

Post-Arrival Registration

Return of Ethiopian Migrants from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

From 5, May 2017 to 31, July 2018

Regional Data Hub
East and Horn of Africa



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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, July 2018.

Highlights

- IOM estimates that above 190,000 individuals were returned to Ethiopia during the reporting period, out of which **152,026*** were registered since April, 2018. Since May, 2018, it is estimated that **144,096 (18% voluntary returnees and 82% forced returnees)** were registered and profiled upon arrival;
- 65% of reported migrants were adult and male, returning to Ethiopia involuntarily;
- 56% of migrants had primary level education, and approximately 26% had less than the primary level;
- Most migrants were performing jobs involving more physical labor in KSA. 27% of male migrants were farmers, and other 25% were daily laborers. 76% of the female migrants were working as housemaids;
- 62% 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 (25%), Riyadh (28%), and Makkah (34%) in KSA, to Tigray (28%), Oromia (29%), and Amhara (33%), in Ethiopia.

*Total number of registered arrivals from April to July 31st.

Education level by age range and gender

Females (6+ years): 33,113

Less than primary	Primary	Secondary	Some University
32 < 0.0%	8 < 0.0%	1 < 0.0%	
7,186 5.2%	17,264 12.5%	7,186 5.2%	271 0.2%
412 0.3%	639 0.5%	108 0.1%	

no response : 3 female migrants

Male (6+ years): 104,835

Less than primary	Primary	Secondary	Some University
60 < 0.0%	50 < 0.0%	5 < 0.0%	
27,938 20.3%	60,284 43.7%	12,586 9.1%	368 0.3%
1,111 0.8%	2,206 1.6%	206 0.1%	

no response : 21 male migrants

Age range and gender

Female: 36,113 migrants

60+ years	41	(<0%)
18-59 Years	31,909	(22%)
6-17 Years	1,160	(1%)
0-5 Years	3,000	(2%)

no response :
3 female migrants <0%

Male: 107,983 migrants

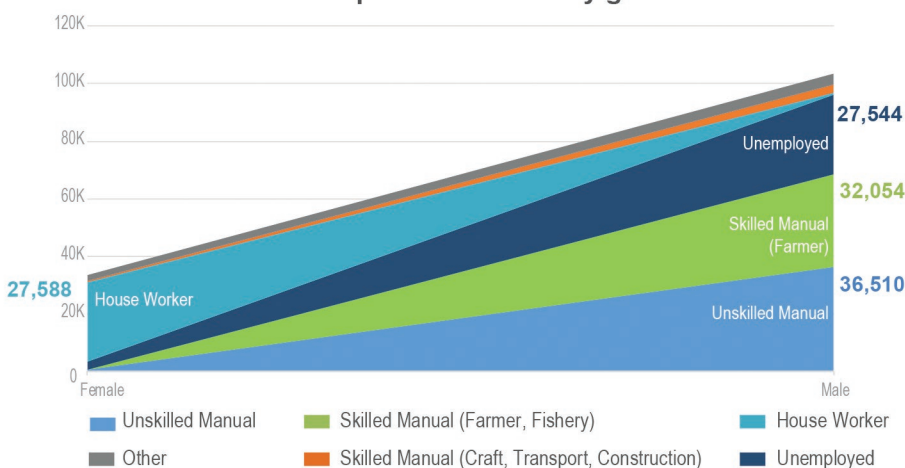
60+ years	115	(<0%)
18-59 Years	101,191	(70%)
6-17 Years	3,524	(2%)
0-5 Years	3,148	(2%)

no response :
5 male migrants <0%

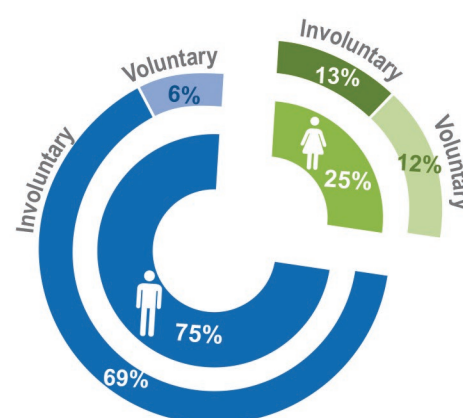
Most significant reported vulnerability

- 178 migrant women in this age range reported being **pregnant**
- 12 migrant children were **unaccompanied**
- 54 children presented vulnerabilities
- 102 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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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

