ETHIOPIA
Refugees and Asylum-seekers

As of 31 July 2025

1,094,380
Total Refugees and Asylum-seekers
(1,015,800 refugees | 78,580* asylum-seekers)

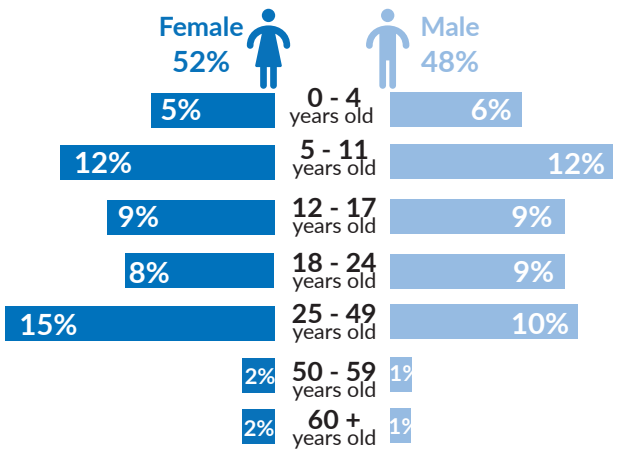
292,118
Households
(average family size: 4)

77% Women & Children
52% Children (0 -17 years)
45% Adults (18 - 59 years)
3% 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

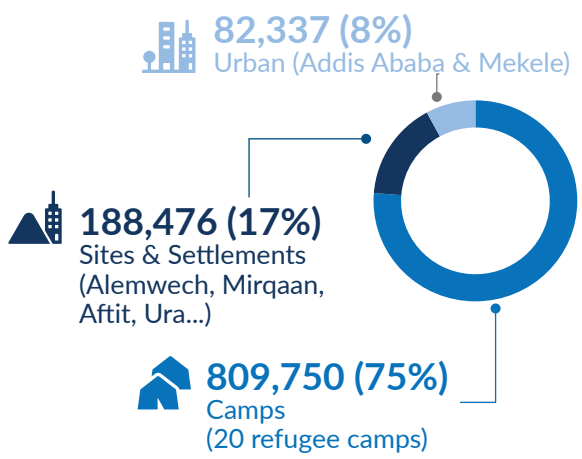


Countries of origin

Country of origin	Total Individuals	Percentage
South Sudan	445,245	41%
Somalia	361,053	33%
Eritrea	180,361	17%
Sudan	96,817	9%
Kenya	5,673	1%
Yemen	2,610	<1%
DR Congo	927	<1%
Syrian Arab Republic	750	<1%
Others**	947	<1%
Total	**1,094,380**	

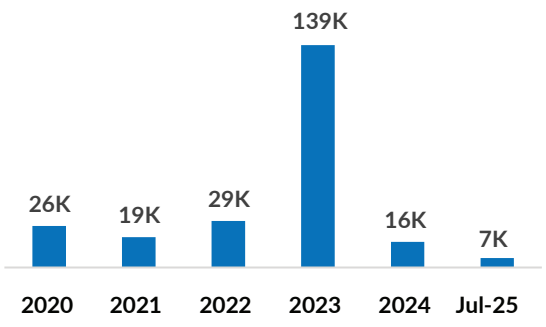
**Others include: Burundi (155 individuals); Djibouti (56)...In total refugees and asylum-seekers registered in Ethiopia come from 34 different countries.

