# Post-Arrival Registration
## Return of Ethiopian Migrants from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
### From 5, May 2017 to 31, October 2018

**International Organization for Migration (IOM)**
The UN Migration Agency

**Regional Data Hub | RDH**  **IOM Mission in Ethiopia**

## 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, October 2018.

## Highlights

IOM estimates that above 220,000 individuals were returned to Ethiopia during the reporting period, out of which **176,426*** were registered since April, 2017. Since May, 2017, it is estimated that **170,602 (16% voluntary returnees and 84% forced returnees)** were registered and profiled upon arrival;

67% of reported migrants were adult and male, returning to Ethiopia involuntarily;

61% 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. 50% of male migrants were performing unskilled manual labor, and other 31% reported being unemployed. 83% 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 Ar Riyad (26%), Jizan (29%), and Makkah (33%) in KSA, to Tigray (27%), Oromia (31%), and Amhara (32%), in Ethiopia.

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

## Education level by age range and gender

### Females (6+ years): 37,174

| | Less than primary | Primary | Secondary | Some University |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 35 <br> < 0.1% | 6 <br> < 0.1% | 1 <br> < 0.1% | |
| | 8,211 <br> 5% | 20,049 <br> 12.3% | 7,226 <br> 4.4% | 272 <br> 0.2% |
| | 465 <br> 0.3% | 798 <br> 0.5% | 108 <br> 0.1% | |

*no response : 3 female migrants*

### Male (6+ years): 126,227

| | Less than primary | Primary | Secondary | Some University |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 83 <br> < 0.1% | 63 <br> < 0.1% | 5 <br> < 0.1% | |
| | 32,033 <br> 19.6% | 76,230 <br> 45.7% | 12,654 <br> 7.7% | 373 <br> 0.2% |
| | 1,304 <br> 0.8% | 3,245 <br> 2% | 206 <br> 0.1% | |

*no response : 31 male migrants*

## Age range and gender

### Female: 40,669 migrants
*no response : 6 female migrants <0%*

| Age range | Count |
|---|---|
| 60+ years | 42 (<1%) |
| 18-59 Years | 35,760 (21%) |
| 6-17 Years | 1,372 (1%) |
| 0-5 Years | 3,489 (2%) |

### Male: 129,933 migrants
*no response : 12 male migrants <0%*

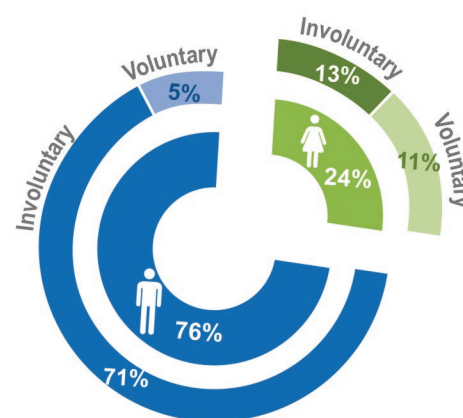| Age range | Count |
|---|---|
| 60+ years | 151 (<1%) |
| 18-59 Years | 121,320 (71%) |
| 6-17 Years | 4,756 (3%) |
| 0-5 Years | 3,694 (2%) |

## Most significant reported vulnerability

**194** migrant women in this age range reported being **pregnant/lactating**

**12** migrant children were **unaccompanied**

**55** children presented vulnerabilities

**107** migrants reported **physical injuries/disabilities**

**35** children were **unaccompanied**

**61** children presented vulnerabilities

## Prior work experience in KSA by gender



Female 30,756 House Worker

Male:
- Unemployed 39,779
- Skilled Manual (Farmer) 32,532
- Unskilled Manual 43,555

Legend:
- Other
- Unskilled Manual (Daily Laborer)
- Skilled Manual (Farmer, Fishery)
- Skilled Manual (Craft, Transport, Construction)
- House Worker
- Unemployed
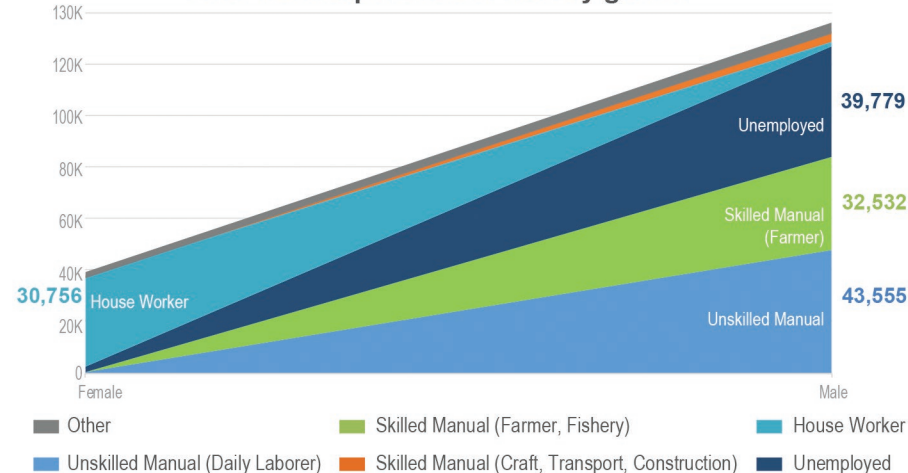
## Gender profile and type of return



