

**1,073,275**

Total Refugees and Asylum-seekers  
(1,002,481 refugees | 70,794\* asylum-seekers)

**287,565**

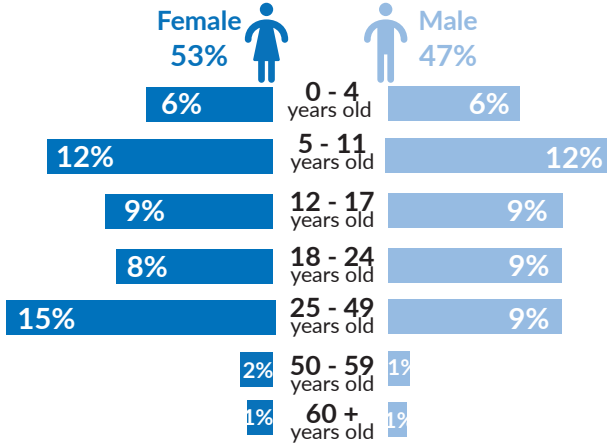
Households  
(average family size: 4)

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

**Context & Highlight**

Ethiopia is the third 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. On 6 March 2024, the Ethiopian government's Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS) in collaboration with the National ID Program (NIDP) and UNHCR launched the issuance of **digital identity documents** to foster inclusion of refugees in the national system.

**Age-gender breakdown**

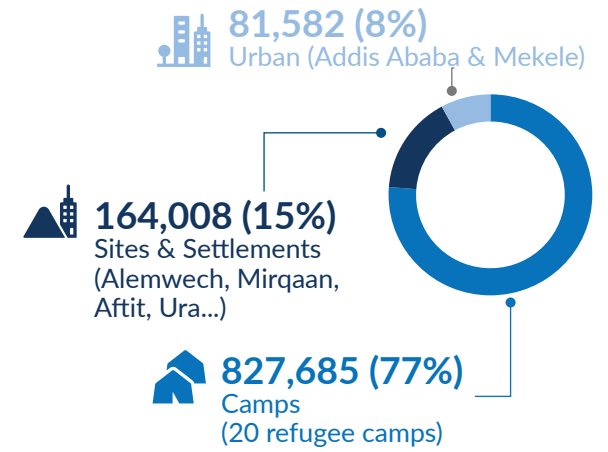


**Countries of origin**

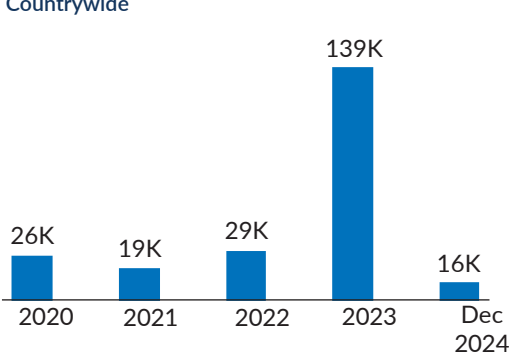
Country of origin	Total Individuals	Percentage
South Sudan	429,216	40%
Somalia	361,949	34%
Eritrea	179,118	17%
Sudan	92,093	9%
Kenya	5,672	1%
Yemen	2,595	<1%
DR Congo	956	<1%
Syrian Arab Republic	748	<1%
Others**	928	<1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,073,275</b>	

\*\*Others include: Burundi (130 individuals); Djibouti (56)...In total refugees and asylum-seekers registered in Ethiopia come from **34 different countries**.

