

MIGRATION TRENDS DASHBOARD | OCTOBER 2022

22,083 movements observed,¹ including **16%** at the Obock Flow Monitoring Point (FMP)

+18% movements compared to September 2022

15,664 arrivals from Ethiopia

648 spontaneous returns from Yemen²

128 exits to Ethiopia

1,317 stranded migrants in Djibouti as of 27 October 2022³

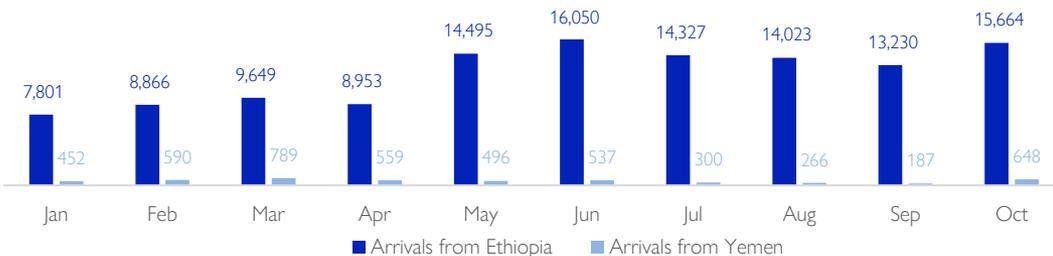
OVERVIEW

In October 2022, 22,083 movements were observed at the Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) in Djibouti, representing a daily average of 712 movements. Migration flows increased by 18 per cent compared to September, during which 18,773 movements had been registered. It is worth highlighting that in October migration flows were above pre-COVID19 levels (between March 2019 and March 2020, the daily average was 654).

Of these 22,083 movements, 3,453 (16%) were observed in Obock. This coastal region of Djibouti is the main gateway for migrants going to and returning from the Arabian Peninsula. Migrants regroup at gathering points in the Obock region where they then cross the Gulf of Aden on boats along the so-called Eastern route.

Compared to the period between January and October 2021, movements from Ethiopia have increased sharply by 82 per cent with 123,058 entries between January and October 2022. However, compared to September 2022, these movements increased by 18 per cent in October 2022. Furthermore, the number of Ethiopians who have returned from Yemen has more than tripled from September to October 2022 (from 187 to 648).

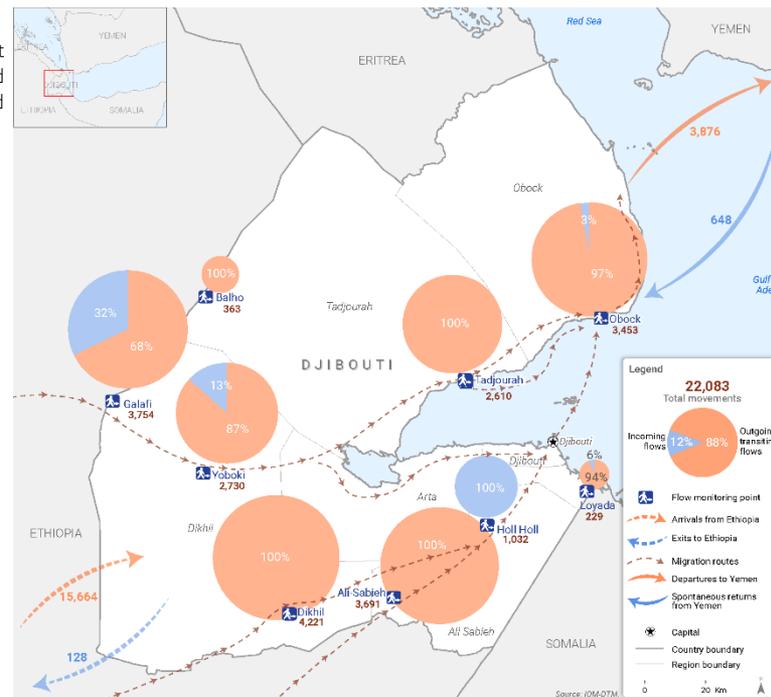
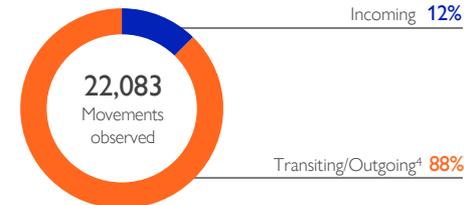
ARRIVALS IN DJIBOUTI IN 2022



AVERAGE DAILY MOVEMENTS OBSERVED AT FMPs, BY MONTH



TYPE OF FLOWS



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¹As of March 2022, the movements of Djiboutian nationals (transiting, leaving or returning to the country) are included in the data except for internal movements.

²The data on returns from Yemen were collected through key informants.

