ETHIOPIA
Refugees and Asylum-seekers

As of 31 August 2023

942,792
Individuals registered
(936,615 refugees | 6,177 asylum seekers)

222,845
households
(average family size: 4)

81% Women & Children

56% Children (0 -17 years)

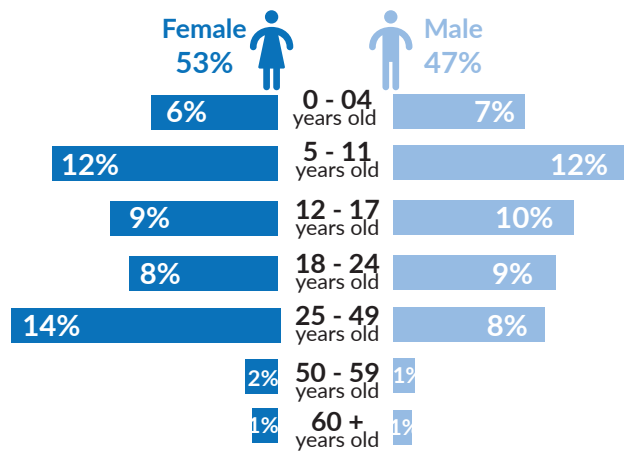
42% Adults (18 - 59 years)

2% Elderly (60+)

Context

Ethiopia is the third largest refugee hosting country in Africa, home to over 942,000 refugees and asylum seekers—mainly from South Sudan, Somalia and Eritrea. Following the recent outbreak of armed conflict in **Sudan** (April 2023) and **Lascanood Somalia** (February 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.

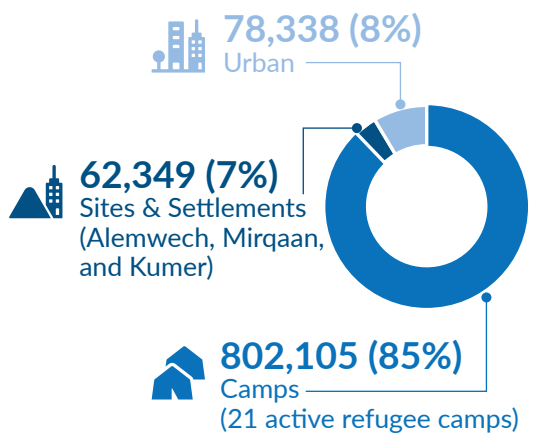
Age-gender breakdown



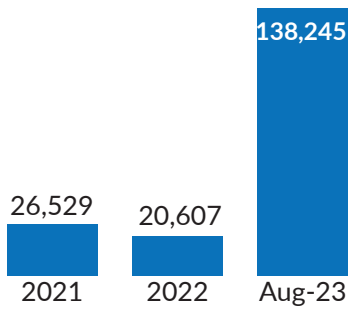
Country of origin breakdown

Country of origin	Total Individuals	Percentage
South Sudan	417,306	44%
Somalia	298,892	32%
Eritrea	167,184	18%
Sudan	50,308	5%
Kenya	4,035	<1%
Yemen	2,491	<1%
DR Congo	1,071	<1%
Syrian Arab Republic	662	<1%
Others	843	<1%
Total	**942,792**	

