

OVERVIEW

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) operates a Migration Response Centre (MRC) in the Obock region in Djibouti, to assist migrants who wish to return to their countries of origin after attempts to emigrate or upon return from the Arabian Peninsula.

With the set-up of the MRC in Obock in 2011, a team of staff was trained to provide direct assistance including food, temporary shelter, non-food items (NFI), information, psycho-social and medical care to vulnerable migrants on the move. IOM also provides the possibility of an orderly return under conditions respectful of human dignity to migrants who wish to return voluntarily to their country of origin through its assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) programme. Since the reopening of borders in July 2020, IOM has resumed its voluntary return programme for the most vulnerable migrants. Following the closure of the Massagara informal site in October 2020, all vulnerable migrants arriving from Yemen and Ethiopia are provided with assistance at the MRC.

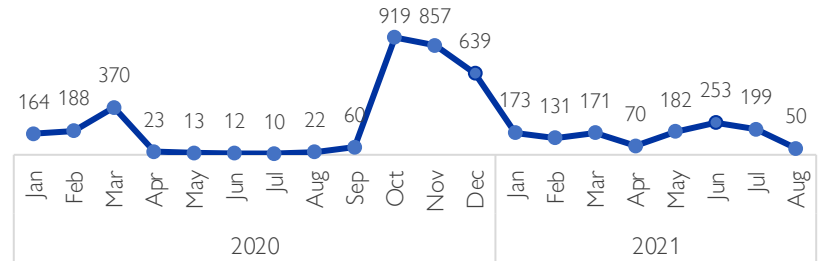
KEY FIGURES



50 migrants registered in August 2021

223 migrants present at the MRC as of 31 August 2021

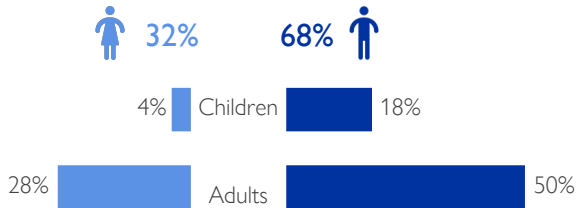
Migrants registered at the MRC between January 2020 and August 2021



