

RETURN OF ETHIOPIAN MIGRANTS FROM THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

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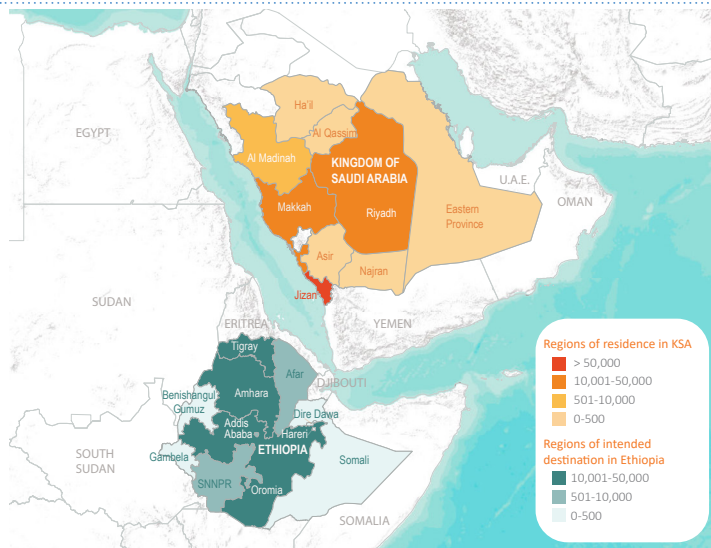
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RETURNS FROM KSA TO ETHIOPIA



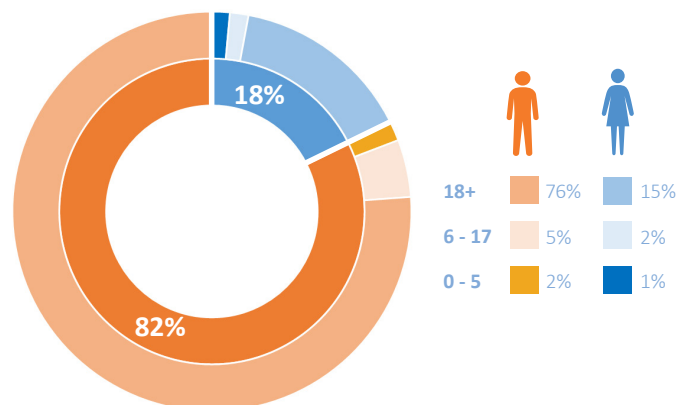
BACKGROUND

In April 2017, the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia launched a campaign titled 'A Nation without Violations', granting all irregular migrants an amnesty period of 90 days to leave the country without facing penalties. An estimated 500,000 migrants were present in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) when the campaign was launched in March. After multiple extensions, the amnesty period ended in November 2017. Returnees arrive at Bole International Airport in Addis Ababa, where they are registered by IOM staff before continuing on to their destination. IOM also provides travel support to the most vulnerable migrants. IOM estimates that around **340,000** have returned to Ethiopia since the decree was issued, **315,851** of whom have been registered since April 2017. In 2019, IOM has electronically registered **120,825** returnees.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

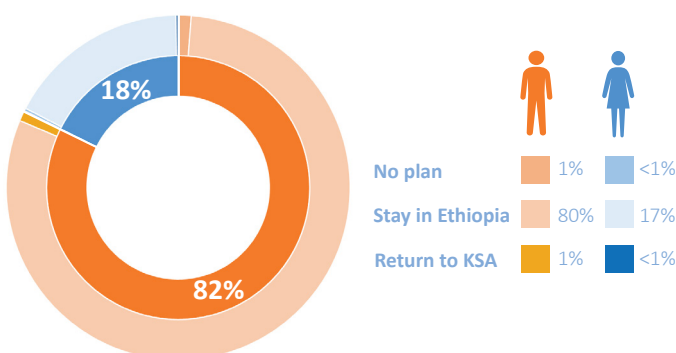
- 340,000** estimated to have returned to Ethiopia from March 2017 to December 2019
- 309,109¹** electronically registered and profiled by IOM from May 2017 to December 2019
- 120,825** electronically registered and profiled by IOM in 2019
- 11,044** minors registered by IOM staff at Bole airport in 2019
- 10,069** returnees arriving at Bole airport on average each month in 2019
- 99.7%** of registered migrants returned involuntarily in 2019

SEX AND AGE BREAKDOWN

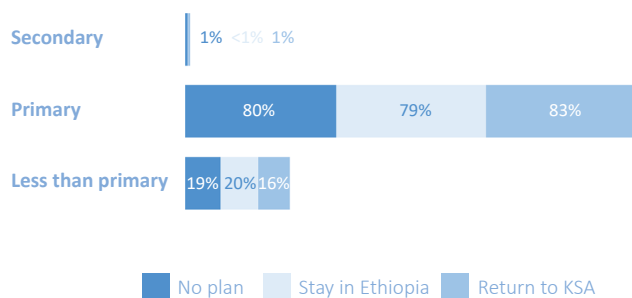


PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

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¹ IOM began collecting data on returnees from KSA in April 2017 and switched to electronic registration in May 2017. The total number of returnees registered since April 2017 is 315,851.