ETHIOPIA
Refugees and Asylum-seekers

As of 30 September 2024

1,069,897
Total Refugees and Asylum-seekers
(1,007,384 refugees | 62,513* asylum-seekers)

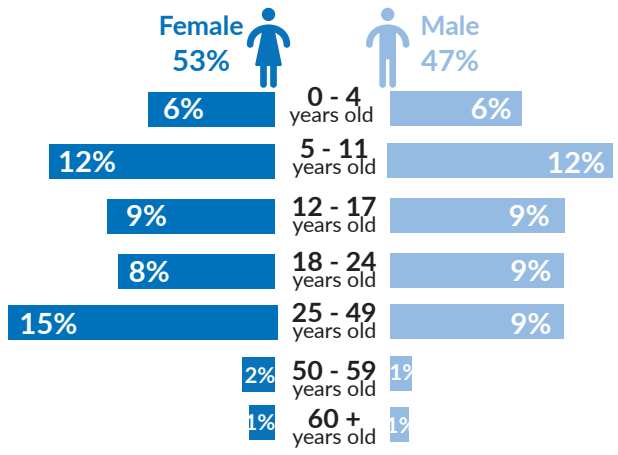
287,565
Households
(average family size: 4)

80% Women & Children
54% Children (0 -17 years)
44% Adults (18 - 59 years)
2% Elderly (60+)

Context & Highlight

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.
On 6 March 2024, the Ethiopian government's Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS) in collaboration with the National ID Program (NIDP) and UNHCR launched the issuance of digital identity documents to foster inclusion of refugees in the national system.

Age-gender breakdown

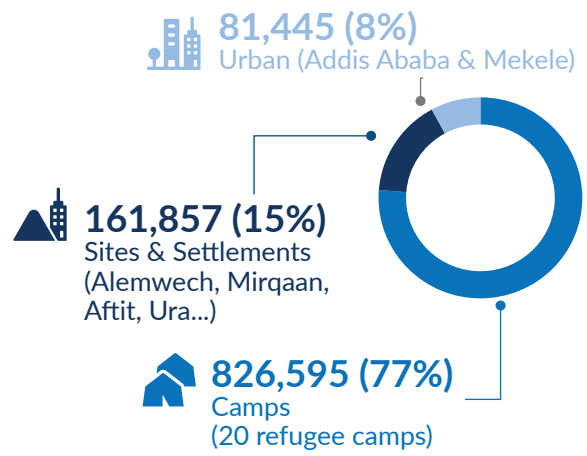


Countries of origin

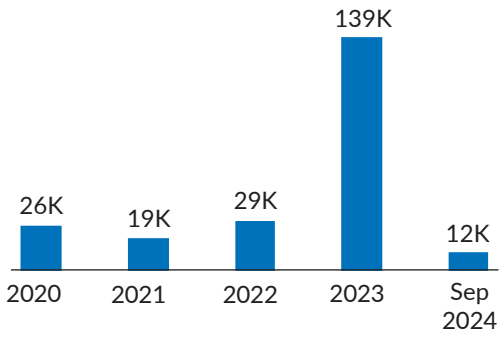
Country of origin	Total Individuals	Percentage
South Sudan	431,298	40%
Somalia	359,567	33%
Eritrea	179,196	17%
Sudan	90,568	8%
Kenya	4,035	<1%
Yemen	2,562	<1%
DR Congo	994	<1%
Syrian Arab Republic	735	<1%
Others**	942	<1%
Total	**1,069,897**	

**Others include: Burundi (133 individuals); Djibouti (63), Jordan (19)....In total refugees and asylum-seekers registered in Ethiopia come from 34 different countries.

