REGIONAL BUREAU FOR EAST, HORN OF AFRICA AND GREAT LAKES

Refugees, asylum-seekers, refugee returnees and IDPs

as of 31 October 2021

KEY FIGURES

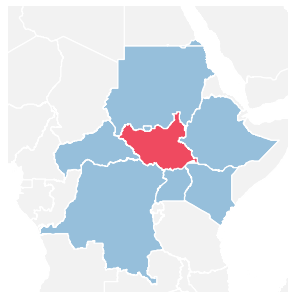
4.87 MILLION
REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS

12.0 MILLION
INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

211,524
REFUGEE RETURNEES IN 2021

The East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes region is host to some 4.87 million refugees and asylum seekers, the majority (2.25 million) from South Sudan. A further 12.0 million people are internally displaced in the region, as a result of conflict and natural disasters. Some 162,525 refugees returned to their countries of origin in 2020.

SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION



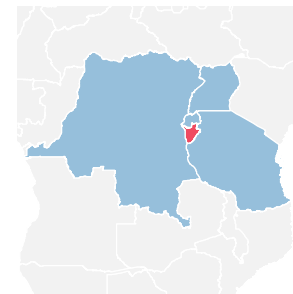
2.31 million
South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries

1.71 million
Internally displaced in South Sudan

387,000
Refugee returnees since Nov 2017

333,694
Refugees hosted in South Sudan

BURUNDI SITUATION



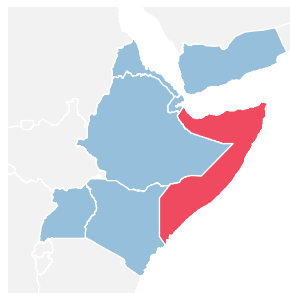
267,919
Burundian refugees in neighbouring countries

115,981
Internally displaced in Burundi

138,727
Refugee returnees since Sept 2017

83,465
Refugees hosted in Burundi

SOMALIA SITUATION



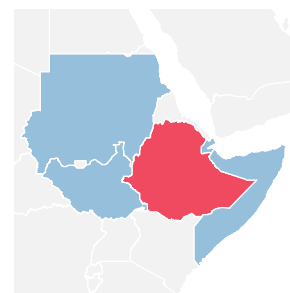
680,841
Somali refugees in neighbouring countries

2.97 million
Internally displaced in Somalia

92,348
Assisted refugee returnees since Dec 2014

28,284
Refugees hosted in Somalia

ETHIOPIA SITUATION



107,839
Ethiopia refugees in neighbouring countries

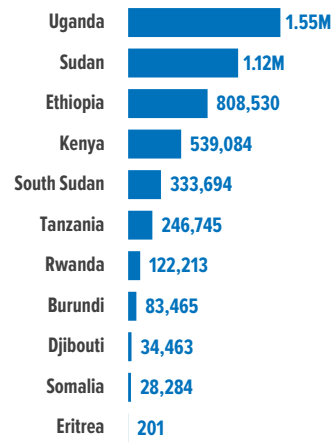
4.17 million
Internally displaced in Ethiopia

82
Refugee returnees (2020)

808,530
Refugees hosted in Ethiopia

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

HOST COUNTRIES



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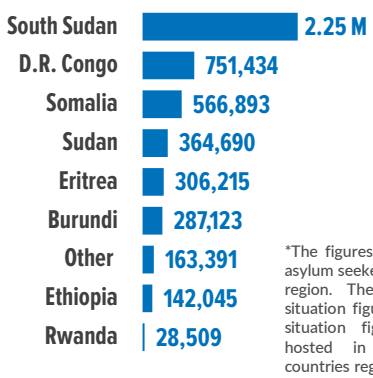
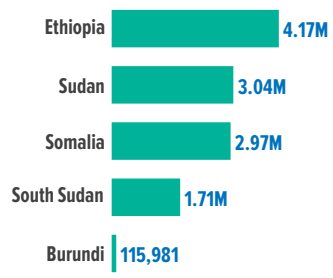
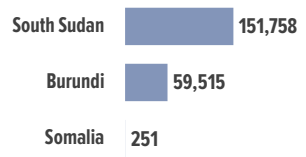


*The figures here refer to refugees and asylum seekers hosted within the EHAGL region. They vary slightly from the situation figures provided above, as the situation figures also include those hosted in non-EHAGL neighboring countries region (e.g. DRC, Chad)

