

# DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX

EAST AND HORN OF AFRICA



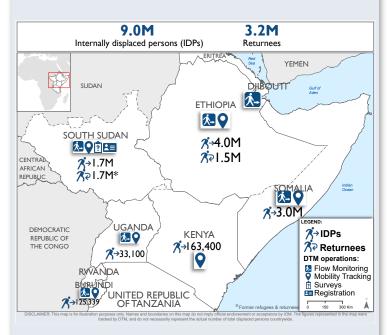
Mid-year Regional Snapshot January - June 2021

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### **DTM Overview**

The Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) in the East and Horn of Africa (EHoA) region is currently active in six countries (Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, and Uganda), and its methodology includes four main components (mobility tracking, flow monitoring, registrations, and surveys).

As of June 2021, DTM in the region tracked 9.0M Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and 3.2M Returnees, as reported during the last round of DTM assessments for each country, or through secondary data sources. The figures of IDPs and returnees for Ethiopia are as of Round 25 (April 2021), and the figures for South Sudan are as of Round 10 (December 2020). The IDP figure for Burundi is as of Round 63 (June 2021). Displacement figures for Kenya and Uganda were reported as of December 2019. While DTM coverage is being expanded in Somalia, the IDP figure indicated on this map is the most up-to-date data available endorsed by the Somali National Bureau of Statistics (SNBS) on behalf of the government as of March 2021.

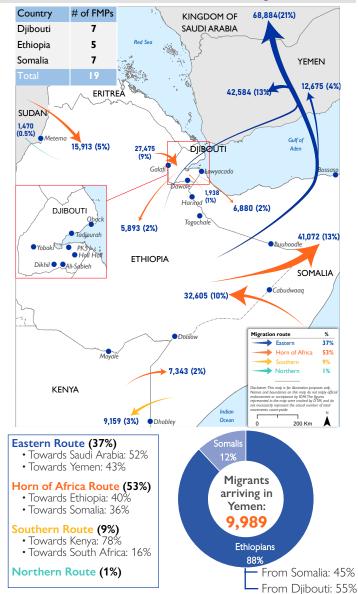


## Flow Monitoring Overview

Flow Monitoring (FM) is operational in six countries, through 51 Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs), with the main aim of tracking cross-border movements trends in the region. FMPs established at key areas of high mobility monitor different kinds of movements, including movements along the four main migration routes (Eastern, Horn of Africa, Southern, and Northern); movements in the public health context; post-conflict movements of Burundi nationals returning from the United Republic of Tanzania; and other shorter-term cross-border movements, mainly tracked in South Sudan. Additionally, internal movements within the country, mainly in South Sudan, are also monitored through ten FMPs established at key transit locations. FM operations in Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania were halted at the end of 2020, with the closure of FMPs in both countries, thus reducing the coverage along the Southern Route; the Northern Route continues to be under-represented due to lack of geographical coverage. The following sections will present findings across these FM networks between January and June 2021.

# **Migration Routes Network**

Total movements observed: 322,553 through 19 FMPs



There was a 34% increase in overall movements in the first half of 2021 compared to the latter half of 2020 as the COVID-19 mobility restrictions put in place in the region at the beginning of the pandemic were eased slightly. Arrivals to Yemen in the first half of 2021 also increased by 69%, compared to the latter half of 2020, though compared to the first half of 2020 (when restrictions had not fully been enforced) this was 69% less. A small proportion of movements tracked along this network consisted of movements within the countries (2%). Overall, 43,215 migration movements were tracked along entry locations into Djibouti, which is is more than twice compared to entries in the latter half of the previous year. Similarly, 15,814 movements, almost all Ethiopians, were tracked at FMPs along the border into Somalia, travelling eastward. In Yemen, 9,989 migrant arrivals from Djibouti (5,457) and Somalia (4,532) were tracked during this month; this is a reversal from previous months when the majority of entering migrants were travelling from Somalia.



















