

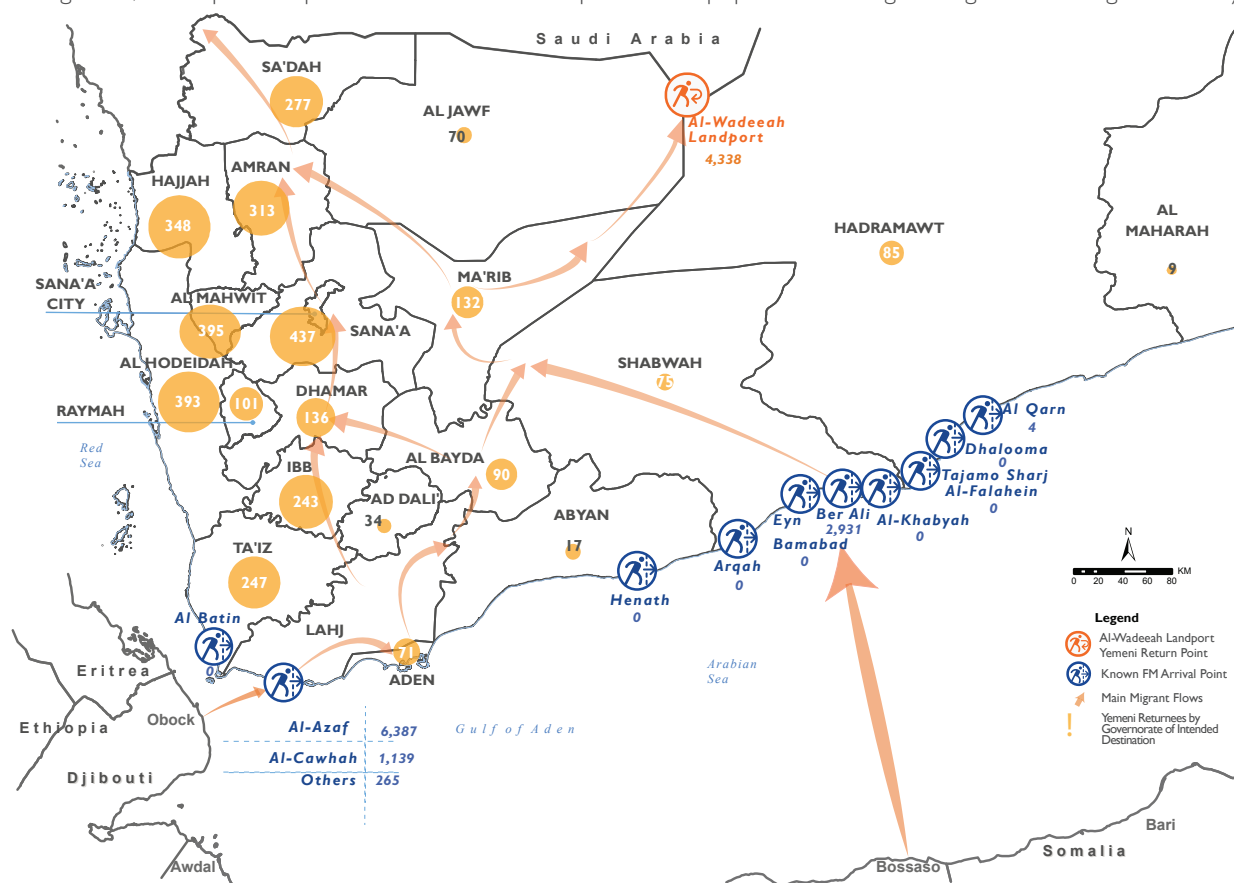
NON-YEMENI MIGRANT ARRIVALS AND YEMENI MIGRANT RETURNEES IN FEBRUARY 2023

10,726 Migrants | 4,338 Yemeni Migrant Returnees

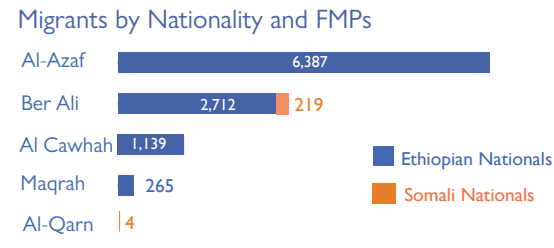
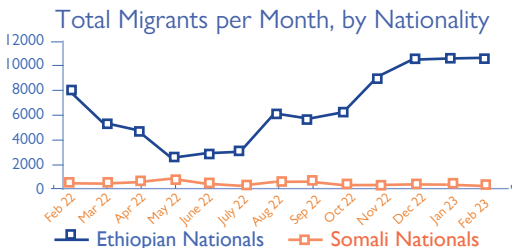
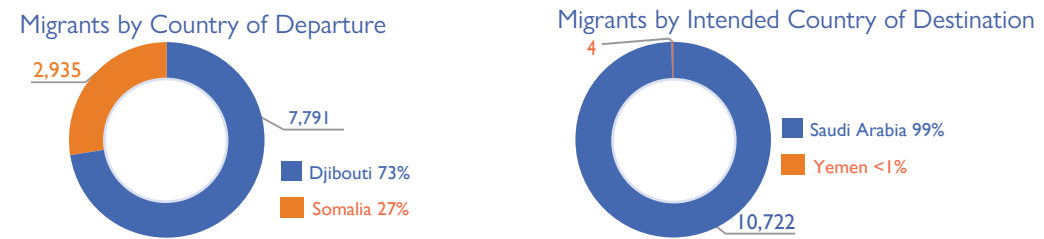
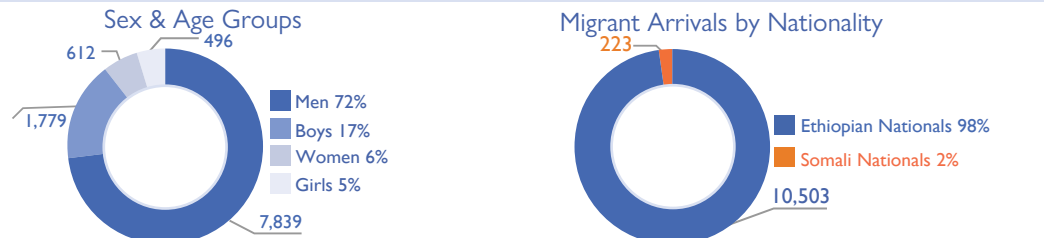
IOM Yemen DTM's Flow Monitoring Registry (FMR) monitors migrant arrivals on the southern coastal border and Yemeni return locations on Yemen's northern border with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Enumerators placed at Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) record migrant arrivals and returning Yemeni nationals to identify different patterns of migration, and to provide quantitative estimates to help define the population of irregular migrants entering the country. FMR is not representative of all flows in Yemen and should be understood as only indicative of migration trends of the unknown total number of migrants arriving in Yemen at FMPs during the time frame indicated. Access constraints limit the ability to collect data at some migrant arrival points.

In February 2023, IOM Yemen DTM recorded 10,726 migrants entering Yemen, with a slight increase of less than 1 per cent over last month (10,707). In Lahj (7,791 migrants) DTM has observed a slight drop in arrivals, (-1) per cent decrease from