

**14,195** Total movements observed at all FMPs

**3,119** Movements observed at Obock

**6,188** Entries from Djibouti's western borders

**900** Arrivals from Yemen (\*)

**412** Observed exits to Ethiopia

**OVERVIEW**

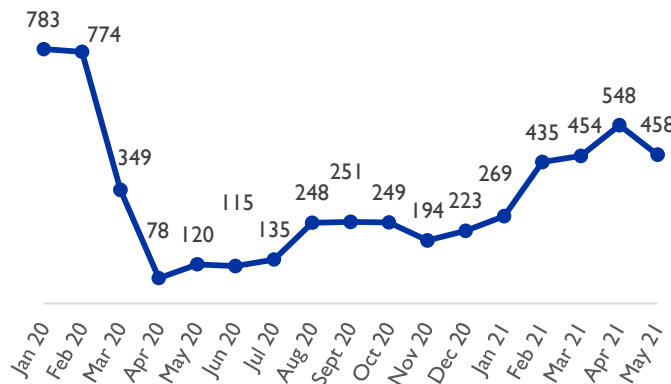
During the month of May 2021, 14,195 movements were observed at flow monitoring points in Djibouti representing a daily average of 458 movements. This is a decrease of 17% from the 548 average daily movements observed in April 2021.

Of these 14,195 movements, 22% were observed at Obock. This coastal region of Djibouti is used by migrants traveling to the Arab Peninsula, crossing the Gulf of Aden on boats along the Eastern Route. Of the 3,119 movements observed in the Obock region, 23% (704) were movements originating in Yemen towards Ethiopia.

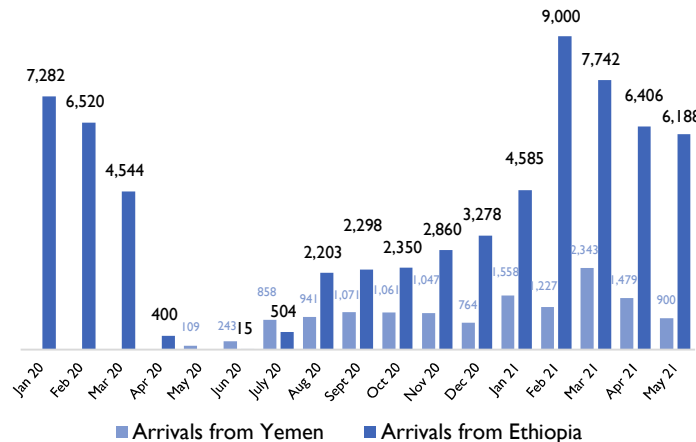
From January 2020 to June 2020, the number of entries from Djibouti's western borders decreased by 99% due to the closure of Ethiopian borders. Since Djibouti and Ethiopia resumed land services in July, the number of entries from Ethiopia have increased sharply; they went from 504 movements observed in July 2020 to 6,188 in May 2021.

At the same time, due to movement restrictions due to COVID-19 in Yemen and Saudi Arabia, more than 13,601 Ethiopians have returned from Yemen since May 2020. Between May 2020 and May 2021, the number of arrivals from Yemen have increased by a multiple of 9, from 109 in May 2020 to 900 in May 2021.