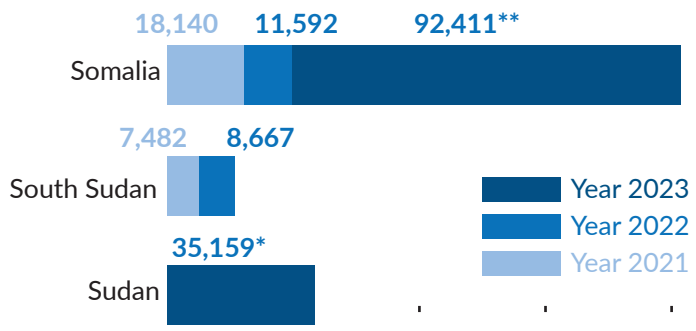
Population distribution



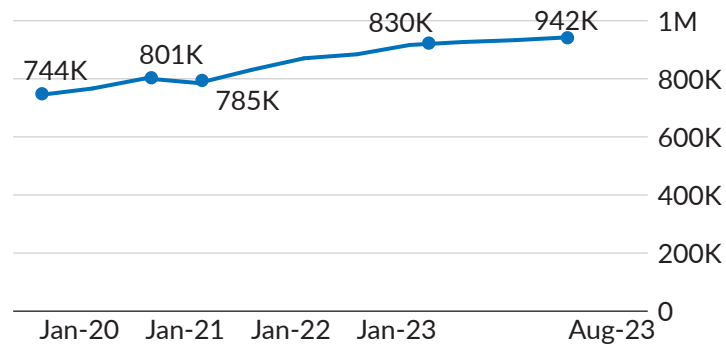
New arrivals per year



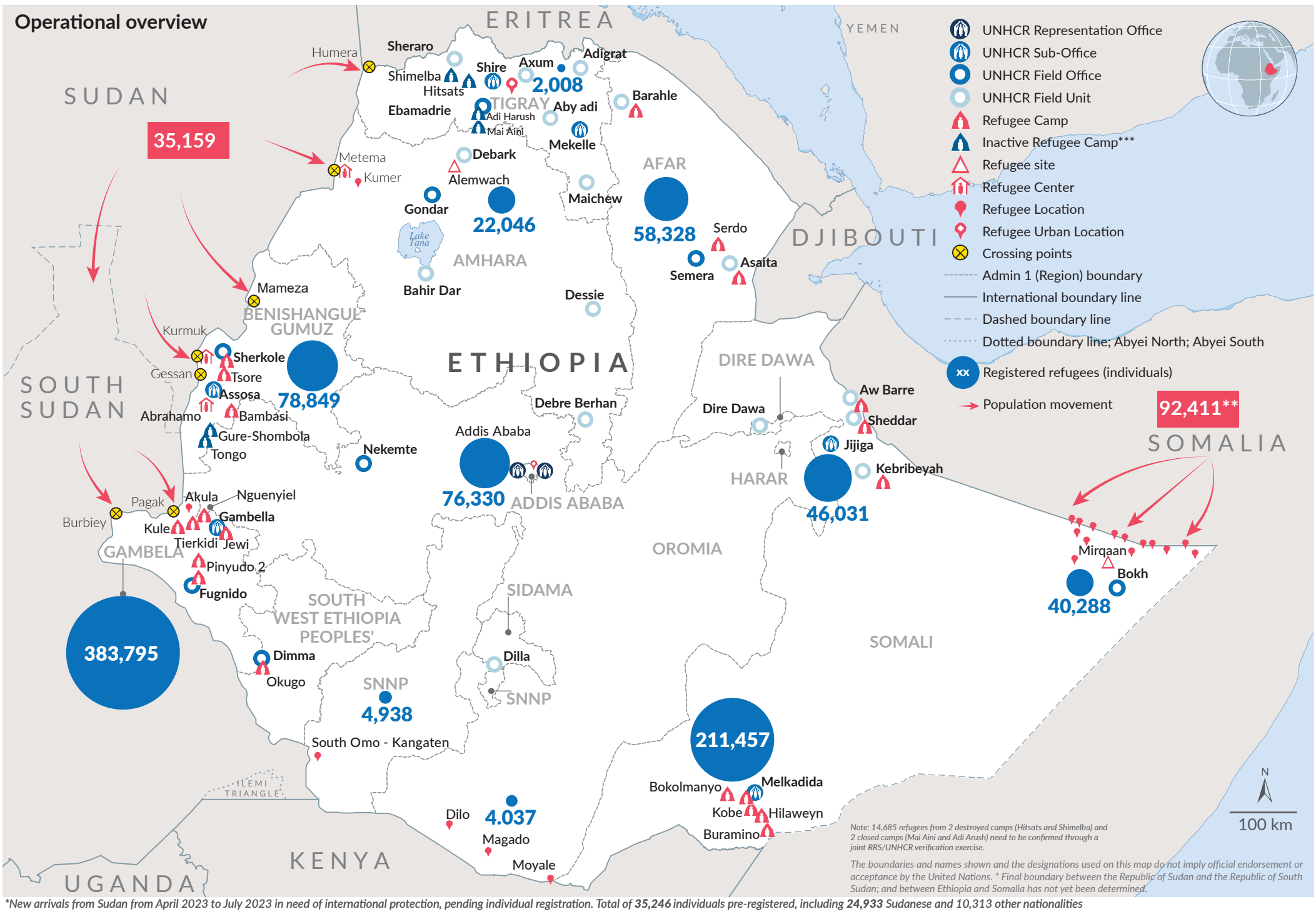
New arrivals by country of origin



Total population trend



Operational overview



New arrivals from Sudan from April 2023 to July 2023 in need of international protection, pending individual registration. Total of **35,246 individuals pre-registered, including **24,933** Sudanese and 10,313 other nationalities*

***Level 1 registration figure. Individual registration is ongoing including nationality screening checks.*

**** Closed Refugee camps not yet officially handed over to the local administrations*

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