last month (7,904 migrants). This stands in contrast to Shabwah (2,931) which recorded a minor increase this month by 5 per cent. Migration flows shifted from Obock, Djibouti (-1%) towards Bari, Somalia (+5%). The overall increase could be linked to weather conditions, sea tides and decreased coast guard patrolling in Djibouti. While travel had been primarily due to economic reasons in the first half of 2022, DTM has been recording conflict induced movements since August 2022, being the reason for 26 per cent of all incoming movements in February 2023. All conflict motivated travel was recorded in Shabwah coming from Bari, Somalia (32% children, 13% women, and 55% men).

Due to the deteriorating humanitarian crisis in Yemen and the challenges in moving towards KSA, many migrants opted to return to the Horn of Africa. DTM teams in Djibouti recorded that during February 2023, a total of 493 migrants took the risky return by boat from Yemen to travel home. DTM teams in Somalia further recorded the arrival of 27 returning Somali nationals returning from Yemen to Lowyacado and Bossaso. Meanwhile, DTM reported 4,338 Yemeni returns from KSA in February 2023, compared to 5,100 in January 2023. Between 1 January and 28 February 2023, DTM recorded 21,433 migrants and 9,438 Yemeni migrant returnees to Yemen.



NON-YEMENI MIGRANT ARRIVALS



YEMENI MIGRANT RETURNEES