**AVERAGE DAILY MOVEMENTS OBSERVED PER MONTH**

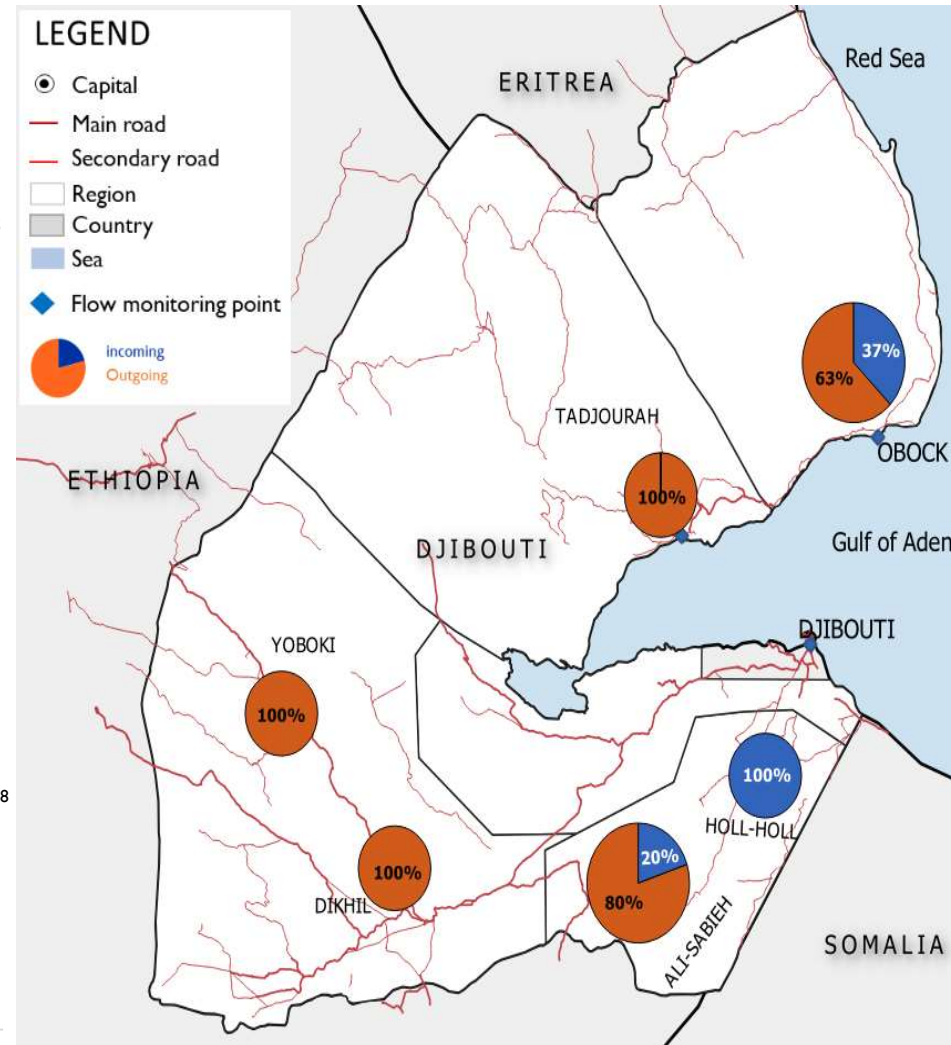


**ARRIVALS IN DJIBOUTI**



**LEGEND**

- Capital
- Main road
- Secondary road
- Region
- Country
- Sea
- ◆ Flow monitoring point
- Incoming
- Outgoing



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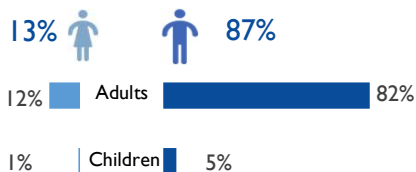
(\*) Yemen arrivals data was collected through key informants.

During the month of May 2021, the main intended final destinations were Yemen (53%), Djibouti (21%), Saudi Arabia (13%) and Ethiopia (13%). The majority of the observed population were male (82% adults and 5% children), while 13% of identified persons were female (12% adults and 1% children). The identified persons were mainly travelling by foot (78%), for economic reasons (97%) and others returned home (3%).

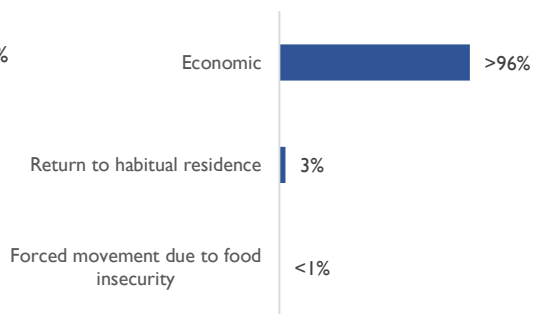
During the month of May 2021, the number of entries from Djibouti's western borders increased to 6,188 compared with 6,406 observed last month. From June 2020 to May 2021, 47,429 arrivals from Ethiopia have been recorded.

**47,429** Arrivals from Ethiopia since June 2020

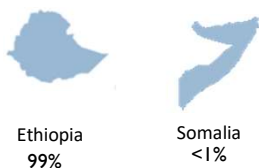
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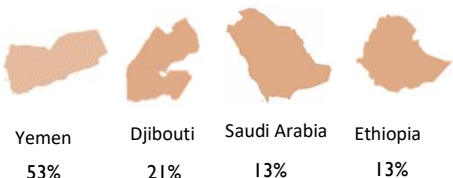
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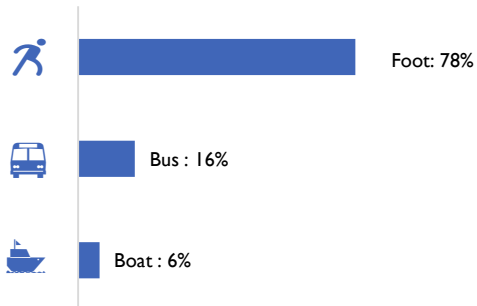
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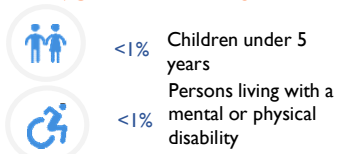
INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