- Involuntary: Voluntary 5% / Involuntary 71% / 76%
- Involuntary 13% / Voluntary 11% / 24%

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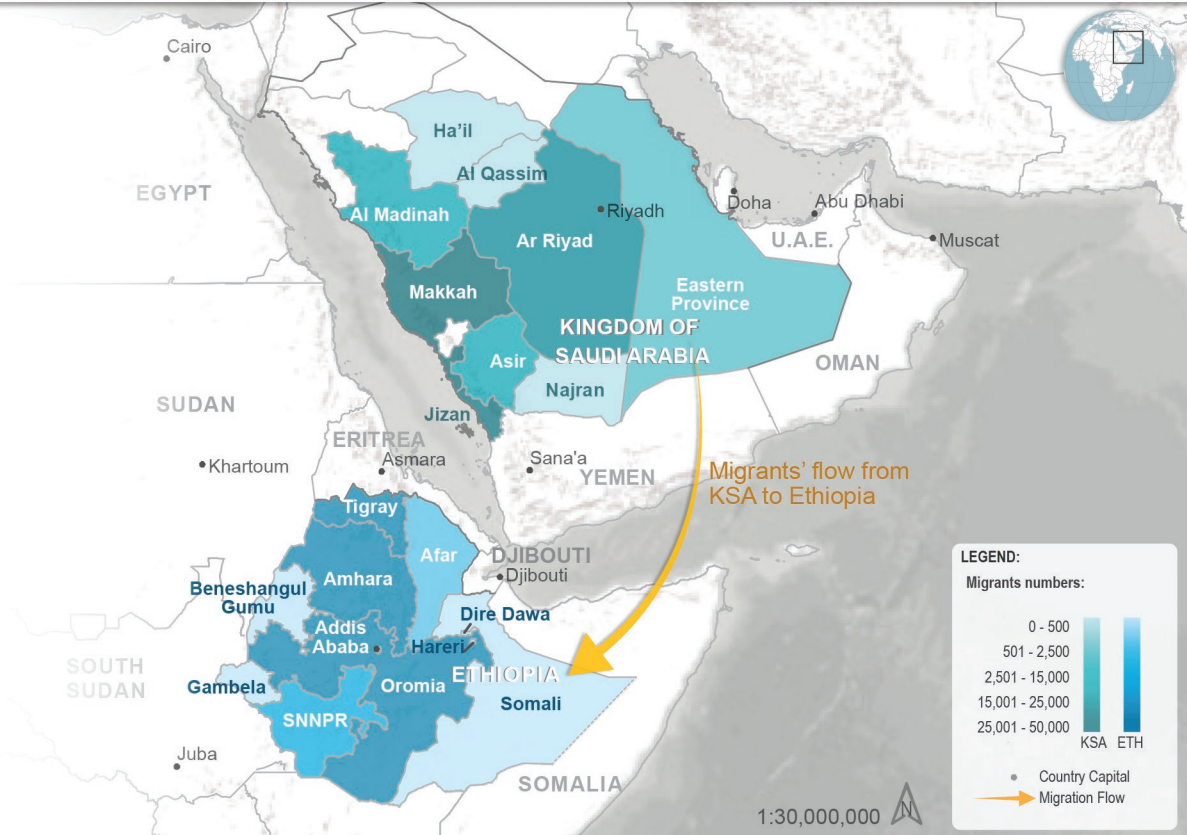
### Number of migrants by region of residence in KSA

| Region | Migrant no. |
|---|---|
| Makkah | 55,820 |
| Jizan | 49,046 |
| Ar Riyad | 45,186 |
| Al Madinah | 5,374 |
| Asir | 4,464 |
| Eastern Province | 2,676 |
| Najran | 641 |
| Ha'il | 251 |
| Al Qassim | 12 |

