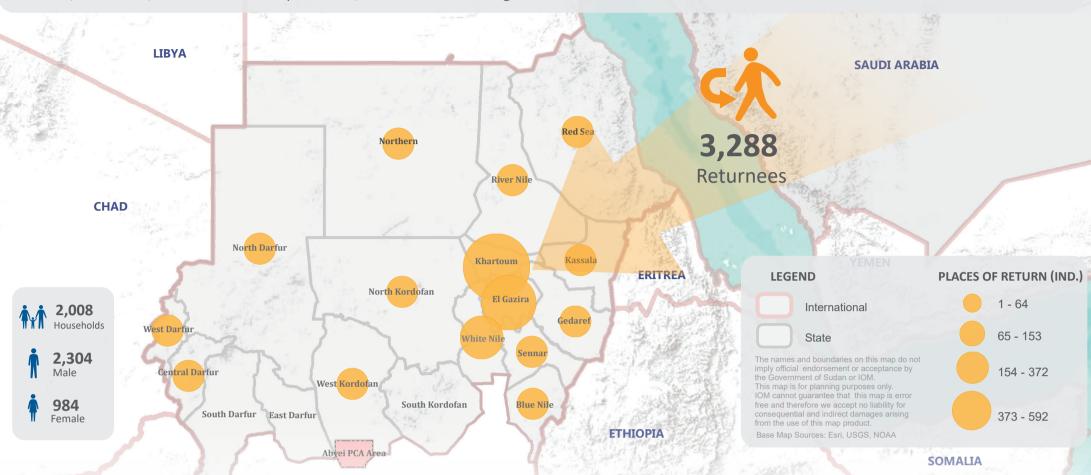


SUDANESE RETURNEES FROM SAUDI ARABIA



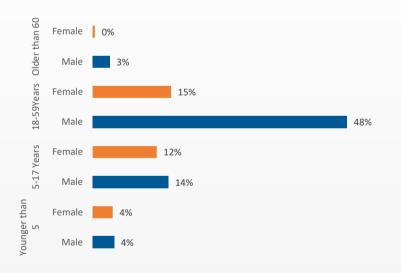
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On 29 March 2017, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) issued an official statement declaring that all irregular migrants in the country must leave voluntarily within an established 90-day amnesty period. The declaration further outlined that those choosing to remain beyond the amnesty period would be penalized in accordance with the law and face deportation. Several countries of origin (including Sudan) with notable migrant populations in KSA have approached IOM with requests for support in facilitating the safe and voluntary return of their nationals. Consequently the IOM-DTM team jointly with the Secretariat of Sudanese Working Abroad (SSWA) team were deployed to Khartoum International Airport and Port Sudan in order to register the Sudanese who are returning via this entry point. As of August 13th 2017, a total of 2,008 households composed of 3,288 returnees were registered of which 70% are male.



DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

70% of the registered returnees were males while only 30% are females. More than half of the registered returnees (about 62% are aged between 18 to 59 years old, in which 76% of them are males, followed by 26% aged between 5 to 17 years old)

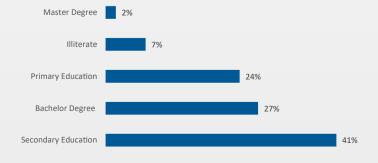


PLACE OF ORIGIN

Approximately 35% of the returnees stated that they are originally from Khartoum State, followed by 28% from EL Gazira State and 11% from White Nile State. While the remaining 27% reported to be from North Krodofan, River Nile, Sennar, Kassala, Northern and other States. Only few reported to be originally from Darfur.

EDUCATION

The majority of responders' reported to be secondary schools graduates, followed by returnees who have bachelor degrees.

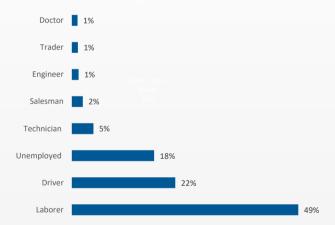


VULNERABILITY

A total of 5 persons identified as most vulnerable among of the registered returnees, were 3 returnees identified as Chronically III and 2 returnees as lactating women.

OCCUPATION

About half of the responders reported that they were laborers before their return, followed by about 20% reported to be drivers and 18% were unemployed.



RETURNEE'S INTENTIONS

27% of the household responders stated that they are planning to stay in Sudan while 1% stated that they are planning to travel to other countries, most of them stated that they would like to return back to KSA. The majority (71%) of the interviewed households did not answer this question.

TIME IN KSA

49% of the returnees reported that they spent more than 3 years in KSA while about 30% spent two to three years.

