ETHIOPIA
Refugees and Asylum-seekers

As of 31 May 2024

1,051,918*
Total Refugees and Asylum-seekers
(1,043,667 refugees | 8,251 asylum-seekers)

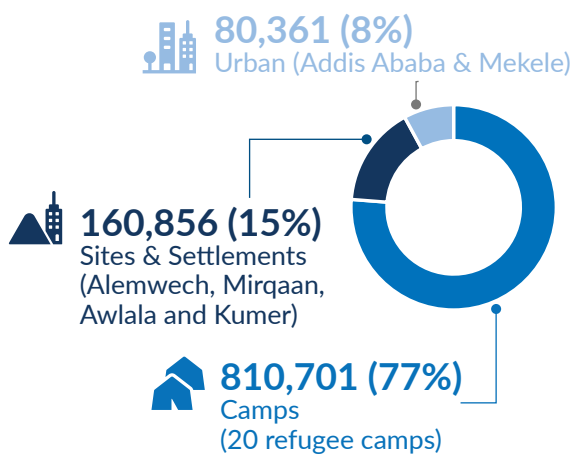
281,388
Households
(average family size: 4)

80% Women & Children
54% Children (0 -17 years)
44% Adults (18 - 59 years)
2% Elderly (60+)

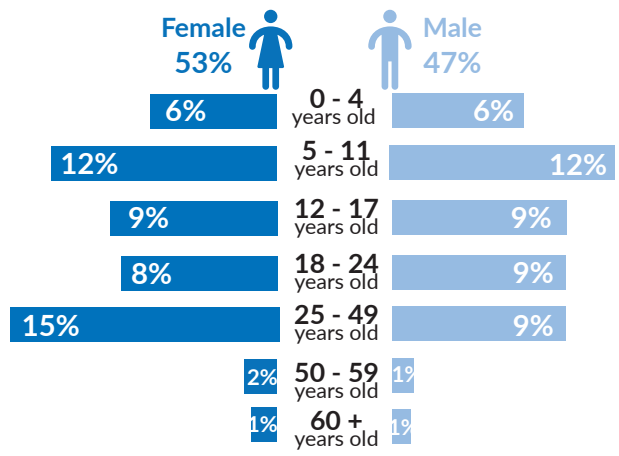
Context

Ethiopia is the second 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. 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.

Population distribution



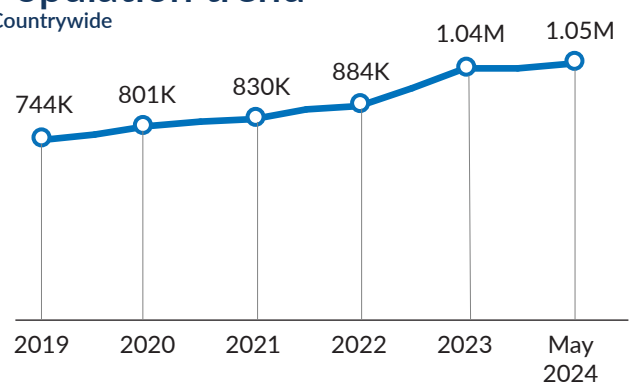
Age-gender breakdown



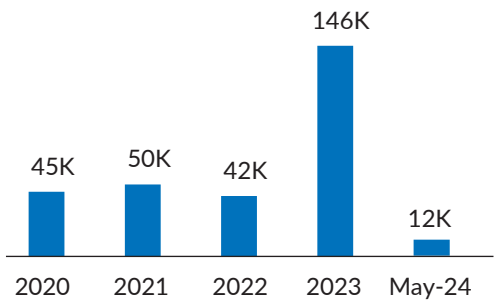
Countries of origin

Country of origin	Total Individuals	Percentage
South Sudan	423,077	40%
Somalia	347,103	33%
Eritrea	179,177	17%
Sudan	93,329	9%
Kenya	4,035	<1%
Yemen	2,521	<1%
DR Congo	994	<1%
Syrian Arab Republic	719	<1%
Others	963	<1%
Total	**1,051,918**	

