ETHIOPIA
Refugees and Asylum-seekers

As of 31 December 2023

963,181
Individuals registered
(955,493 refugees | 7,688 asylum seekers)

228,665
households
(average family size: 4)

81% Women & Children

56% Children (0 -17 years)

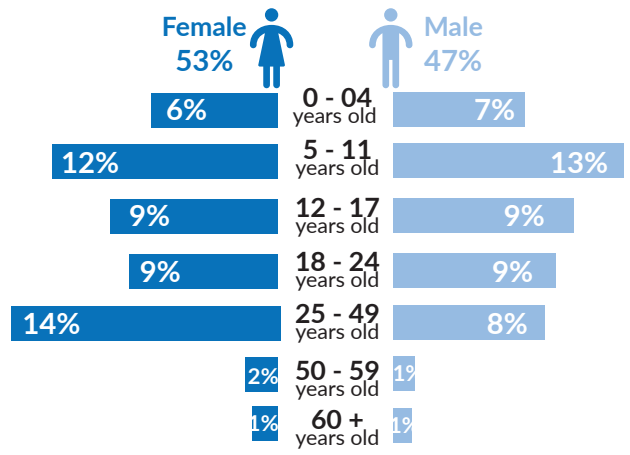
42% Adults (18 - 59 years)

2% Elderly (60+)

Context

Ethiopia is the third largest refugee hosting country in Africa, home to over **963K** refugees and asylum seekers—mainly from South Sudan, Somalia and Eritrea. Following the recent outbreak of armed conflict in **Sudan** (April 2023) and **Lascanood Somalia** (February 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.

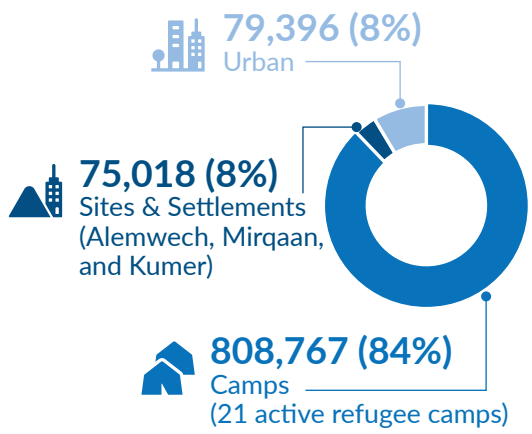
Age-gender breakdown



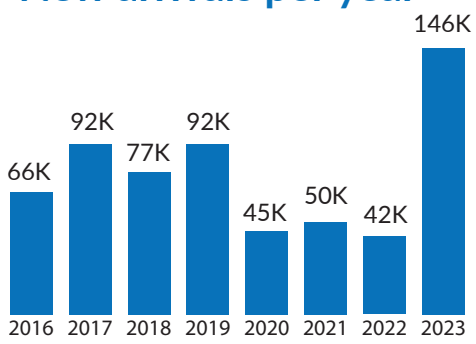
Country of origin breakdown

Country of origin	Total Individuals	Percentage
South Sudan	419,304	44%
Somalia	311,512	32%
Eritrea	170,631	18%
Sudan	52,595	5%
Kenya	4,035	<1%
Yemen	2,503	<1%
DR Congo	1,059	<1%
Syrian Arab Republic	679	<1%
Others	863	<1%
Total	**963,181**	

