

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, IOM provides a range of services adapted to migrants' needs along the migration corridor. In addition, migrants who are not registered at the MRC can also receive food assistance. 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.

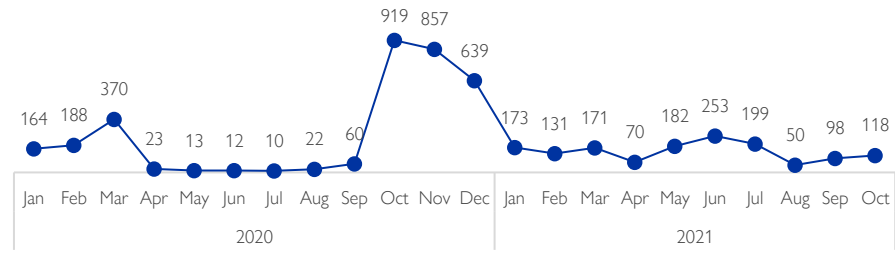
KEY FIGURES



118 migrants registered in October 2021

215 migrants present at the MRC as of 31 October 2021

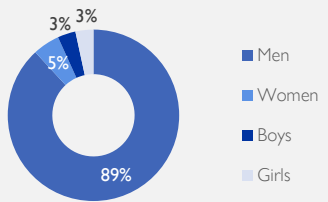
Migrants registered at the MRC between January 2020 and October 2021



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

PROFILE

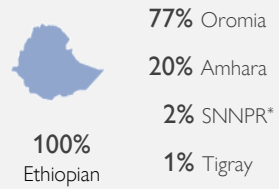
Sex and age group



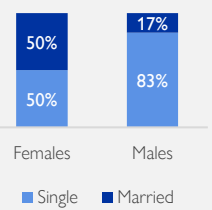
Vulnerabilities

- 11 Children under five years old
- 10 Persons victim of arbitrary detention/torture
- 4 Unaccompanied children
- 3 Persons living with a physical or mental disability
- 1 Pregnant woman

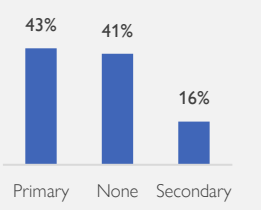
Nationality and regions of origin



Marital status

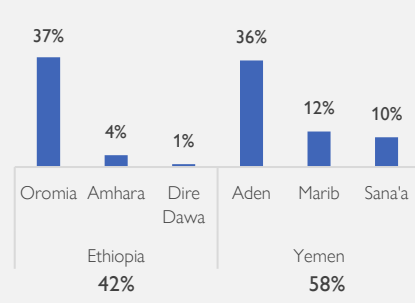


Education level

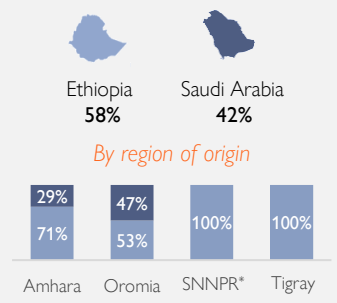


TRAVEL CHARACTERISTICS

Countries and regions of departure



Intended final destinations



Means of transport



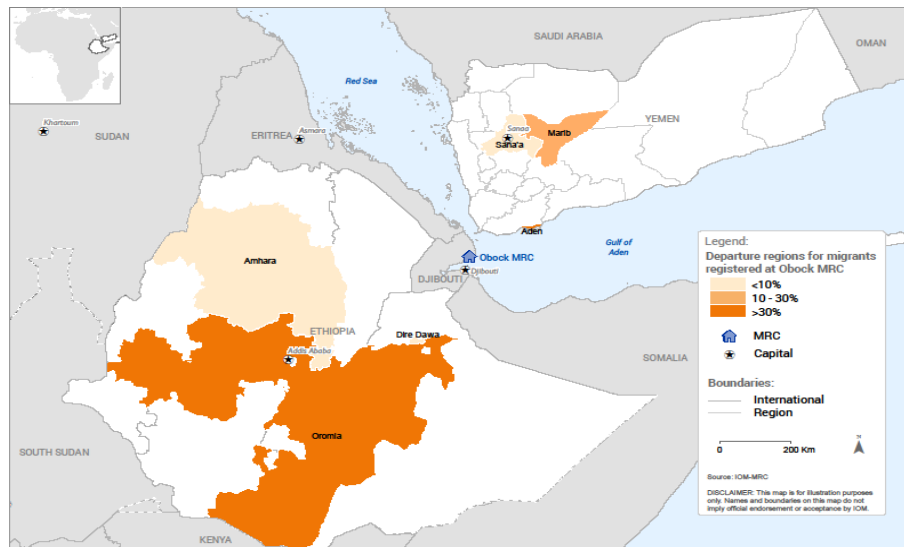
*Combination of several means of transport.

Reason for travel



*Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region

Origin of migrants



Experience and travel conditions

- 100%** were attempting their first migration journey
- 100%** did not have any travel document
- 90%** were travelling alone

« How did you get to know about the MRC? »

- 60%** I was identified / contacted by IOM staff
- 40%** From family / friends / community

Priority needs

- Water
- Food
- Emergency shelter
- Non-Food Items

Awareness raising

In the Obock region, IOM sensitized **549** migrants (504 males and 45 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	10	25	15	100	150
Assistance in obtaining travel documents	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation to country of origin	4	25	-	-	29
Family tracing	2	13	-	-	15
Total	16	63	15	100	194

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	Children		Adults		Total
	F	M	F	M	
Consultations	150	215	240	949	1,554
Medical screening	-	2	4	5	11
Psychosocial assistance and mental health	-	-	-	5	5
Pre-departure medical assistance	4	25	-	-	-
Hospitalization at MRC clinic	2	4	2	15	23
Referral to Medical Centre (CMH)	2	2	4	7	15
Total	158	248	250	981	1,608

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT	Children		Adults		Total
	F	M	F	M	
Group discussions	15	17	10	16	58
Individual discussions	8	36	16	27	87
Recreational and sport activities	82	180	110	223	595
Total	105	233	136	266	740

MOBILE UNIT***	#
Number of migrants provided with water and food assistance	146
Number of migrants provided with medical assistance	9

FOOD AND NON-FOOD ASSISTANCE	#
Migrants provided with food assistance outside of the MRC (breakfast, lunch and/or dinner)****	732
Daily average number of migrants provided with food assistance at the MRC	195
Number of migrants who received Non-Food Items (NFIs)	339

** 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.