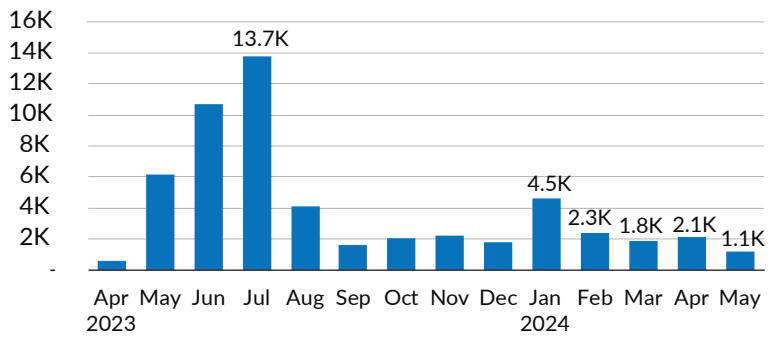
Population trend
Countrywide



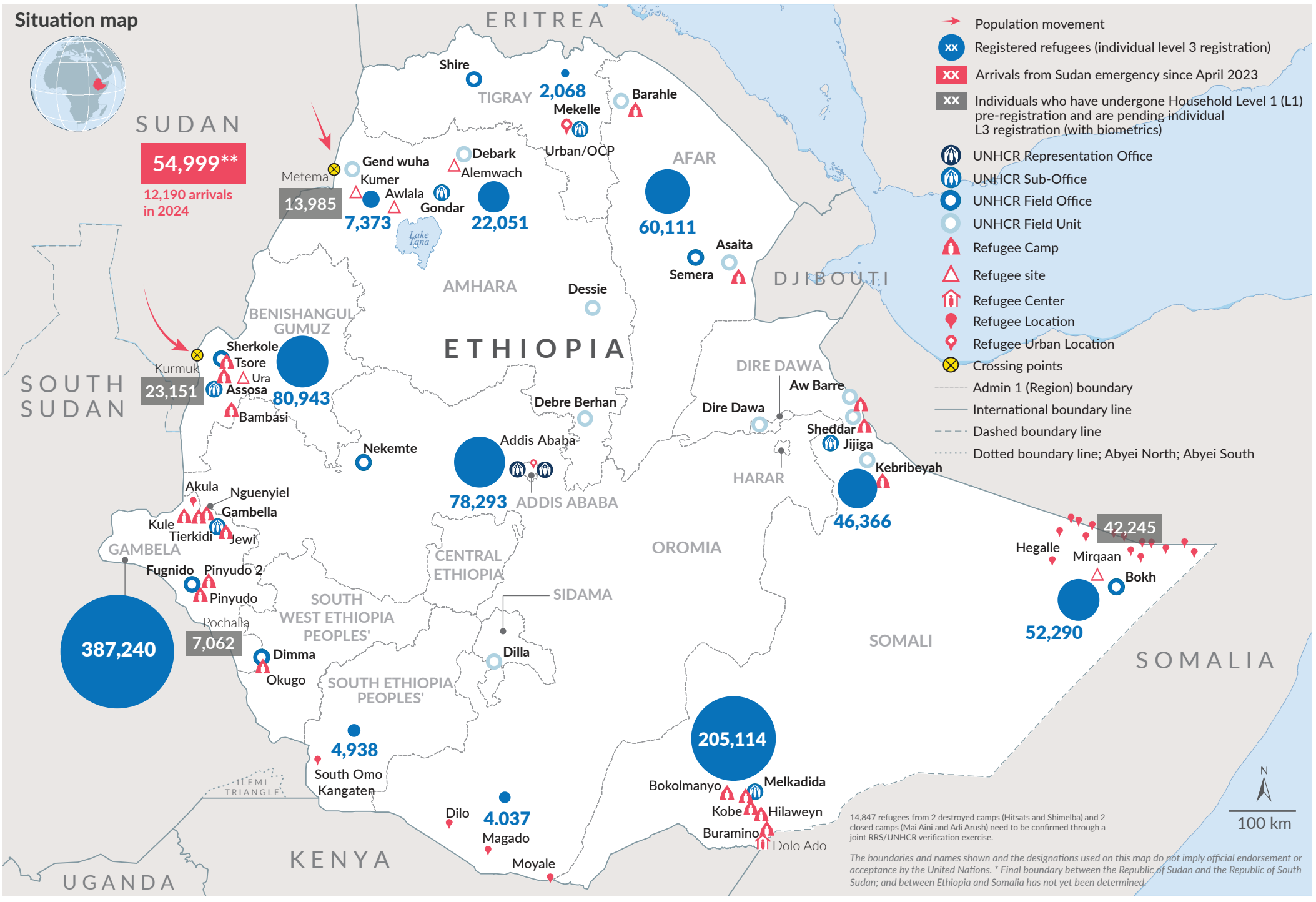
New arrivals per year
Countrywide



Arrival trends Sudan emergency
Individuals in need of international protection



Situation map



*This includes 86,443 individuals who have undergone Household Level 1 (L1) pre-registration and are pending individual L3 registration (with biometrics).

**Sudan Emergency: New arrivals in need of international protection from April 2023 to May 2024, Level 1 (L1) pre-registration. A total of 54,999 individuals pre-registered, including 34,561 Sudanese, 10,517 other nationalities, and 9,921 Ethiopian refugee returnees.

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