ETHIOPIA
Refugees and Asylum-seekers

As of 30 June 2025

1,080,563
Total Refugees and Asylum-seekers
(1,009,636 refugees | 70,927* asylum-seekers)

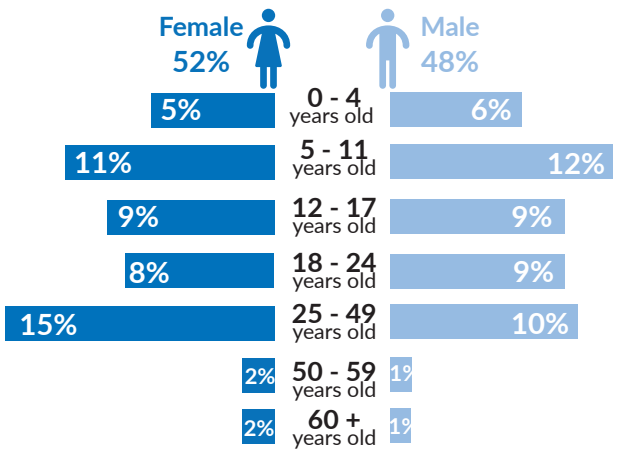
290,444
Households
(average family size: 4)

77% Women & Children
52% Children (0 -17 years)
46% Adults (18 - 59 years)
3% 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

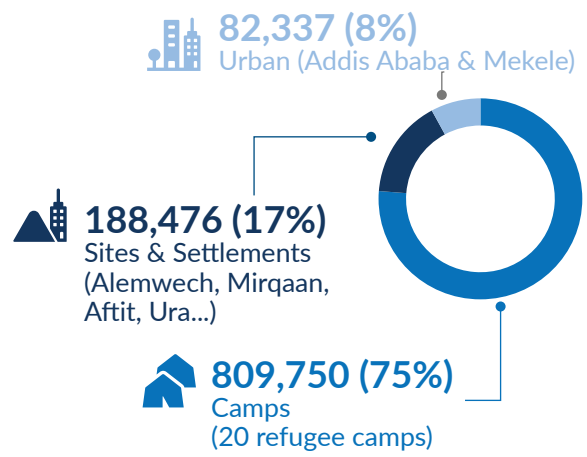


Countries of origin

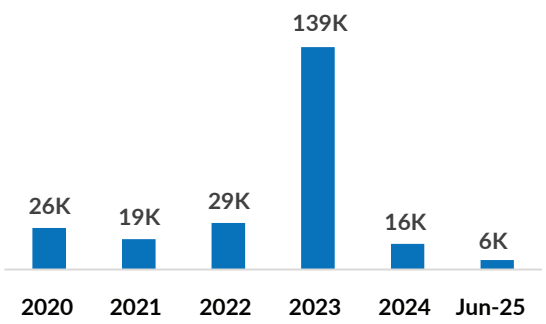
Country of origin	Total Individuals	Percentage
South Sudan	437,582	41%
Somalia	360,797	33%
Eritrea	180,810	17%
Sudan	90,264	8%
Kenya	5,673	1%
Yemen	2,600	<1%
DR Congo	1,076	<1%
Syrian Arab Republic	750	<1%
Others**	1,011	<1%
Total	**1,080,563**	

**Others include: Burundi (155 individuals); Djibouti (56)...In total refugees and asylum-seekers registered in Ethiopia come from 34 different countries.