Population distribution



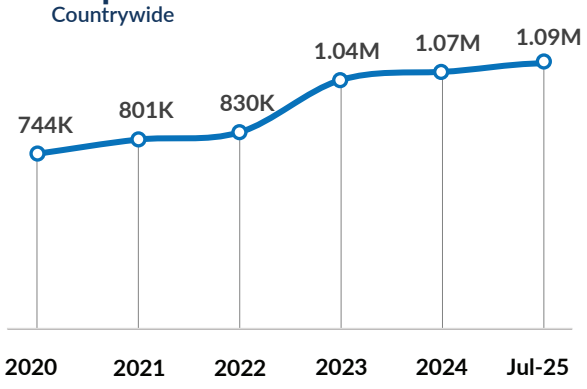
New arrivals per year

Countrywide



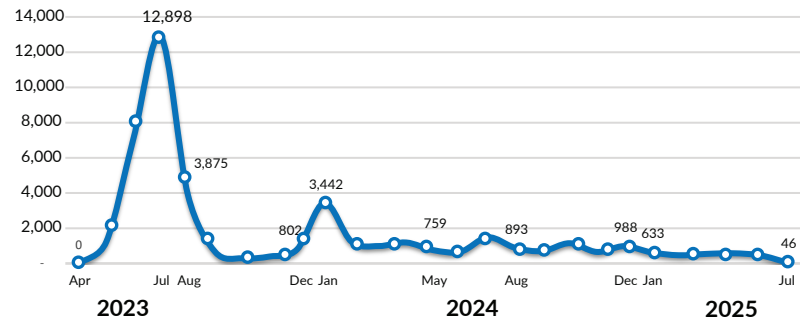
Population trend

Countrywide



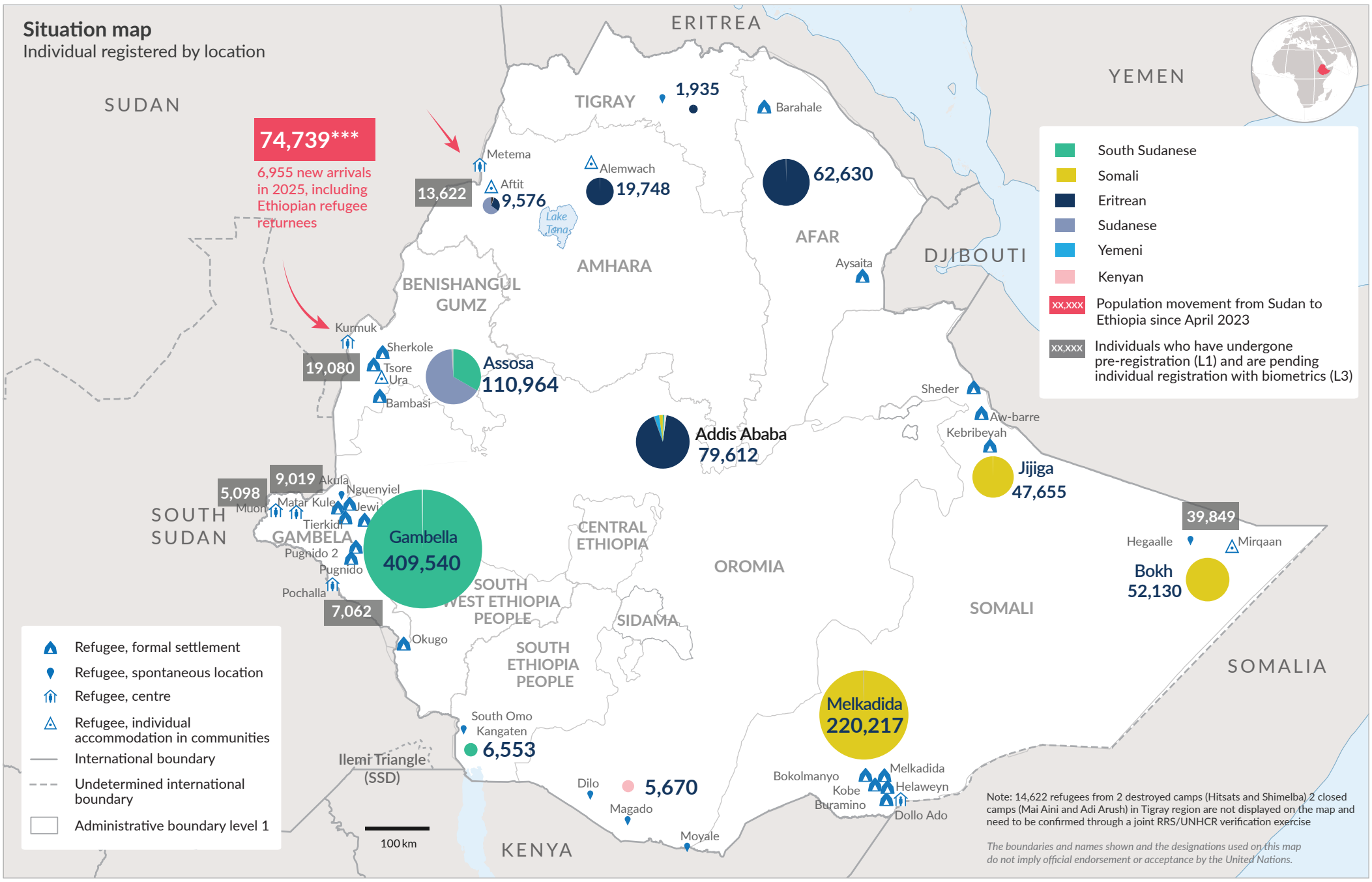
Arrival trends Sudan emergency

Individuals in need of international protection



Situation map

Individual registered by location



Note: 14,622 refugees from 2 destroyed camps (Hitsats and Shimelba) 2 closed camps (Mai Aini and Adi Arush) in Tigray region are not displayed on the map and 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.

*Among the total 78,580 asylum seekers, 11,097 are pending individual Refugee Status Determination (RSD) procedures, the remaining 67,483 are household level pre-registered (L1) and categorized as 'asylum seeker'

***Sudan Emergency: arrivals in need of international protection from April 2023 to June 2025, Level 1 (L1) pre-registration figures. A total of 74,739 individuals pre-registered, including 44,202 Sudanese, 10,496 other nationalities, and 20,041 Ethiopian refugee returnees.

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