ETHIOPIA

Population Movement from Sudan to Ethiopia

As of 31 August 2024

Context and Highlights

Following the outbreak of armed conflict in Sudan on 15 April 2023, Ethiopia is receiving thousands of forcibly displaced people at two main points of entry (Metema and Kurmuk) along the land border between Sudan and Ethiopia. The Government's Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS) and UNHCR are coordinating the response to the new refugee inflows, including daily border monitoring, screening for asylum-seekers and refugees, and coordinating the provision of basic services, such as food, water as well as emergency healthcare, together with partners.

In Kurmuk, border points remain volatile with the potential for abduction, and other protection risks. The proximity to the conflict at the border perpetuates trauma and anxiety among refugees, hindering their ability to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. Relocation to the new Ura Settlement started on 17 June, and so far more than 3,500 individuals have been relocated.

In Metema, physical security is of concern, and access to services, in particular life saving services such as health care is also challenging as there is a lack of an ambulance. Construction of the new Aftit site is ongoing. After relocating all refugees from Kumer and Awlala, those settlements have been closed. So far, close to 7,000 individuals have been relocated.

Key figures

60,061
Total arrivals in need of international protection since April 2023

38,132
Sudanese refugees/asylum-seekers

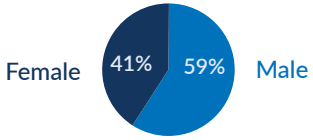
11,771
Ethiopian refugee returnees

10,158
Other nationalities refugees/asylum-seekers

17,112
Total arrivals in 2024

90,043
Total Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia, including 48,964 from the old Sudanese caseload in Assosa

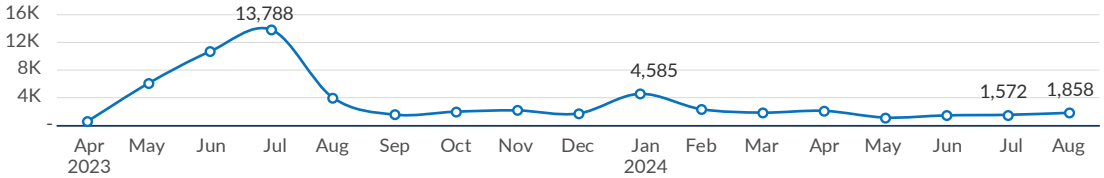
Gender breakdown



An estimated 58% of new arrivals are children

Funding

Arrival trends



Who Does What Where (3W) | 32 organizations responding to the emergency

Locations	Protection		WASH		Health & Nutrition		Livelihood		Education		Energy and Environment		Food Security		Logistics		Shelter / NFI	
# Partners	14		13		8		8		3		1		2		2		3	
Asosa 22 partners	8	CISP, IRC, MTI, PIE, PLAN, RaDO, RRS, UNHCR	7	ANE, CISP, ERCs, IRC, Kurmuk Woreda Water Development Office, PIE, UNICEF	5	ANE, GOAL, IRC, MTI, PIE	6	CESVI, CISP, DRDIP, GNE, INKOMOKO, NRC	1	PIE	1	NRDEP	2	ANE, WFP	2	AAHI, IOM	1	ANE
Metema 21 partners	10	AAE, DICAC, ERCs, IHS, IOM, MTI, PIE, RaDO, RRS, UNHCR	6	AAE, CRS, EECMY, IHS, LWF, Zonal Water Department	5	MTI, PIE, UNICEF, WVE, Zonal Health Bureau	2	LWF, PIE	3	DICAC, PIE, Zonal Education Bureau			2	ANE, WFP	2	AAHI, IOM	3	ANE, EECMY, RRS
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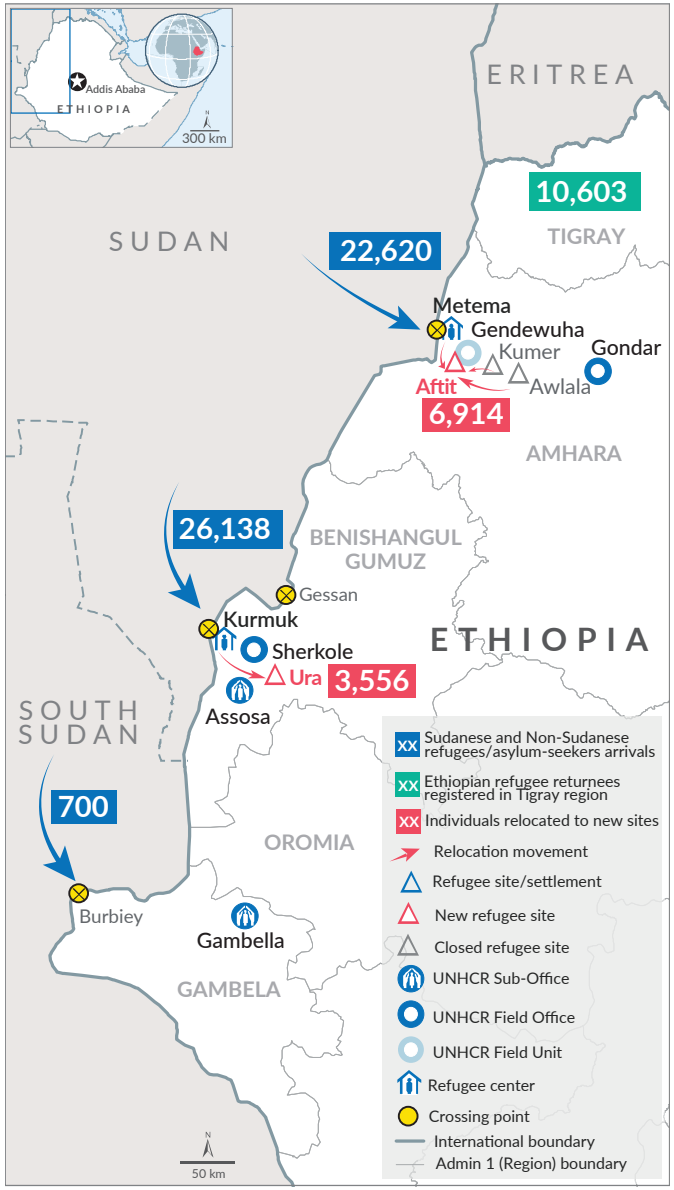
Situation map



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