ETHIOPIA
Refugees and Asylum-seekers

As of February 2024

972,835
Individuals registered
(964,104 refugees | 8,731 asylum seekers)

231,817
households
(average family size: 4)

80% Women & Children

54% Children (0 -17 years)

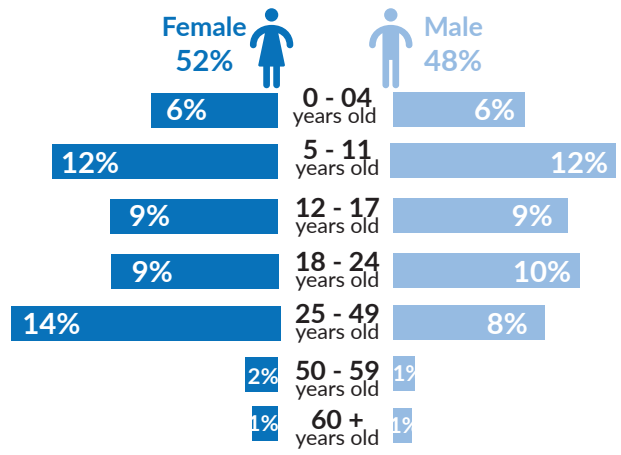
44% Adults (18 - 59 years)

2% Elderly (60+)

Context

Ethiopia is the third largest refugee hosting country in Africa, home to over **972K** 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. 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.

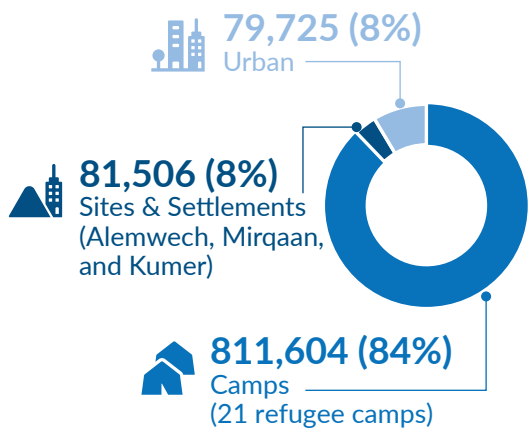
Age-gender breakdown



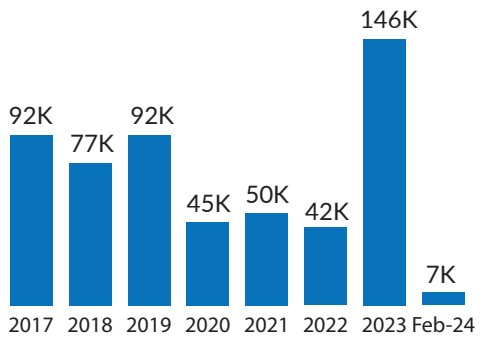
Country of origin breakdown

Country of origin	Total Individuals	Percentage
South Sudan	420,502	43%
Somalia	314,976	32%
Eritrea	172,107	18%
Sudan	56,106	6%
Kenya	4,035	<1%
Yemen	2,508	<1%
DR Congo	1,061	<1%
Syrian Arab Republic	678	<1%
Others	862	<1%
Total	**972,835**	

