

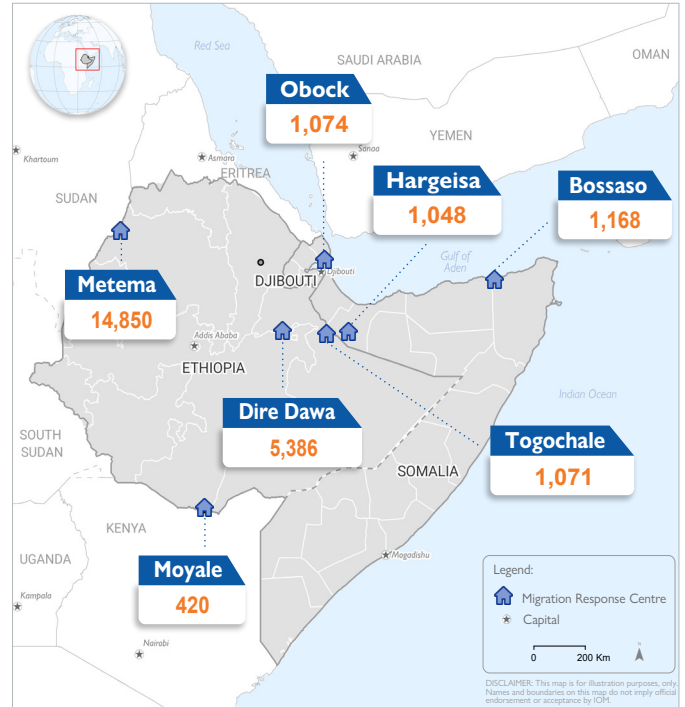
Background

Migration response centers (MRCs) are located along key corridors to identify migrants in vulnerable situations and provide them immediate short-term support. MRC services vary based on location and needs, and include food, temporary shelter, and information and service referrals. Seven MRCs were operational in the region as of June 2023: Bossaso, Dire Dawa, Hargeisa, Metema, Moyale, Obock and Togochale.

Over 25,000 migrants sought MRC services by midyear 2023, a threefold increase from the same period in 2022 (7,581). Of these, 6,848 were children (16% unaccompanied), compared to 1,666 in mid-2022. Men and boys (15,315) continued to outnumber women and girls (9,702), although the share of female migrants increased to 39% (27% in 2022).

The Sudan conflict that escalated in April 2023 led to an increase in cross-border migration. As a result, 12,964 migrants sought assistance in Metema in May, a steep increase from March (195). Registrations fell in June as humanitarian operations eased demand from people fleeing conflict. The MRC in Dire Dawa also saw greater demand due to the forced returns of Ethiopian migrants from Djibouti. Although most people's journeys through MRCs were economically motivated, the share of conflict migration skyrocketed from 4% in mid-2022 to 34% in mid-2023, while that of climate migration rose from 2% to 3%.

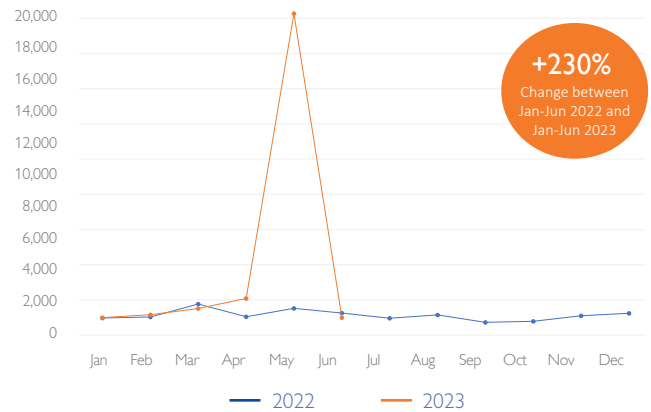
MRC Locations and Registrations



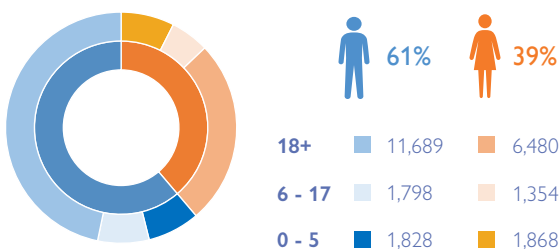
Numbers at a Glance

- 25,017** migrants registered across MRCs from January to June 2023
- 6,848** migrant children registered at MRCs from January to June 2023
- 1,125** migrant children who were unaccompanied
- 49%** migrants who reported experiencing physical or psychological abuse

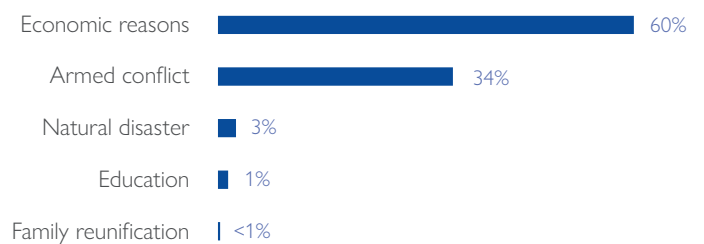
Monthly Registrations in 2022 and 2023



Migrant Sex and Age Breakdown



Most Reported Reasons for Migration¹



¹ Multiple choice question.