## FLOW MONITORING

# **SEPTEMBER 2020**



7,540

Total movements observed at all FMPs

2,357 Movements observed at Obock

2,298

Entries from Djibouti's

western borders

969 Arrivals from Yemen (\*)

### **OVERVIEW**

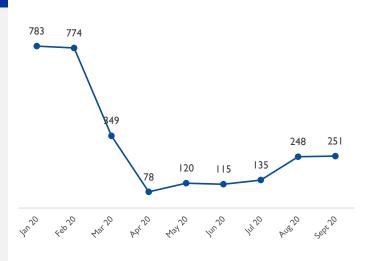
During the month of September 2020, 7,540 movements were observed at flow monitoring points in Djibouti representing a daily average of 251 movements. This is an increase of 1% in comparison of the 248 daily average movements observed in August.

Of these 7,540 movements, 31% were observed at Obock; this coastal region of Djibouti is used by migrants traveling to the Arab Peninsula, crossing the Gulf of Aden on boats along the Eastern Route.

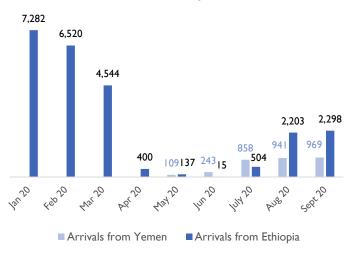
From January to June, the number of entries from Djibouti's western borders decreased by 99% due to the closure of Ethiopian borders. Since Djibouti and Ethiopia resumed land services in July, the number of entries from Ethiopia have increased sharply; they went from 504 movements observed in July to 2,298 in September 2020.

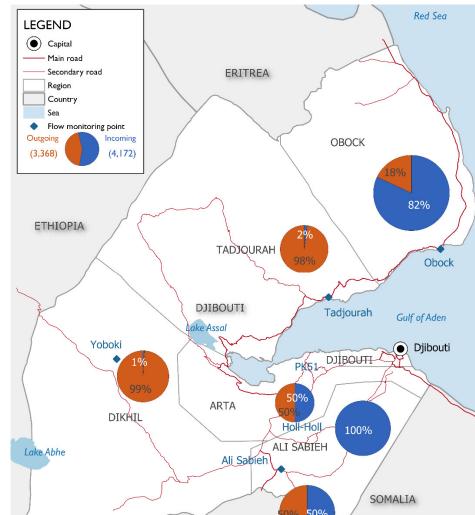
Meanwhile, due to the COVID-19 movement restrictions in Yemen and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, more than 3,120 Ethiopians arrived to Djibouti since May. Between May and September, the number of arrivals from Yemen increased by 789%.

### AVERAGE DAILY MOVEMENTS OBSERVED PER MONTH



### ARRIVALS IN DJIBOUTI





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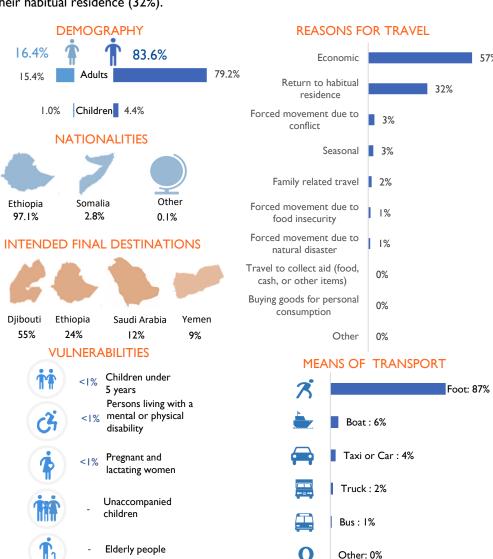
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(\*) Yemen arrivals data was collected through key informants.

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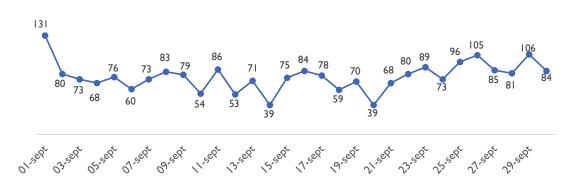
During the month of September 2020, the main intended final destinations were Djibouti (55%), though most of these are likely intending to travel onwards towards the Arab Peninsula, Ethiopia (24%), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (12%), and Yemen (9%). The majority of the observed population were male (79.2% adults and 4.4% children), while 16.4% of identified persons were female (15.4% adults and 1.0% children). The identified persons were mainly travelling by foot (87%), for economic reasons (57%) or returning to their habitual residence (32%).