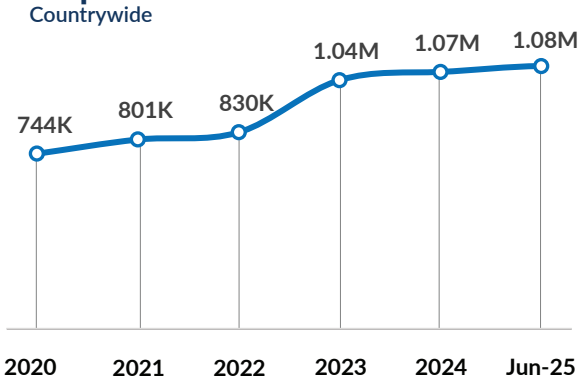
Population distribution



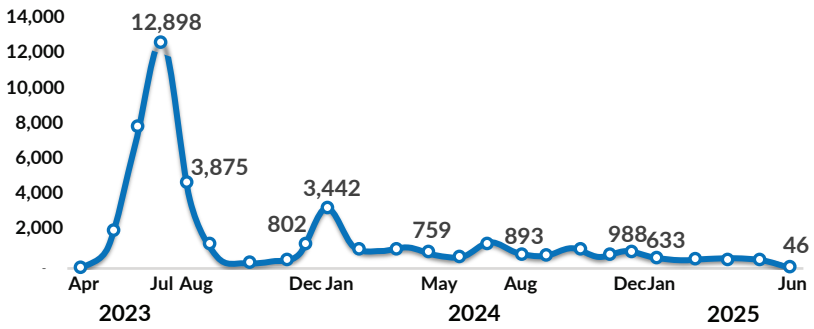
New arrivals per year
Countrywide

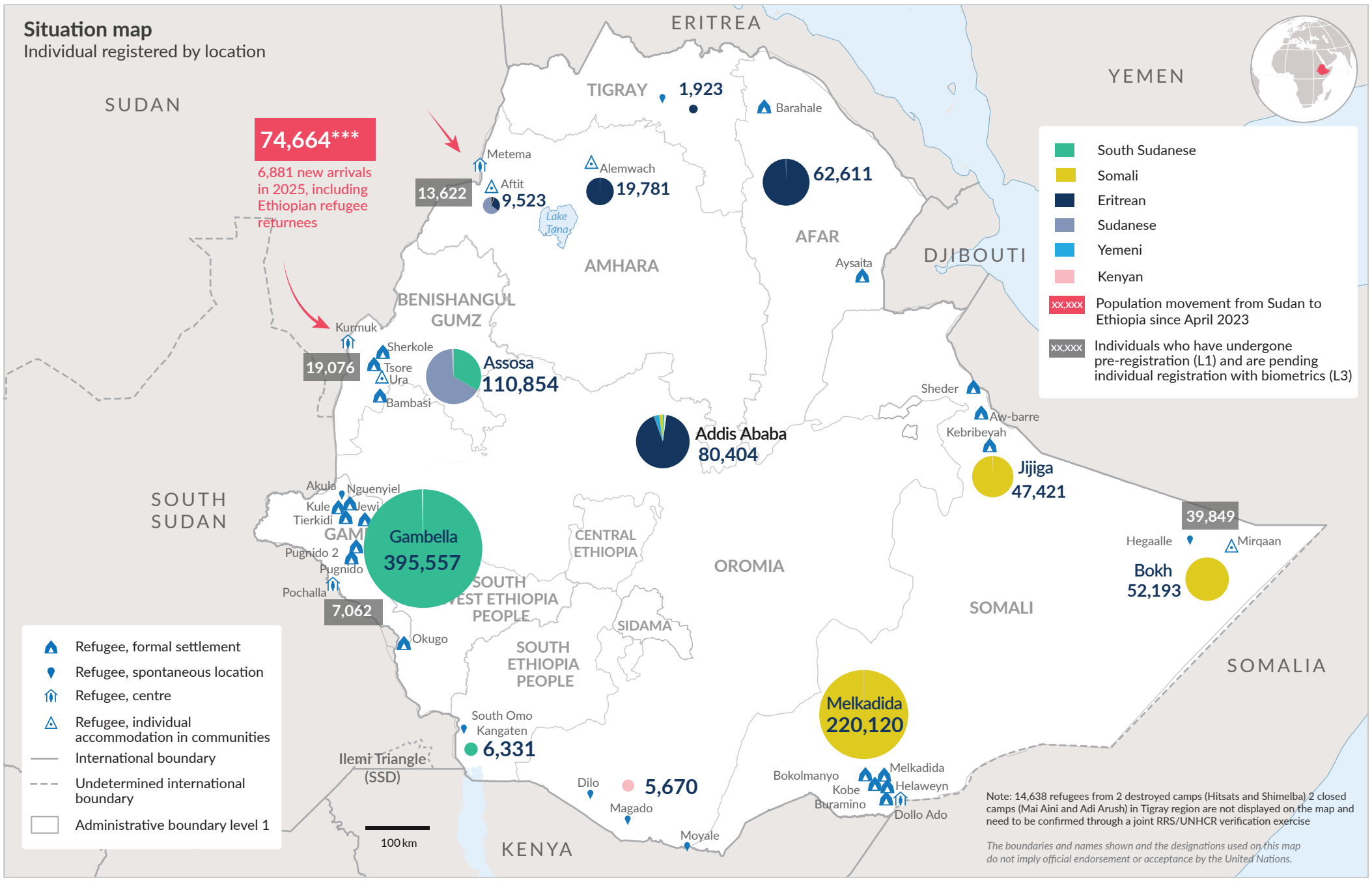


Population trend
Countrywide



Arrival trends Sudan emergency
Individuals in need of international protection





*Among the total 70,927 asylum seekers, 53,829 are pending individual Refugee Status Determination (RSD) procedures, the remaining 9,826 are household level pre-registered (L1) and categorized as 'asylum seeker'
***Sudan Emergency: arrivals in need of international protection from April 2023 to June 2025, Level 1 (L1) pre-registration figures. A total of 74,664 individuals pre-registered, including 44,202 Sudanese, 10,496 other nationalities, and 19,966 Ethiopian refugee returnees.

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