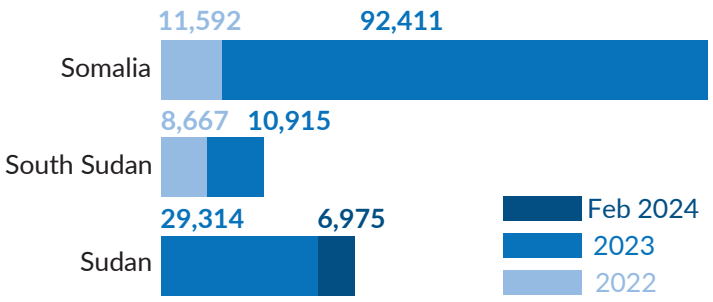
Population distribution



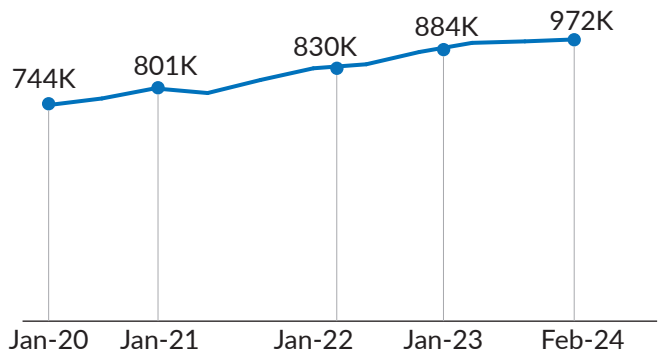
New arrivals per year



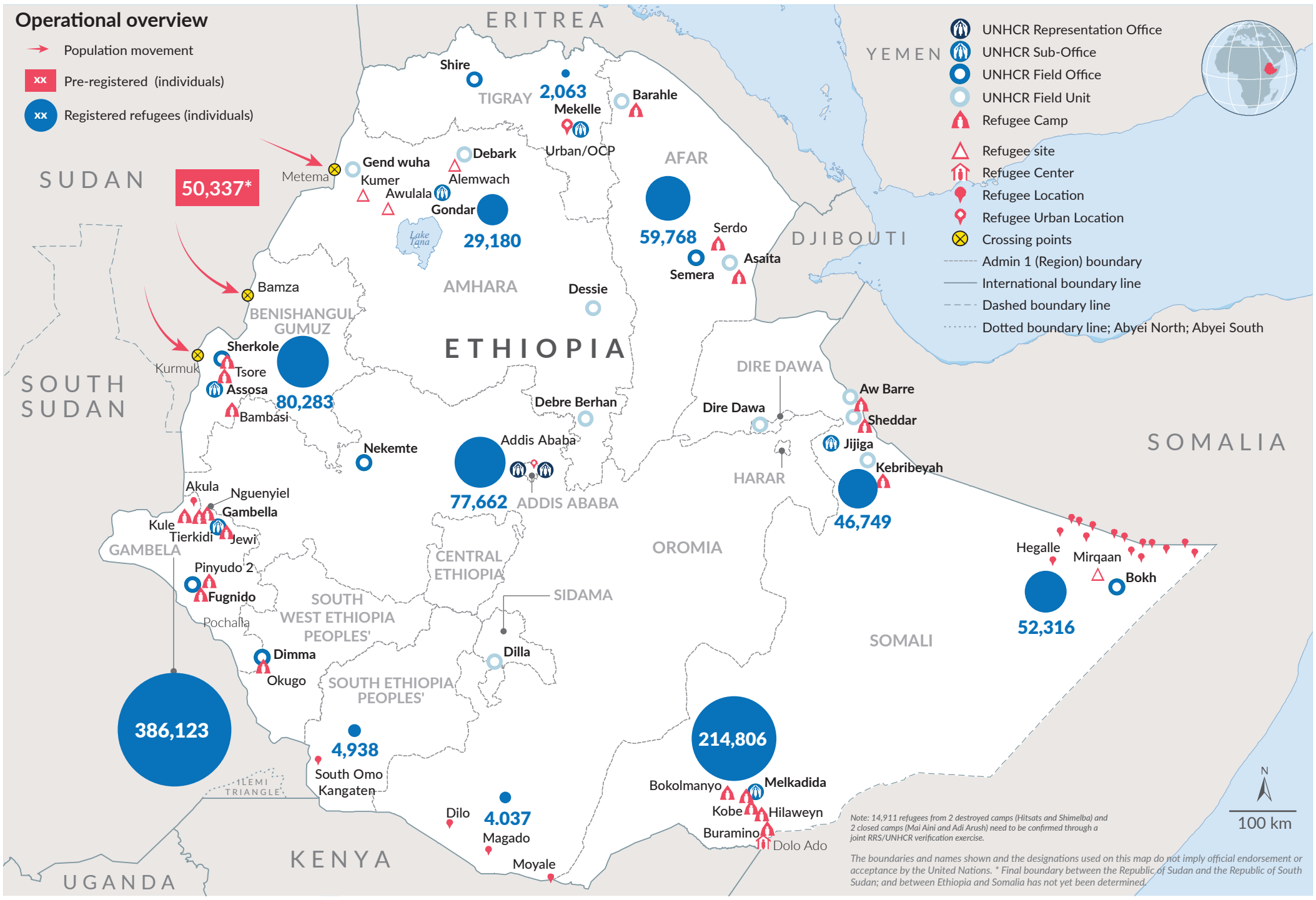
New arrivals by country of origin



Total population trend



Operational overview



*Sudan Emergency: New arrivals in need of international protection from April 2023 to February 2024. A Total of **50,337** individuals pre-registered, including **32,081** Sudanese and **15,173** other nationalities, and **7,843** Ethiopian returnees.*

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