#### ARRIVALS FROM ETHIOPIA

5,157

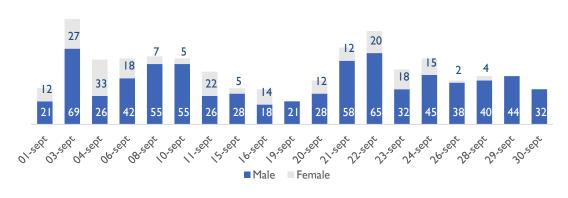
Arrivals from Ethiopia since May 2020 During the month of September 2020, the number of entries from Djibouti's western borders increased slightly to 2,298 (27.1% female and 72.9% male) compared to 2,203 observed last month. From May to September, 5,157 arrivals from Ethiopia have been recorded.



#### ARRIVALS FROM YEMEN

During the month of September, a total of 969 migrants arrived from Yemen on the djiboutian coast. The majority of the observed population were male (76.7%), while 23.3% of identified persons were female. From May to September, 3,120 arrivals from Yemen have been recorded.

Arrivals from Yemen since May 2020



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### Flow monitoring

Flow monitoring is a component of the IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM). The objective of the flow monitoring component is to regularly provide updated information on population flows and on the profile of populations on the move (migrants, internally displaced persons, returnees, etc.). The information and analyzes offered by the flow monitoring methodology provide a better understanding of the difficulties encountered by migrants throughout their migratory route or forced displacement in order to better define priorities in terms of assistance.

#### Arrivals from Yemen

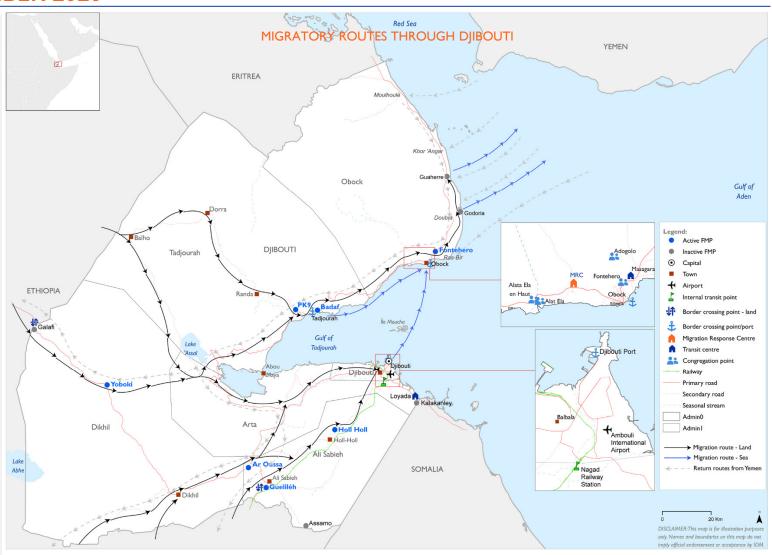
Arrivals from Yemen is a component of the IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) which started in May 2020. The objective of the arrivals from Yemen is to provide updated information on population flows returning from Yemen following COVID-19 movement restrictions in Yemen and the Kinggdom of Saudi Arabia. The information and analyzes offered by DTM provide a better understanding of the current ifficulties encountered by migrants throughout their migratory route. While the number of arrivals is gathered through a well established system, all arrivals cannot be captured due to the coastal loation of the arrivals, thus the number of arrivals from Yemen is most probably higher.

#### DTM in Djibouti

IOM works in collaboration with the Government of Djibouti to better understand the migratory dynamics in Djibouti as well as the profile of migrants transiting the country. IOM implements flow monitoring, a DTM component which consists in collecting data in the localities through which migrants' transit (flow monitoring points). The data presented in this monthly report gives an overview of the movements and profiles of the mobile population in Djibouti.

#### Limitation

The spatial and temporal coverage of the surveys carried out is partial and does not allow all migratory flows in the country to be captured. The data presented in this report mainly shows migration trends. In addition, the data on the vulnerabilities are based on direct observations by the enumerators and should only be taken as an indication. Finally, it is possible that migrants crossing several flow monitoring points may be counted several times. Thus, the total number of migrants observed at the flow monitoring points does not necessarily reflect the true migratory flows in each region. All data included in this report are based on partial observations and are not representative of the entire migrant population. IOM guarantees the data included in this report; however we cannot give a complete picture of migratory movements.



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