

# Post-Arrival Registration

Return of Ethiopian Migrants from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

From 5, May 2017 to 31, August 2018

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## Background

An estimated 500,000 Ethiopians were present in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) once the amnesty period for the irregular migrants expired in March, 2017. The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (GoKSA) had previously extended the deadline several times.

The migrants arrive at the Bole International Airport in Addis Ababa, where they are registered by IOM staff before continuing on to their destination. IOM also provides support to the most vulnerable migrants in the form of basic assistance.

The following analysis tackled data collected from 5, May 2017 to 31, August 2018.

## Highlights

IOM estimates that above 210,000 individuals were returned to Ethiopia during the reporting period, out of which **156,435\*** were registered since April, 2017. Since May, 2017, it is estimated that **150,605 (18% voluntary returnees and 82% forced returnees)** were registered and profiled upon arrival;

66% of reported migrants were adult and male, returning to Ethiopia involuntarily;

59% of migrants (above 6 years old) had primary level education, and approximately 26% had less than the primary level;

Most migrants were performing jobs involving more physical labor in KSA. 29% of male migrants were farmers, and other 35% were daily laborers. 78% of the female migrants were working as housemaids;

61% of the migrants lived in the most populated regions of KSA, and the remaining of the migrants lived in the nearby regions;

The highest flow of people happened from Jizan (26%), Riyadh (28%), and Makkah (34%) in KSA, to Tigray (27%), Oromia (30%), and Amhara (33%), in Ethiopia.

\*Total number of registered arrivals from April 2017 to August 31st, 2018.

### Education level by age range and gender

#### Females (6+ years): 34,053

Less than primary	Primary	Secondary	Some University
32 < 0.0%	9 < 0.0%	1 < 0.0%	
7,441 5.2%	17,893 12.4%	7,190 5%	271 0.2%
421 0.3%	681 0.5%	108 0.1%	

no response : 3 female migrants

#### Male (6+ years): 110,206

Less than primary	Primary	Secondary	Some University
64 < 0.0%	55 < 0.0%	5 < 0.0%	
29,278 20.3%	64,063 44.4%	12,598 8.7%	371 0.3%
1,171 0.8%	2,360 1.6%	206 0.1%	

no response : 5 male migrants

### Age range and gender

#### Female: 37,156 migrants

60+ years	42	(<0%)
18-59 Years	32,797	(22%)
6-17 Years	1,211	(1%)
0-5 Years	3,103	(2%)

no response :  
3 female migrants <0%

#### Male: 113,449 migrants

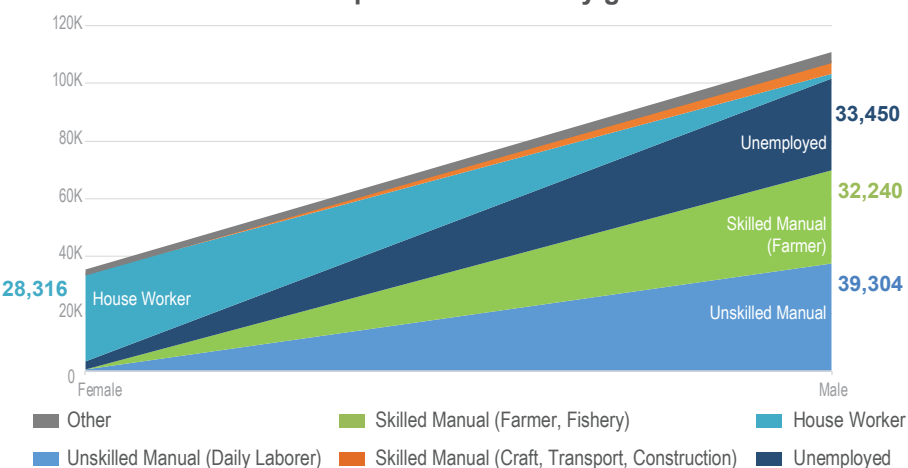
60+ years	124	(<0%)
18-59 Years	106,339	(71%)
6-17 Years	3,738	(2%)
0-5 Years	3,243	(2%)