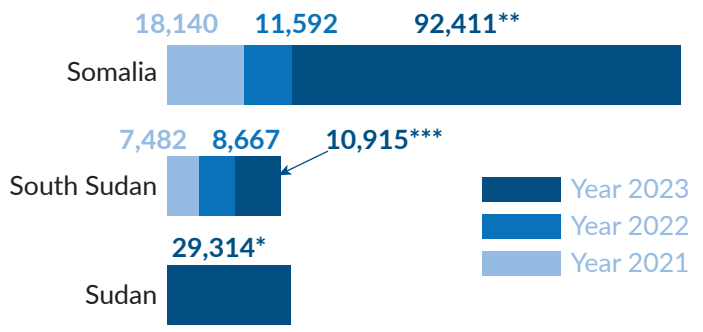
Population distribution



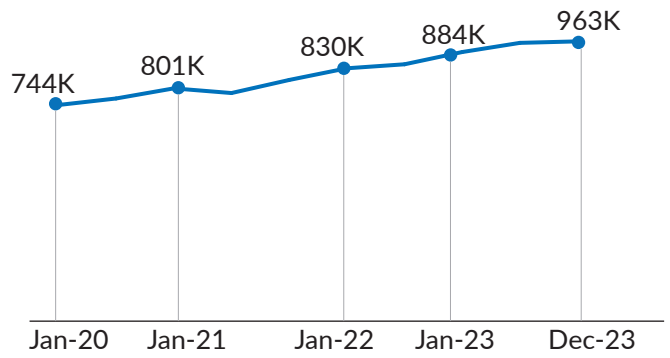
New arrivals per year



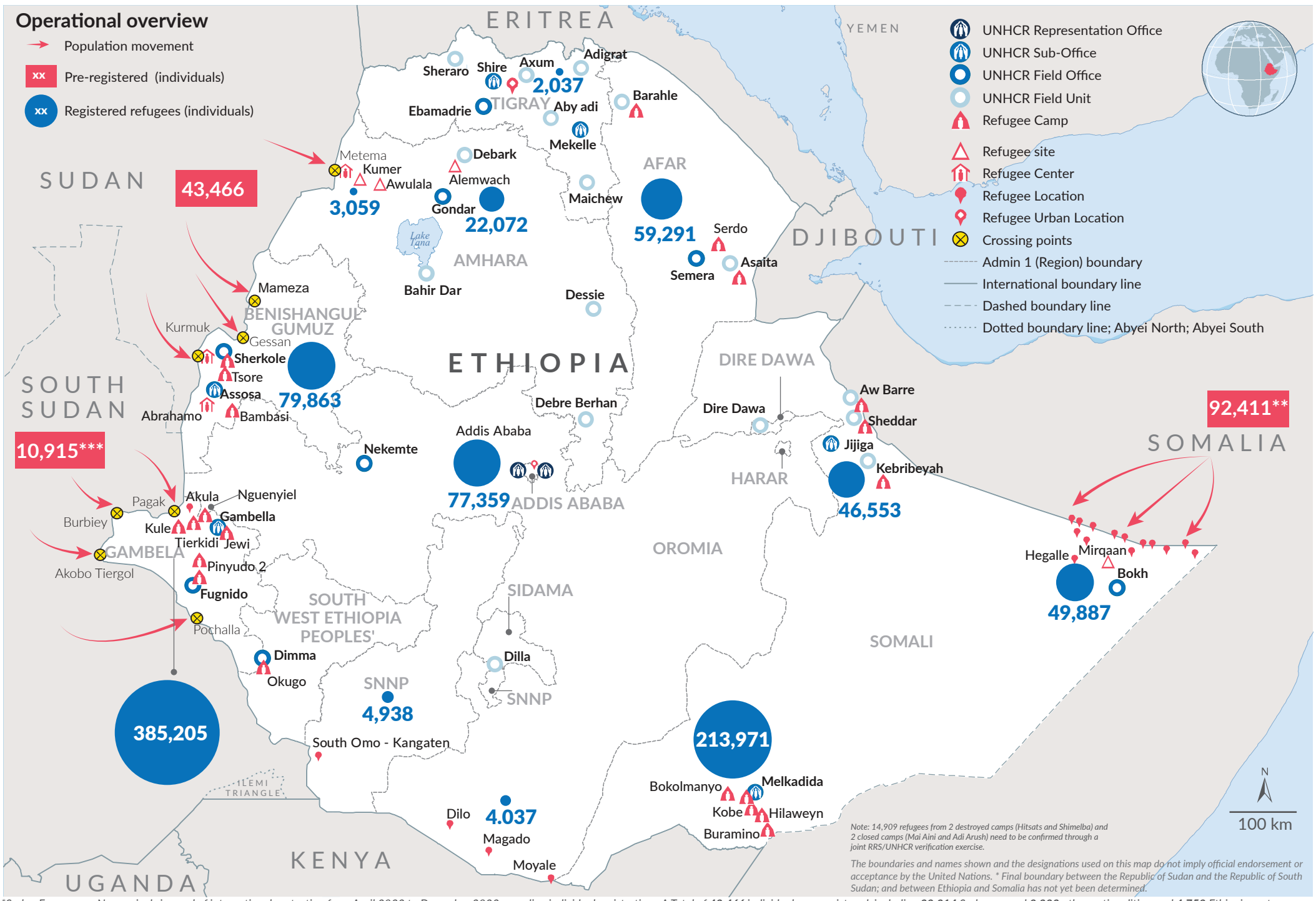
New arrivals by country of origin



Total population trend



Operational overview



Note: 14,909 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.*

Sudan Emergency: New arrivals in need of international protection from April 2023 to December 2023, pending individual registration. A Total of **43,466 individuals pre-registered, including **29,314** Sudanese and **9,393** other nationalities, and **4,759** Ethiopian returnees.*
***Level 1 registration figure. Individual registration is ongoing including nationality screening checks.*
****New arrivals from South Sudan; Level 1 registration figure.*

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