# Flow Monitoring Network in Public Health Context

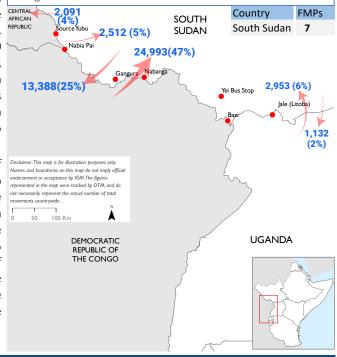
# Total movements observed: 53,149 through 7 FMPs \*

The movements tracked between January and June represent a decrease of 37% compared to the latter half of 2020 when 84,106 movements were tracked in South Sudan and Burundi. The reduction of movements is primarily because of the mobility restrictions enacted following the0 COVID-19 outbreak. Although an increase in movement was observed during the latter part of 2020 following the slight relaxation of mobility restrictions, this decrease, however, is representative of the halting of operations in Burundi, along the border with the United Republic of Tanzania, and the decrease in the number of FMPs in South Sudan. This network remains in place to monitor movements in the wake of any possible Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreaks, as well as to monitor movements in the post COVID-19 era.

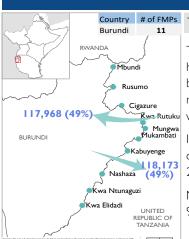
Many migrants were migrating for economic reasons (22%) though 58% of these were for a duration of less than one day, while 9% were intending to travel for more than three months. An additional 27% of movements were returns to habitual residence (25%), followed by medical visits (16%), which is similar to the monthly average. In terms of gender distribution, 41% were male adults, 32% were adult females, 14% were female children, and 12% were male children. Of the total, 9% migrants were children under the age of five, and another 8% were pregnant and/or lactating women, and 0.1% were unaccompanied migrant children (UMCs). The average daily movements in the time period were 295, which is a decrease of 35% compared to the average daily movements tracked in the latter half of 2020.

#### Movements between:

- The Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan: 72%
- The Central African Republic and South Sudan: 9%
- Uganda and South Sudan: 8%



### **Burundi Returns Network**



# Total movements observed: 238,893 through 11 FMPs \*\*

The movements tracked between January and June 2021 represent a 10% decrease compared to the latter half of 2020. Most movements tracked in Burundi comprised of nationals of Burundi (89%), with the remaining being nationals of the United Republic of Tanzania (11%) and other countries (<1%). Many were reportedly moving for economic reasons (68%), though of these, most intended to return within the same day (58%), or within a week (8%), while only 4% were travelling for three months or longer.

In terms of gender distribution, 40% were adult males, 36% adult females, 14% female children, and 11% male children. Of the total, 10% were pregnant and/or lactating women, another 10% were children under five, and 2% were UMCs.

Most of the people tracked through these FMPs were travelling by foot (73%) or on boats (14%) with another 9% on bikes, 4% on motorbikes, while less than 1% were using other modes of transportation.

### South Sudan Situation Cross-Border Movements Network

### Total movements observed: 147,397 through 14 FMPs

The movements tracked from January to June 2021 represent a 10% decrease compared to the latter half of 2020, though these are still 26% higher than the first half of 2020 when COVID-19 restrictions were first put into place. During the same time period, 16,870 new movements from Ethiopia to South Sudan were tracked. The highest proportion of movements tracked through this network originated in Uganda (41%), or South Sudan (31%), and most were intended towards South Sudan (67%) and Uganda (19%), with 5% towards Sudan. Around 18% of all movements were coming from camps or camp-like settings, with most from Ethiopia (58%) and Uganda (33%), while around 4% were going to camps or camp-like settings, mostly to Ethiopia (36%), Kenya (30%), and Uganda (25%). The most prominent reasons for movements were economic (28%), though 87% were for a week or less, and only 5% were for three months or more. This was followed by return to habitual residence (23%), family visits (21%), and travel for health reasons (11%). Most migrants were adult males (50%), while 27% were adult females, 14% were female children, and 10% were male children. Overall, 38% were children under the age of five, 34% were pregnant/lactating women, and 8% were UMCs. The largest proportion of migrants were nationals of South Sudan (83%), followed by Ugandans (7%) and Kenyans (6%).