no response :  
5 male migrants <0%

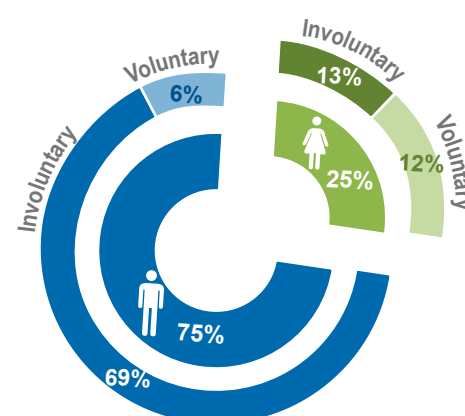
### Most significant reported vulnerability

- 180 migrant women in this age range reported being **pregnant/lactating**
- 12 migrant children were **unaccompanied**
- 55 children presented vulnerabilities
- 104 migrants reported **physical injuries/disabilities**
- 35 children were **unaccompanied**
- 60 children presented vulnerabilities

### Prior work experience in KSA by gender



### Gender profile and type of return



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## Geographic distribution of migrants according to their previous region of residency in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), and the return destination in Ethiopia (by region)

### Number of migrants by region of residence in KSA

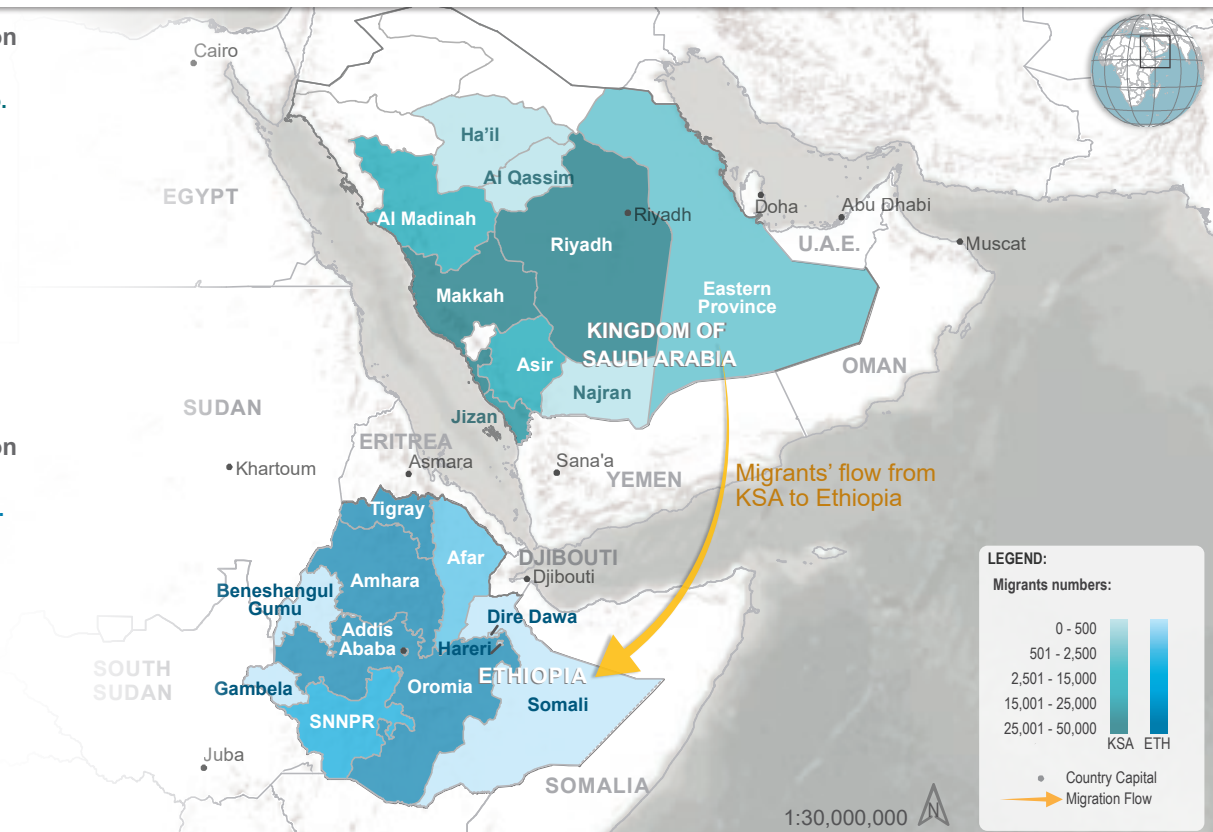
Region	Migrant no.
Makkah	50,526
Riyadh	41,707
Jizan	38,581
Al Madinah	4,957
Asir	4,321
Eastern Province	2,620
Najran	529
Ha'il	223
Al Qassim	12