³Information on the definition and methodology for counting stranded migrants in Djibouti is available on the last page of this Dashboard.

⁴In the framework of this report, incoming flows only include flows coming from a country other than Djibouti and headed to Djibouti. Outgoing flows cover the flows departing from Djibouti to reach another country, while transiting flows are those which pass through Djibouti, but whose departure and final destination countries are different from Djibouti.

ARRIVALS FROM ETHIOPIA

123,058 Arrivals from Ethiopia in 2022

15,664 Arrivals from Ethiopia in October 2022

ARRIVALS FROM ETHIOPIA IN 2022



As of October 2022, 123,058 migrants entered Djibouti from Ethiopia. October (15,664) has been the first month since June that experienced an increase (18%) in migrant arrivals from Ethiopia, which might indicate an improvement in security conditions along the migration routes between Ethiopia and Djibouti, although movements due to the ongoing drought might also have a link with the increase.

More than half of the migrants arriving from Ethiopia (67%) transited through the Dikhil region, notably through the Dikhil, Yoboki and Galafi FMPs, 30 per cent through the the Ali-Sabieh and Holl-Holl FMPs in the Ali-Sabieh region, 2 percent through the Balho FMP in the Tadjourah region, and 1 per cent through the Loyada FMP in the Arta region. The main region of departure of migrants coming from Ethiopia was Oromia (43%), followed by Amhara (40%) and Tigray (11%). Most migrants from the regions of Tigray (98%), Oromia (84%) and Amhara (80%) intended to reach the Arabian Peninsula, while most migrants who came from Dire Dawa (92%) and Addis Ababa (66%) reported the intention to stay in Djibouti.

RETURNS FROM YEMEN

4,824 Returns from Yemen in 2022

84 Returns of Tigrayan migrants from Yemen as of July 2021*

*No updates since July 2021

RETURNS FROM YEMEN IN 2022



648 Returns from Yemen in October 2022



Men • 95%

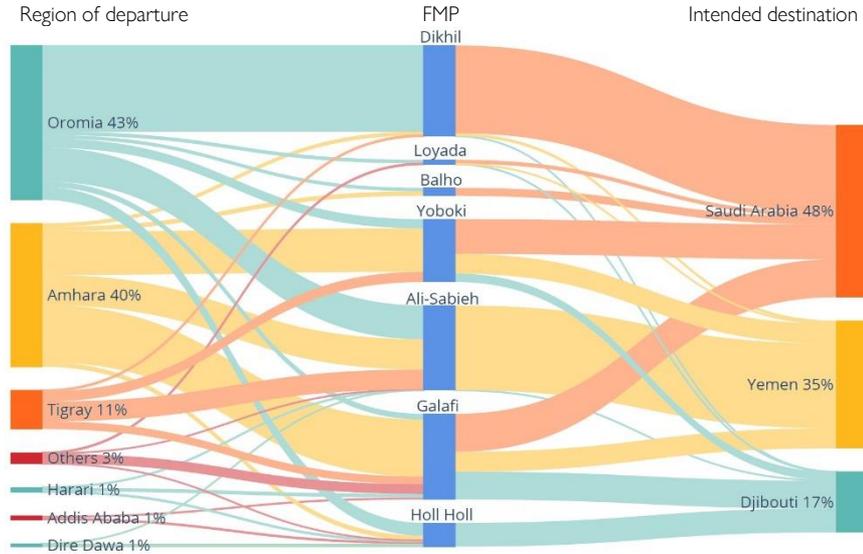


Women • 5%

In Obock, the coastal region of Djibouti where migrants cross the Gulf of Aden to the Arabian Peninsula along the Eastern route, spontaneous returns of Ethiopian migrants from Yemen continue to be observed. Indeed, 4,824 spontaneous returns from Yemen were recorded in 2022. Between September and October 2022, these figures more than tripled (from 187 to 648).

In addition, according to DTM Yemen, 3,876 migrants from the Obock region arrived in Yemen in October, which represents a 7 per cent increase with respect to September 2022 (3,620). This increase could be explained by favorable weather and sea conditions in the Bab al-Mandab Strait for migrants crossing from Djibouti to Yemen prior to reaching Saudi Arabia.

ARRIVALS FROM ETHIOPIA IN OCTOBER 2022, BY REGION OF DEPARTURE AND INTENDED DESTINATION



EXITS TO ETHIOPIA ⁵

6,126 Exits to Ethiopia in 2022

128 Exits to Ethiopia in October 2022

EXITS TO ETHIOPIA IN 2022



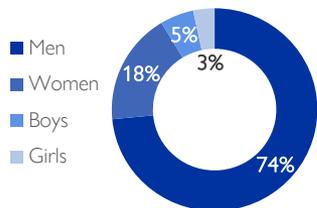
⁵ It should be kept in mind that the means of transport used by Ethiopian migrants vary: while most of them move from Obock to Ali-Sabieh on foot, the majority of Tigrayan migrants returning from Yemen cross the border at Balho and Galafi by car or by bus, which makes it more difficult to record their movements.