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

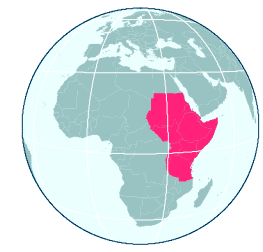


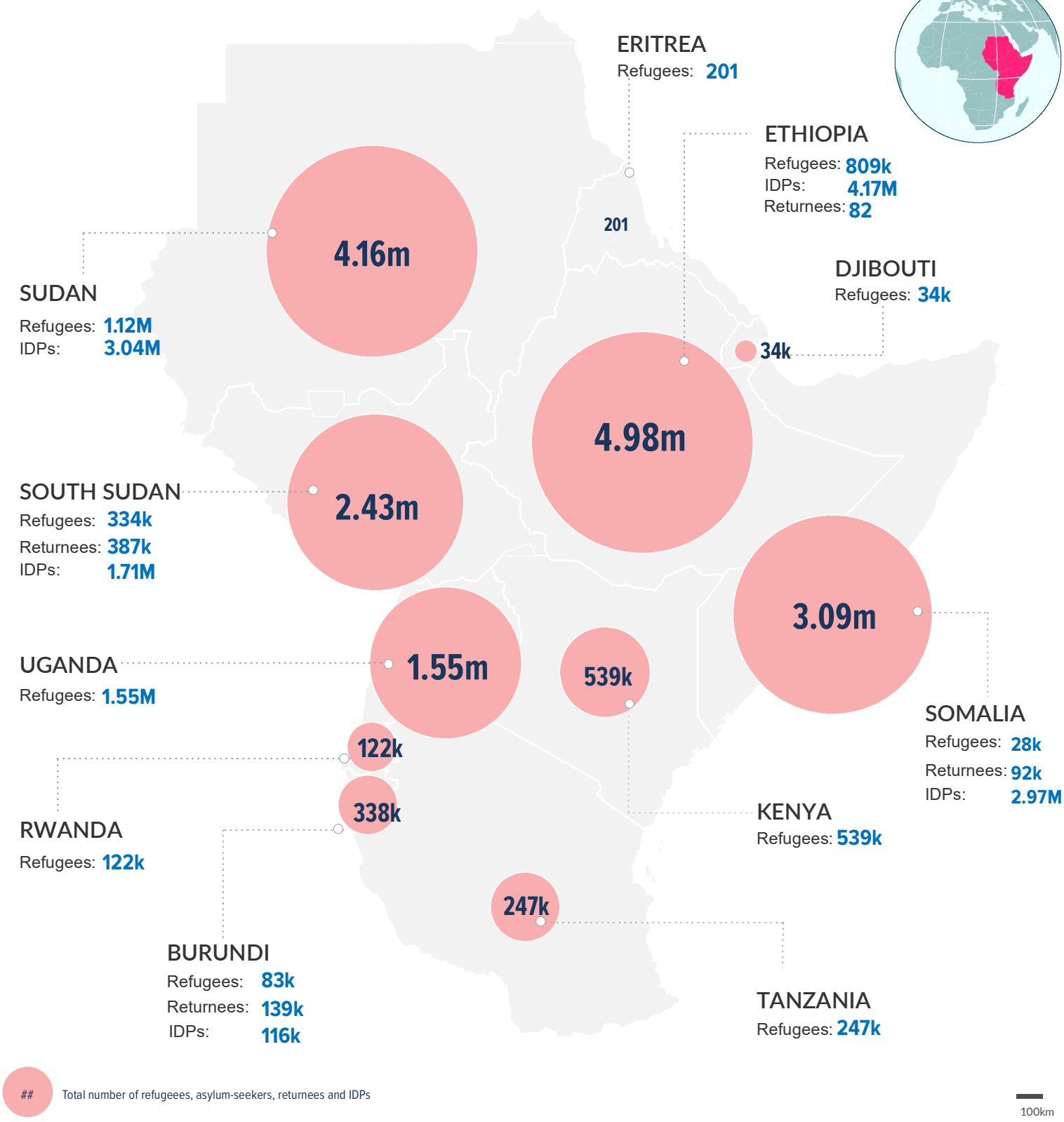
REFUGEE RETURNEES IN 2021



Somalia - assisted and spontaneous returnees; South Sudan - spontaneous

REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS, REFUGEE RETURNEES and IDPs as of October 2021





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