7,129 Migrants did not respond

### Number of migrants by region of destination in Ethiopia

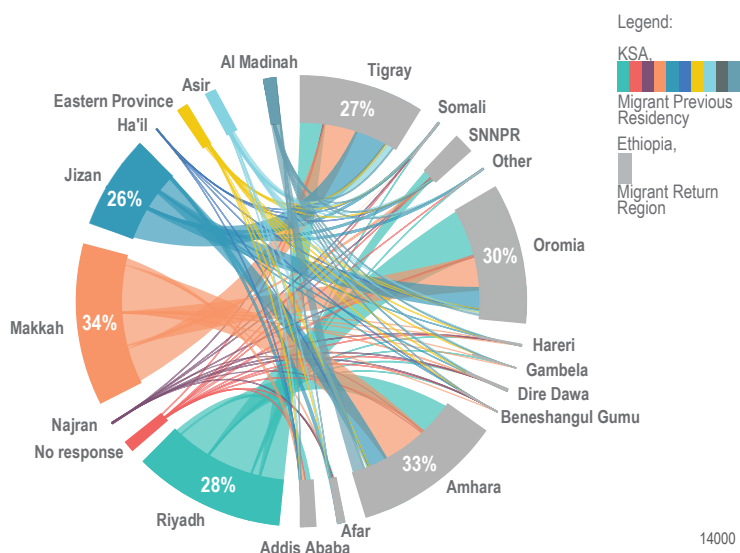
Region	Migrant no.
Amhara	50,117
Oromia	44,667
Tigray	41,544
SNNPR	5,927
Addis Ababa	3,871
Afar	2,603
Dire Dawa	702
Somali	407
Hareri	404
Beneshangul Gumu	268
Gambela	36

59 Migrants did not respond

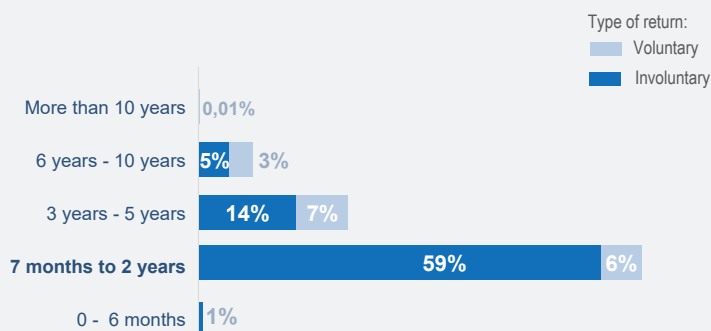


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Source: Basemap (Esri, USGS, NOAA); Data (IOM and OSM)

### Migrant flow by region, from KSA to Ethiopia



### How long have migrants lived in KSA categorized by type of return



Approximately 5% of migrants did not respond

### Migrants that remained in KSA (7 months to 2 years) marital status:



0% Migrants from age 6

### Total number of migrants and voluntary and involuntary returns by month/year