*7,132 Migrants did not respond*

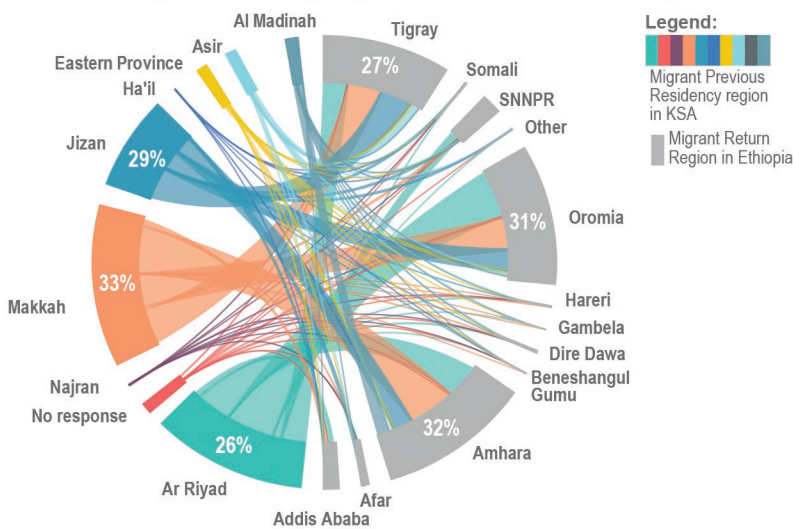### Number of migrants by region of destination in Ethiopia

| Region | Migrant no. |
|---|---|
| Amhara | 55,372 |
| Oromia | 53,561 |
| Tigray | 46,076 |
| SNNPR | 6,369 |
| Addis Ababa | 4,014 |
| Afar | 2,921 |
| Dire Dawa | 803 |
| Somali | 446 |
| Hareri | 426 |
| Beneshangul Gumu | 289 |
| Gambela | 42 |

*59 Migrants did not respond*

Migrants' flow from KSA to Ethiopia

**LEGEND:**
Migrants numbers:
- 0 - 500
- 501 - 2,500
- 2,501 - 15,000
- 15,001 - 25,000
- 25,001 - 50,000

KSA  ETH

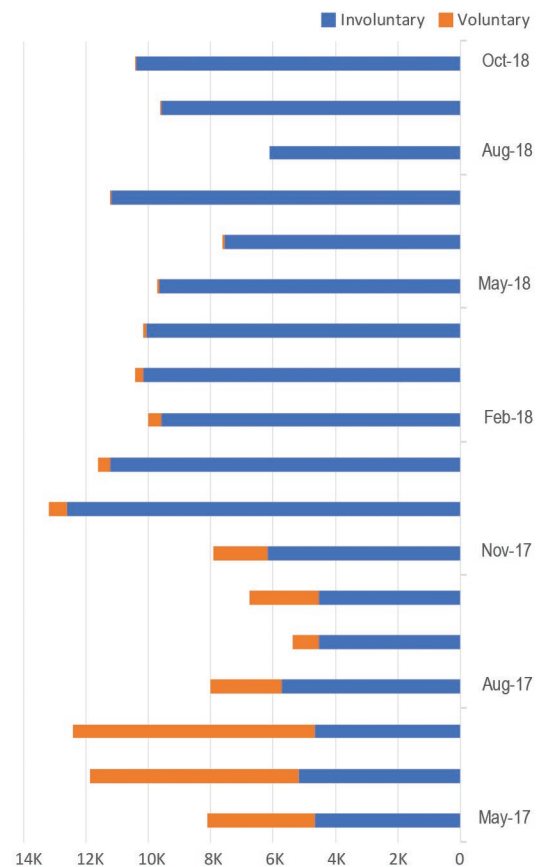- Country Capital
- Migration Flow

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Disclaimer: This map is for illustration purposes only. Names and boundaries on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by IOM.
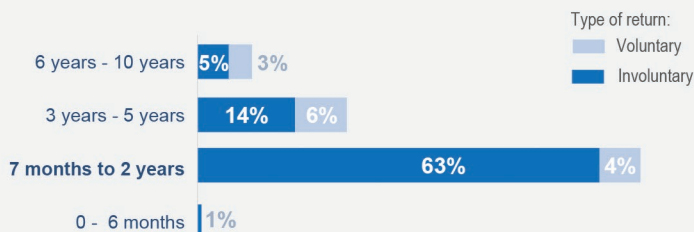Source: Basemap (Esri, USGS, NOA); Data (IOM and OSM)

## Migrant flow by region - from KSA to Ethiopia

**Legend:**
Migrant Previous Residency region in KSA
Migrant Return Region in Ethiopia

Al Madinah, Asir, Eastern Province, Ha'il, Jizan 29%, Makkah 33%, Najran, No response, Ar Riyad 26%, Addis Ababa, Afar 32%, Amhara, Beneshangul Gumu, Dire Dawa, Gambela, Hareri, Oromia 31%, Other, SNNPR, Somali, Tigray 27%

## Number of migrants by month: voluntary and involuntary returns

■ Involuntary  ■ Voluntary

Oct-18
Aug-18
May-18
Feb-18
Nov-17
Aug-17
May-17

14K 12K 10K 8K 6K 4K 2K 0

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

Type of return:
- Voluntary
- Involuntary

| Duration | Involuntary | Voluntary |
|---|---|---|
| 6 years - 10 years | 5% | 3% |
| 3 years - 5 years | 14% | 6% |
| 7 months to 2 years | 63% | 4% |
| 0 - 6 months | | 1% |

*Approximately 4% of migrants did not respond*