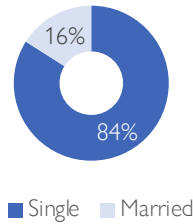
DATA ON NEW ARRIVALS AT THE MRC FROM 1 TO 31 AUGUST 2021

PROFILE

Sex and age



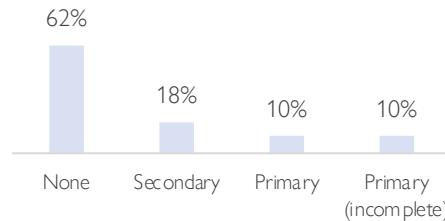
Marital status



Vulnerabilities

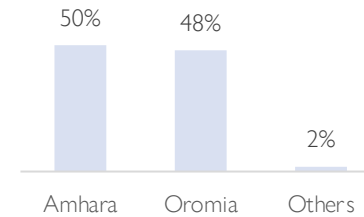


Education level

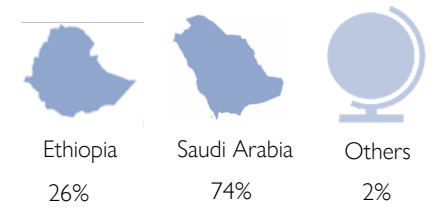


TRAVEL CHARACTERISTICS

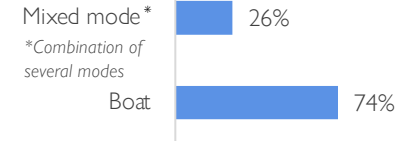
Regions of departure



Intended final destinations



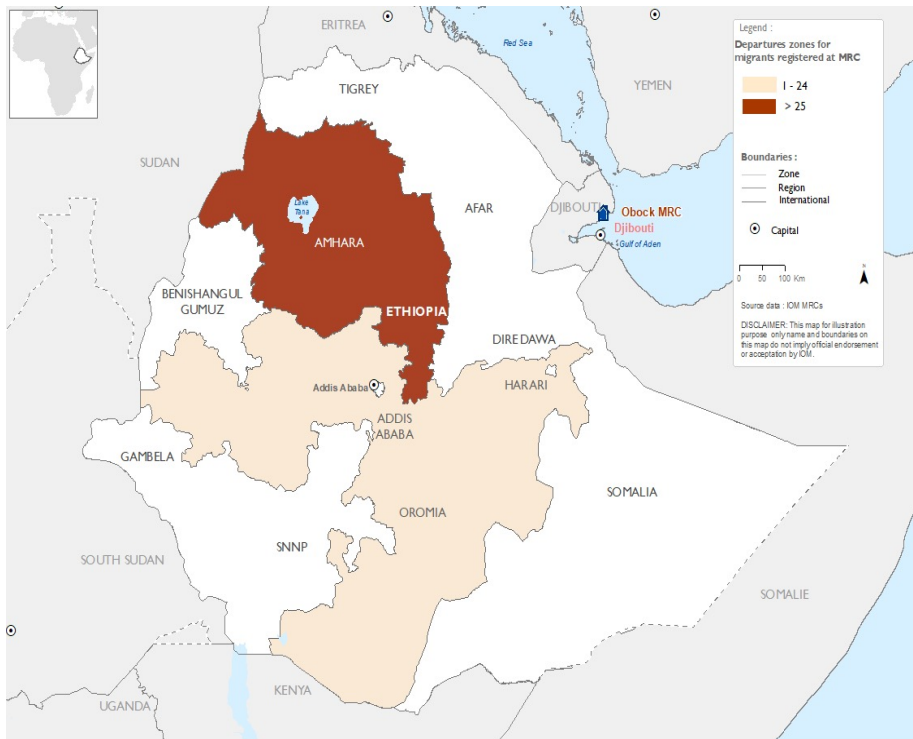
Means of transport



74% are travelling alone

94% do not have any travel document

Origin of migrants



« HOW DID YOU GET TO KNOW ABOUT THE MRC? »



68% From family / friends / community



32% I was identified / contacted by IOM staff

AWARENESS RAISING

In the Obock region, IOM sensitized **798** migrants (755 males and 43 females) on the risks of irregular migration and on COVID-19 prevention measures. Sensitization took place in the MRC.

MIGRANT ASSISTANCE** (all migrants residing at the MRC)

ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION (AVRR)	Children		Adults		Total
	F	M	F	M	
Sensitization on AVRR programme	2	25	-	-	27
Assistance in obtaining travel documents	8	25	19	159	211
Transportation to country of origin	-	32	8	9	49
Family tracing	2	25	-	-	27
Total	12	107	27	168	314

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	Children		Adults		Total
	F	M	F	M	
Consultations	23	107	117	135	382
Medical screening	-	-	1	3	4
Psychosocial assistance and mental health	-	-	-	3	3
Pre-departure medical assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Hospitalization at MRC clinic	1	3	2	10	16
Referral to Medical Centre (CMH)	-	-	3	3	6
Total	24	110	124	154	411

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT	Children		Adults		Total
	F	M	F	M	
Group discussions	3	34	12	43	92
Individual discussions	4	25	5	30	64
Recreational and sport activities	-	7	8	7	22
Total	7	66	25	80	178

MOBILE UNIT***	#
Water and food assistance	164
Medical assistance	16

FOOD AND NON-FOOD ASSISTANCE	#
Migrants provided with food assistance outside of the MRC (breakfast, lunch and/or dinner)****	960
Food (breakfast, lunch, and dinner were provided)	6,649
Non-food items (NFIs)	80

** The same migrant can benefit from several types of assistance. The numbers indicated should therefore be understood as the number of assistance and not as the number of beneficiaries.

*** Through the establishment of its mobile unit in July 2020, migrants in distress arriving on the coasts of the Obock region receive water, food and emergency medical assistance, before being directed to the MRC.

**** Since January 2021, the less vulnerable migrants passing through Obock are provided with food and water in front of the MRC.