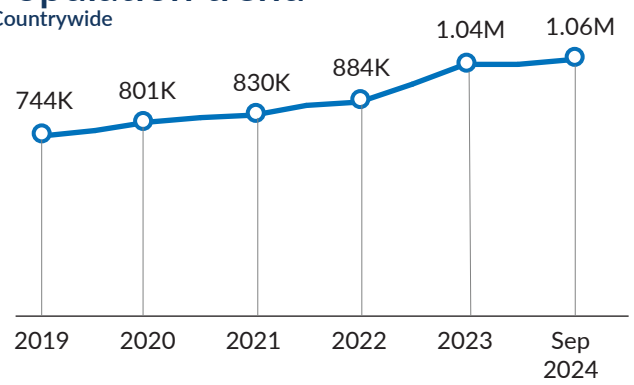
Population distribution



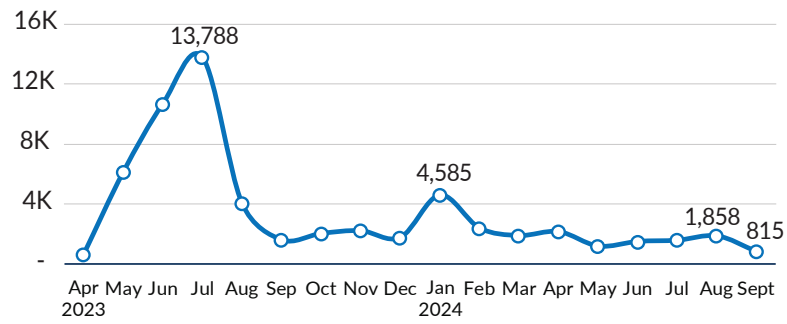
New arrivals per year
Countrywide



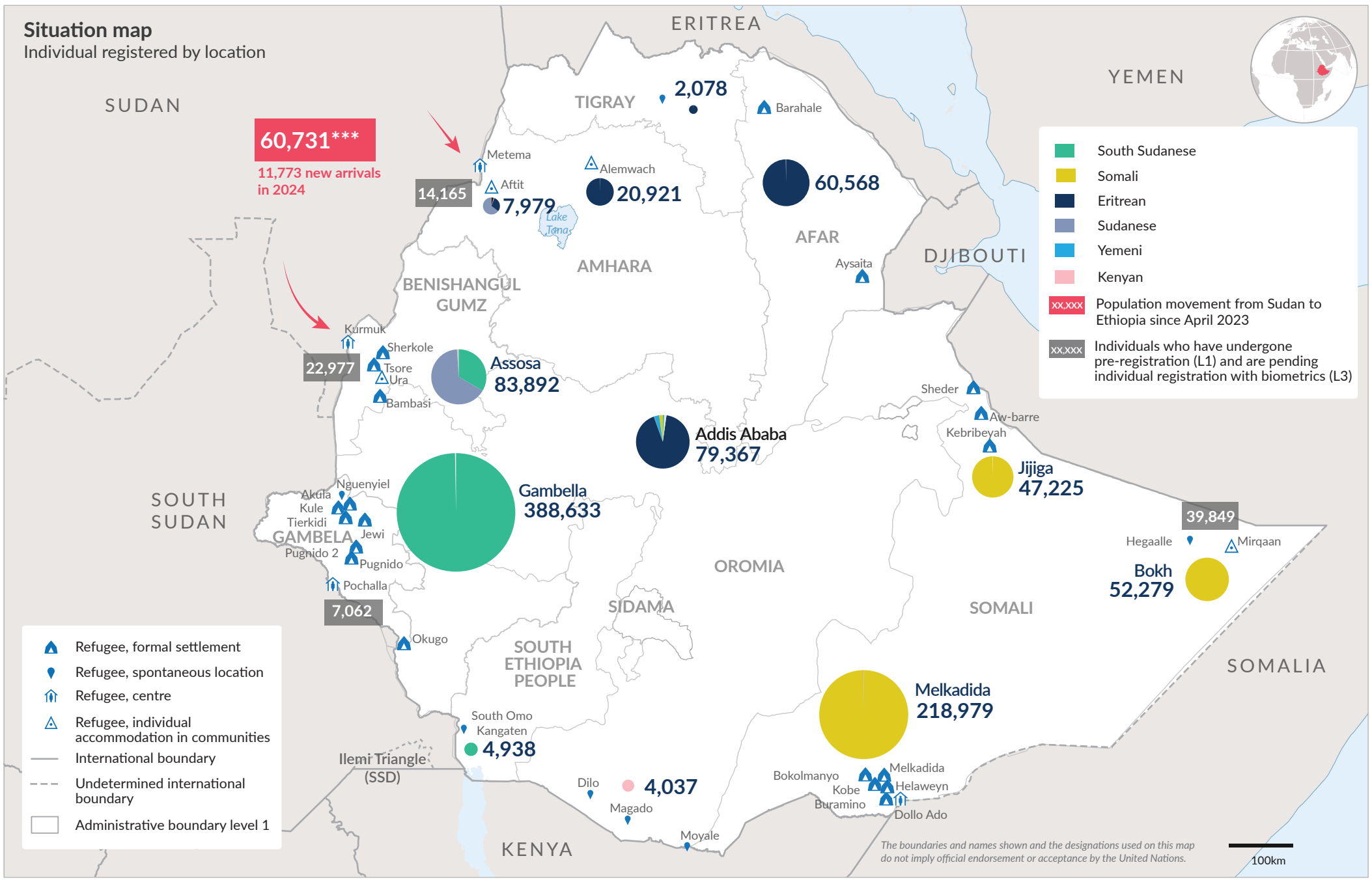
Population trend
Countrywide



Arrival trends Sudan emergency
Individuals in need of international protection



Situation map
Individual registered by location



*Among the total 62,513 asylum seekers, 8,953 are pending individual Refugee Status Determination (RSD) procedures, the remaining 53,560 are household level pre-registered (L1) and categorized as 'asylum seeker'
***Sudan Emergency: arrivals in need of international protection from April 2023 to September 2024, Level 1 (L1) pre-registration figures. A total of 60,731 individuals pre-registered, including 39,457 Sudanese, 10,158 other nationalities, and 11,825 Ethiopian refugee returnees.

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