Since January, a total of 6,126 exits to Ethiopia have been recorded. However, these figures have experienced a steady decrease since March 2022 and a sharp decrease since July 2022. Nevertheless, this tendency changed in the month of October with 128 exits to Ethiopia, although the number of exits is still lower if compared prior to the month of July.

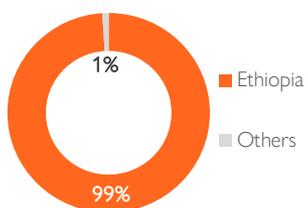
Almost all migrants (83%) headed to Ethiopia in October were identified in the region of Dikhil, while only 17 per cent transited through the region of Tadjourah. More than three-quarters were headed to the Oromia region (80%) and the rest to the Amhara region (20%).

DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIO - ECONOMIC PROFILE

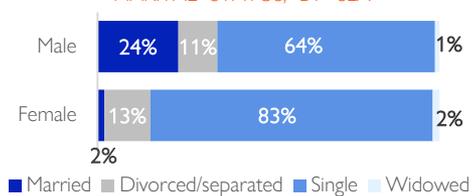
SEX AND AGE GROUP



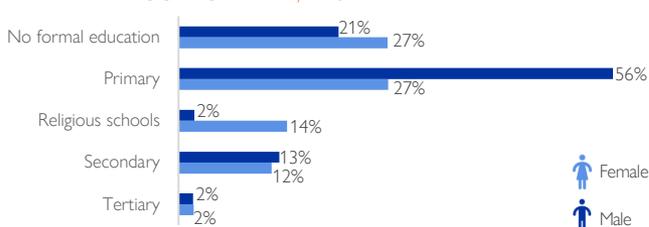
NATIONALITIES



MARITAL STATUS, BY SEX

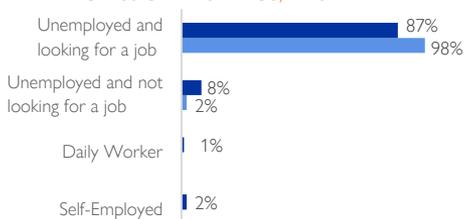


EDUCATION LEVEL, BY SEX



Note: 18% of females and 6% of males did not respond to this question

PROFESSIONAL STATUS, BY SEX



Note: 1% of males were students and 1% and employed

In October, most of the migrants identified at FMPs were adults (74% men and 18% women), while 8 per cent were children (5% boys and 3% girls). Almost all of them (99.8%) were Ethiopian nationals. Amongst the vulnerable population groups identified, there were 773 children who were travelling alone (648 boys and 125 girls), 32 pregnant or lactating women, and 12 children aged under five years old.

Of the 482 respondents (78% males and 22% females) to the Flow Monitoring Surveys (FMS), more than half were single (68%), while 19 per cent were married (including 24% of males) and 12 per cent divorced or separated.

Moreover, 22 per cent of migrants had not received any kind of formal education and 50 per cent had reached the primary level (including 56% of males but only 27% of females). It is also worth highlighting that a significant proportion of females (27%) did not get any formal education.

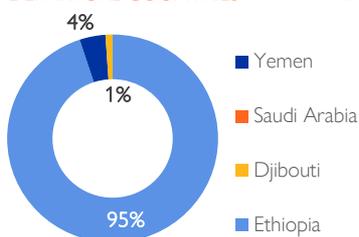
Also, the majority of the respondents (89%) were unemployed and looking for a job.

TRAVEL CHARACTERISTICS

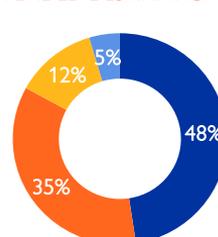
In October, most of the individuals identified at FMPs had departed from Ethiopia (95%), while 4 per cent did so from Yemen and 1 per cent left from Djibouti. Most of the observed migrants intended to reach the Arabian Peninsula (48% to Yemen and 35% to Saudi Arabia). The tracked migrants traveled mainly for economic reasons (73%) and mostly on foot (69%).

In addition, of the 482 individuals surveyed through the FMS, 68 per cent reported encountering obstacles during their journey. The main challenge mentioned was the lack of shelter (cited by 83% of migrants who encountered difficulties). A significant proportion of people also mentioned hunger and/or thirst (72%), financial issues (29%), or attacks and assaults (25%).