MEANS OF TRANSPORT

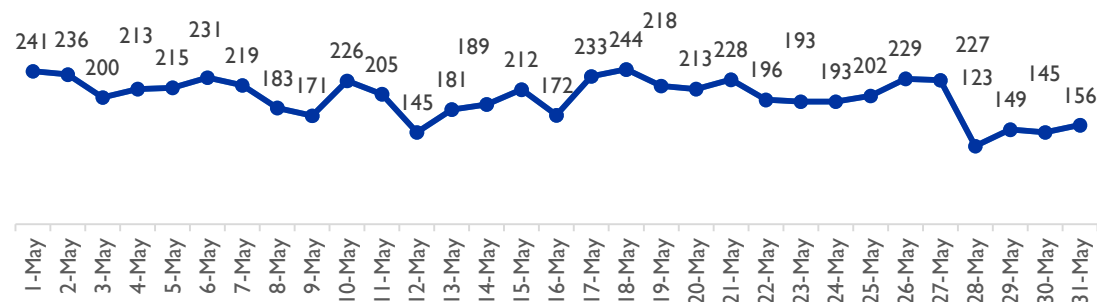


VULNERABILITIES



EXITS TO ETHIOPIA

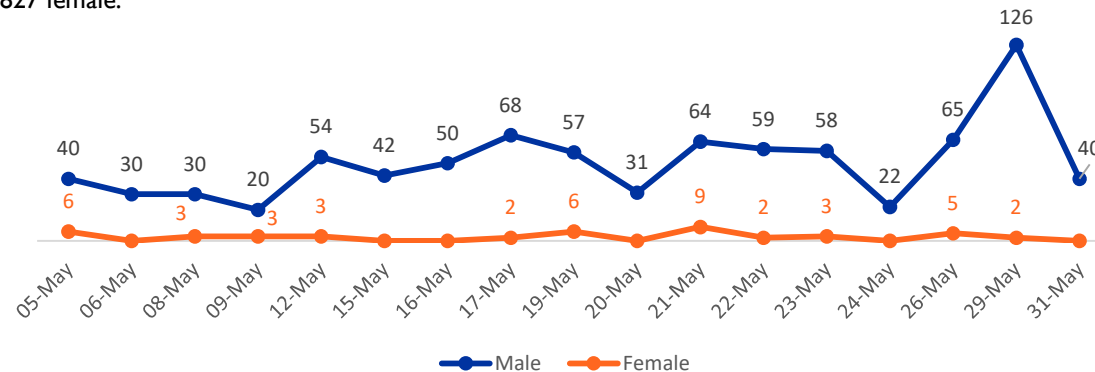
During the month of May 2021, 412 exits from Djibouti territory to Ethiopia were observed. Migrants heading to Ethiopia were mainly registered at flow monitoring point in Ali-Sabieh and Dickil regions.



ARRIVALS FROM YEMEN

During the month of May 2021, a total of 900 migrants arrived from Yemen on the Djiboutian coast. The majority of the observed population were male (846 men and 10 children), while 44 were female. From May 2020 to May 2021, 13,601 arrivals were recorded from Yemen, in total 12,774 male and 827 female.

**13,601** Arrivals from Yemen since May 2020



## MIGRATORY ROUTES THROUGH DJIBOUTI

### Flow monitoring

Flow monitoring is a component of the IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM). The objective of the flow monitoring component is to regularly provide updated information on population flows and on the profile of populations on the move (migrants, internally displaced persons, returnees, etc.). The information and analyzes offered by the flow monitoring methodology provide a better understanding of the difficulties encountered by migrants throughout their migratory route or forced displacement in order to better define priorities in terms of assistance.

### Arrivals from Yemen

Arrivals from Yemen is a component of the IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) which started in May 2020. The objective of the arrivals from Yemen is to provide updated information on population flows returning from Yemen following COVID-19 movement restrictions in Yemen and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The information and analyzes offered by DTM provide a better understanding of the current difficulties encountered by migrants throughout their migratory route. While the number of arrivals is gathered through a well established system, all arrivals cannot be captured due to the coastal location of the arrivals, thus the number of arrivals from Yemen is most probably higher.

### DTM in Djibouti

IOM works in collaboration with the Government of Djibouti to better understand the migratory dynamics in Djibouti as well as the profile of migrants transiting the country. IOM implements flow monitoring, a DTM component which consists in collecting data in the localities through which migrants' transit (flow monitoring points). The data presented in this monthly report gives an overview of the movements and profiles of the mobile population in Djibouti.

### Limitation

The spatial and temporal coverage of the surveys carried out is partial and does not allow all migratory flows in the country to be captured. The data presented in this report mainly shows migration trends. In addition, the data on the vulnerabilities are based on direct observations by the enumerators and should only be taken as an indication. Finally, it is possible that migrants crossing several flow monitoring points may be counted several times. Thus, the total number of migrants observed at the flow monitoring points does not necessarily reflect the true migratory flows in each region. All data included in this report are based on partial observations and are not representative of the entire migrant population. IOM guarantees the data included in this report; however we cannot give a complete picture of migratory movements.



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