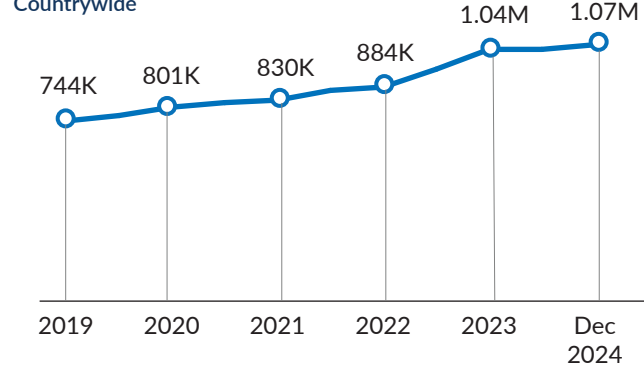
**Population distribution**



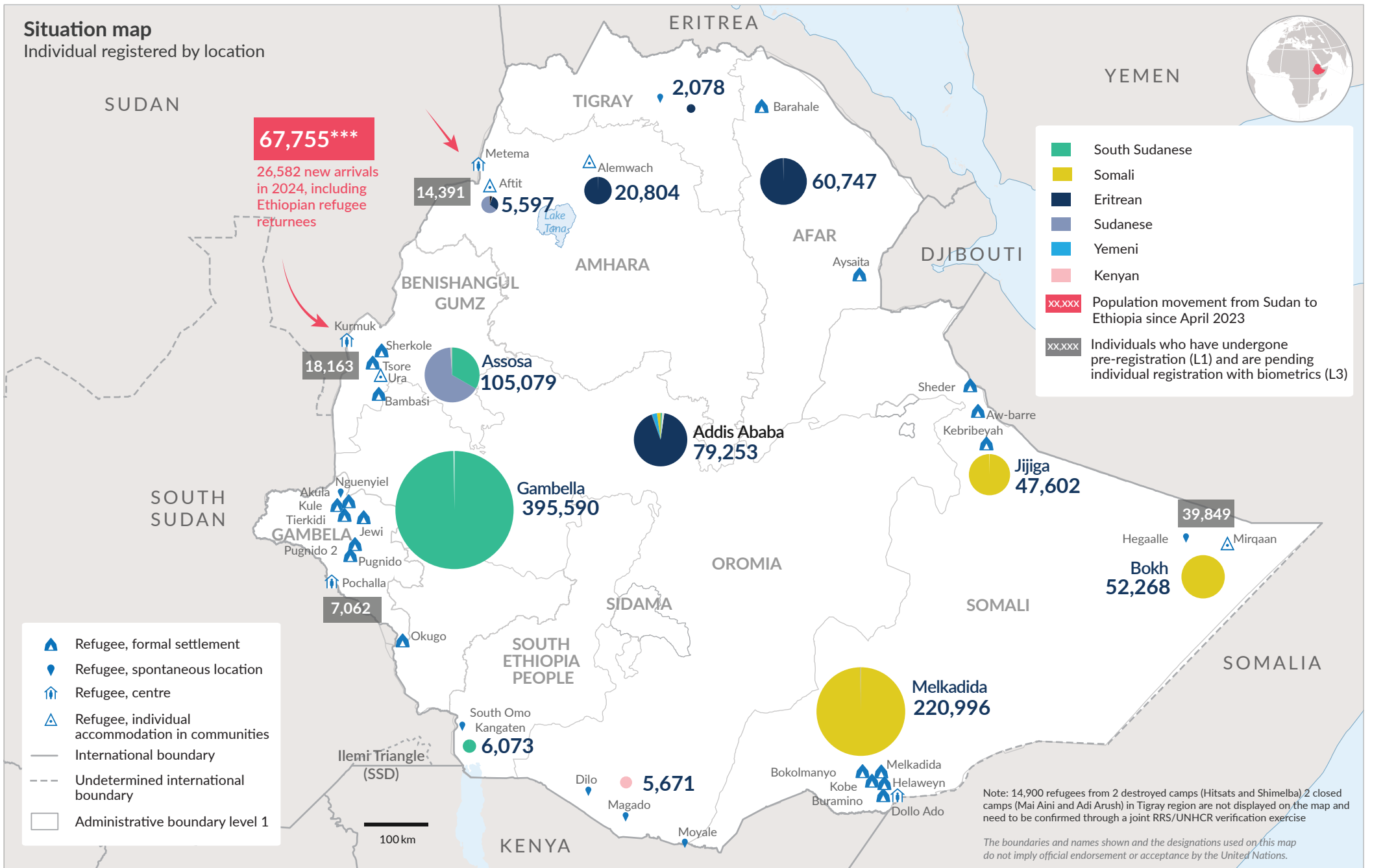
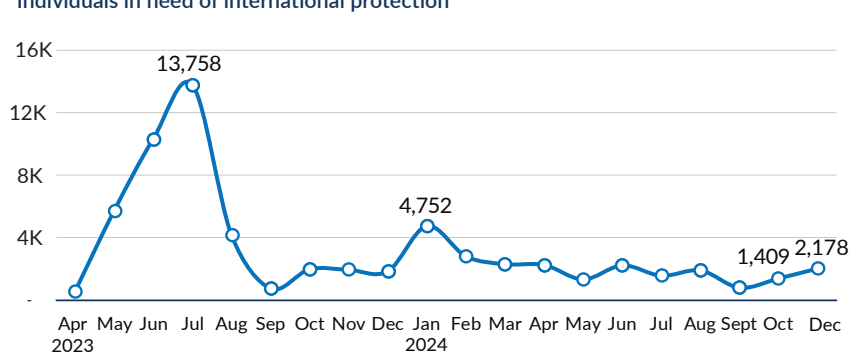
**New arrivals per year**



**Population trend**



**Arrival trends Sudan emergency**



\*Among the total 70,794 asylum seekers, 9,492 are pending individual Refugee Status Determination (RSD) procedures, the remaining 61,302 are household level pre-registered (L1) and categorized as 'asylum seeker'  
 \*\*\*Sudan Emergency: arrivals in need of international protection from April 2023 to December 2024, Level 1 (L1) pre-registration figures. A total of 67,755 individuals pre-registered, including 41,427 Sudanese, 10,301 other nationalities, and 16,027 Ethiopian refugee returnees.  
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