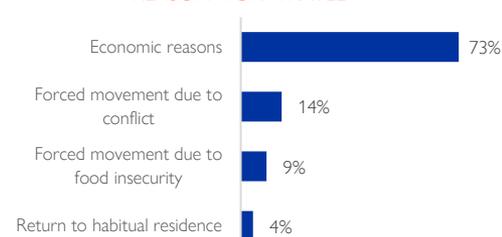
DEPARTURE COUNTRIES



INTENDED DESTINATIONS



REASON FOR TRAVEL



MEANS OF TRANSPORT



MIGRANTS STRANDED IN DJIBOUTI

1,317 Migrants stranded in Djibouti as of 27 October 2022

8% Female
92% Male

10 Informal sites

45% in Dikhil
26% in Tadjourah
21% in Obock
8% in Ali-Sabieh

Several migrants transiting through Djibouti who are on their way to or from the Arabian Peninsula remain stranded in Djibouti, mainly due to lack of resources to continue their migration journey. These migrants find themselves stranded in informal settlements along the migration corridor in Djibouti, where they have little or no access to basic services and are exposed to protection risks. Their priority needs are access to water, food, hygiene kits, and non-food items.

As of 27 October 2022, 1,317 migrants were stranded in 10 informal sites. Almost half of them (45%) were in Dikhil, 26 per cent in Tadjourah, 21 per cent in Obock and 8 per cent in Ali-Sabieh.

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 passing through 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 provides an overview of the movements and profiles of the migrant population in Djibouti.

Flow Monitoring

Flow Monitoring is a component of the IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM). The objective of this 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 analyses obtained through 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.

Spontaneous returns from Yemen

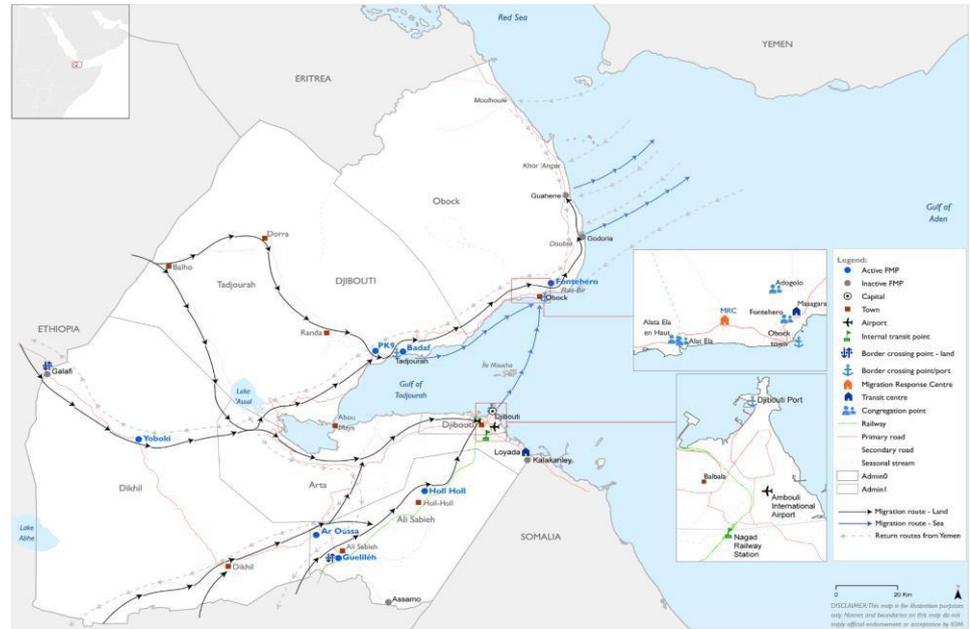
Spontaneous returns from Yemen are a component of IOM's DTM which started in May 2020. The objective of this data collection tool is to provide updated information on population flows returning from Yemen following COVID-19 movement restrictions in Yemen and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The information and analyses 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, not all returns can be captured due to their coastal location. Thus, the number of arrivals from Yemen is most probably higher than reported.

Migrants stranded in Djibouti

Information on migrants stranded in Djibouti as well as on informal sites is collected through enumerators deployed at key transit points. Data is collected on a daily basis, during time slots when the flows are most acute. Data in this dashboard does not include flows observed in Djibouti City.

Limitations

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. Furthermore, it is possible that migrants crossing several FMPs may be counted for more than once. Thus, the total number of migrants observed at the FMPs does not necessarily reflect the true migratory flows in each region. It is also worth highlighting that the number of enumerators responsible for data collection can change from one month to the other, which can partly explain some changes in the flows observed. In addition, the data on the vulnerabilities are based on direct observations by the enumerators and should only be taken as an indication. All data included in this report are based on partial observations and are not representative of the entire migrant population. IOM assures that the data included in this report is reliable, but stresses that it does not provide a complete picture of migration movements in Djibouti.



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