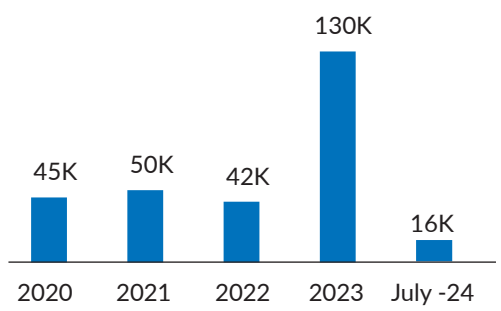
***Others include: Burundi (131 individuals); Djibouti (63), Jordan (19)....In total refugees and asylum-seekers registered in Ethiopia come from 34 different countries.

Population distribution



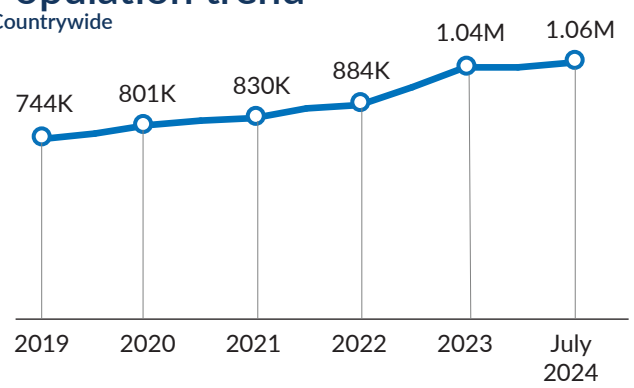
New arrivals per year

Countrywide



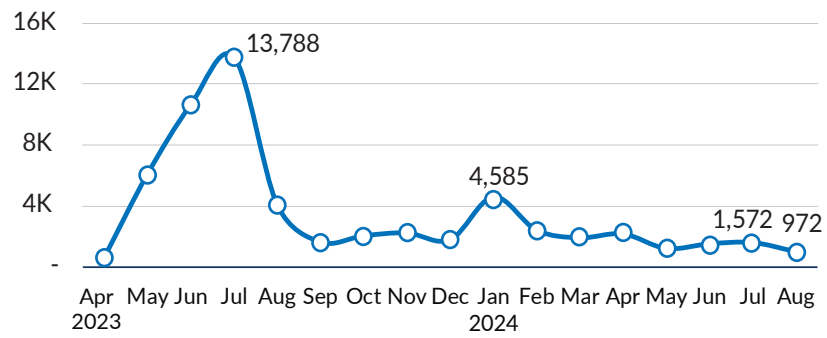
Population trend

Countrywide

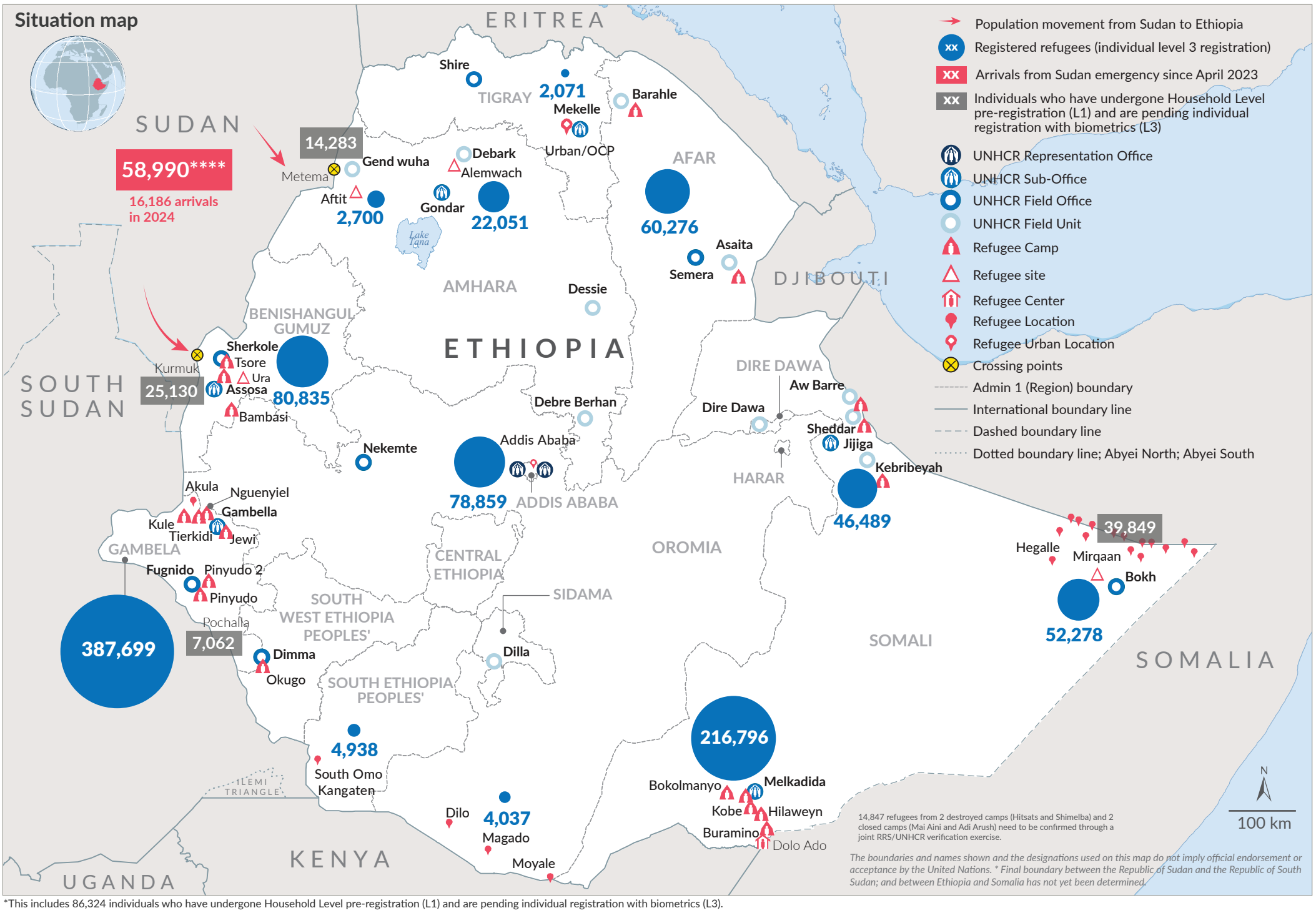


Arrival trends Sudan emergency

Individuals in need of international protection



Situation map



14,847 refugees from 2 destroyed camps (Hitsats and Shimelba) and 2 closed camps (Mai Aini and Adi Arush) need to be confirmed through a joint RRS/UNHCR verification exercise.

*The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. * Final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan; and between Ethiopia and Somalia has not yet been determined.*

*This includes 86,324 individuals who have undergone Household Level pre-registration (L1) and are pending individual registration with biometrics (L3).

***Among the total 63,361 asylum seekers, 8,800 are pending individual Refugee Status Determination

****Sudan Emergency: arrivals in need of international protection from April 2023 to July 2024, Level 1 (L1) pre-registration figures. A total of 58,990 individuals pre-registered, including 37,570 Sudanese, 10,144 other nationalities, and 11,276 Ethiopian refugee returnees.

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