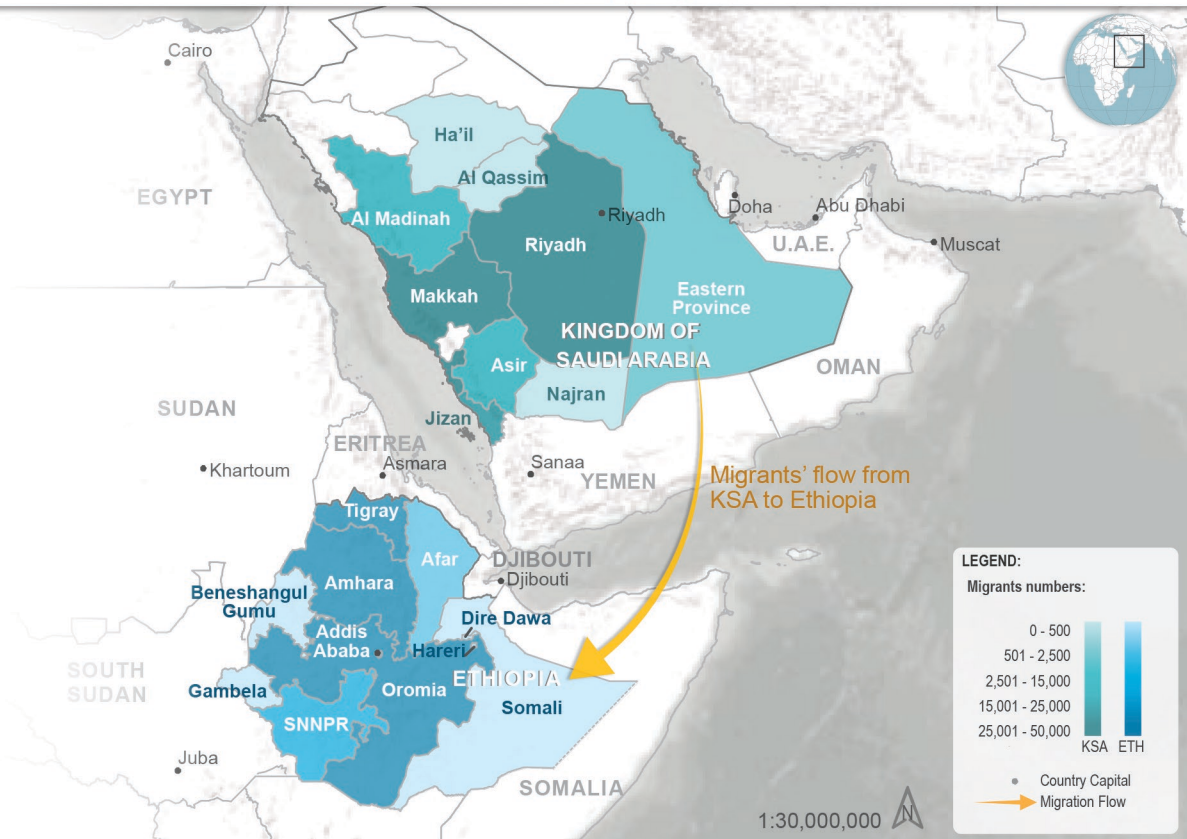
Region	Migrant no.
Makkah	48,815
Riyadh	40,387
Jizan	35,389
Al Madinah	4,762
Asir	4,289
Eastern Province	2,587
Najran	466
Ha'il	211
Al Qassim	12

7,178 Migrants did not respond

Number of migrants by region of destination in Ethiopia

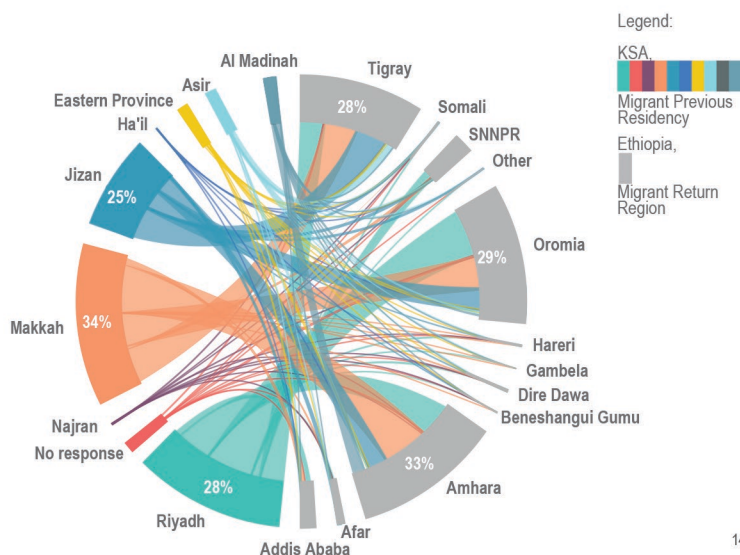
Region	Migrant no.
Amhara	47,980
Oromia	42,299
Tigray	39,941
SNNPR	5,753
Addis Ababa	3,820
Afar	2,503
Dire Dawa	672
Hareri	395
Somali	390
Beneshangul Gumu	248
Gambela	35

60 Migrants did not respond

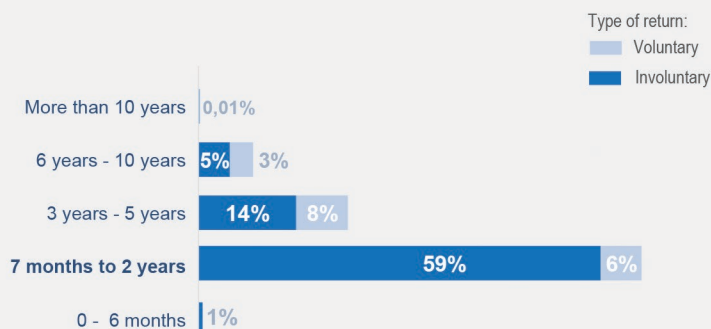


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Source: Basemap (Esri, USGS, NOAA); Data (IOM and OSM)

Migrant flow by region, from KSA to Ethiopia

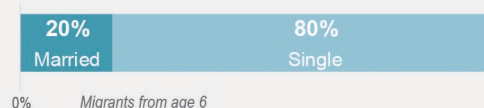


How long have migrants lived in KSA categorized by type of return



Aproximatedly 5% of migrants did not respond

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



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

