

# **SOMALIA – CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS**

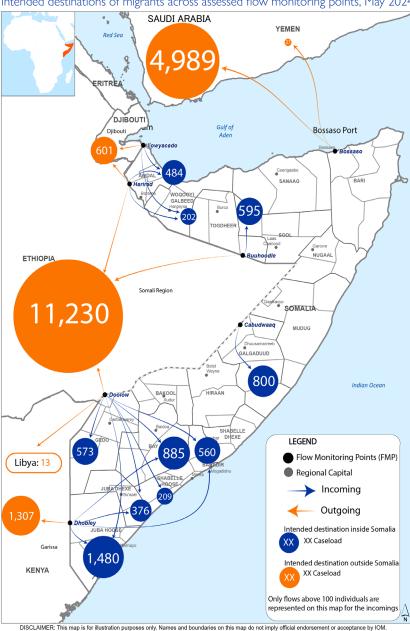
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### MOVEMENT ILLUSTRATION

Intended destinations of migrants across assessed flow monitoring points, May 2024



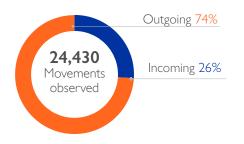
### **HIGHLIGHTS**

IOM Somalia DTM's flow monitoring team tracks migrant movements at seven active Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) along the border with Ethiopia, Kenya, and Djibouti and at Bossa FMP on the coast. Enumerators stationed at FMPs register migrant entries and exits to detect different migration patterns, and to provide numerical estimates to help estimate the population of irregular migrants who enter and exit the country. Flow monitoring does not capture all flows into and out of Somalia and should be seen as only indicative of migration trends of the unknown total number of migrants who move in and out of Somalia at FMPs during the indicated time frame.

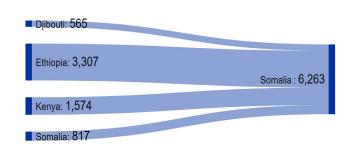
A total of 24,430 movements were observed in May 2024, representing 8% increase compared to April 2024 when 22,611 movements were observed during this period. Comparing May 2024 with April 2024, Doolow (13%), Buuhoodle (11%), Bossaso (6%), Dhobley (6%) and Lowyacado (5%) FMPs recorded an increase in movements while Cabudwaaq (-22%) and Harirad (-5%) FMPs recorded a decrease in movements.

Doolow (57%), Bossaso (28%), and Dhobley (7%) FMPs recorded the highest numbers of incoming movements, while Doolow (40%), Dhobley (25%) and Cabudwaaq (13%) recorded the highest numbers of outgoing movements for May 2024.

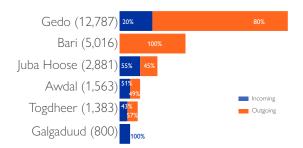
#### **MOVEMENTS OBSERVED**



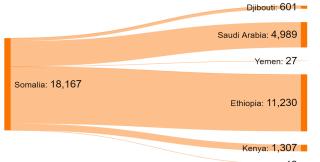
**Incoming flows:** 6,263 movements were observed entering Somalia. Movements recorded originated from Ethiopia (53%), Kenya (25%) and Diibouti (9%) while 13% of the movements observed entering Somalia also originated from Somalia



#### **MOVEMENTS OBSERVED BY** FLOW TYPE AND FMP REGION



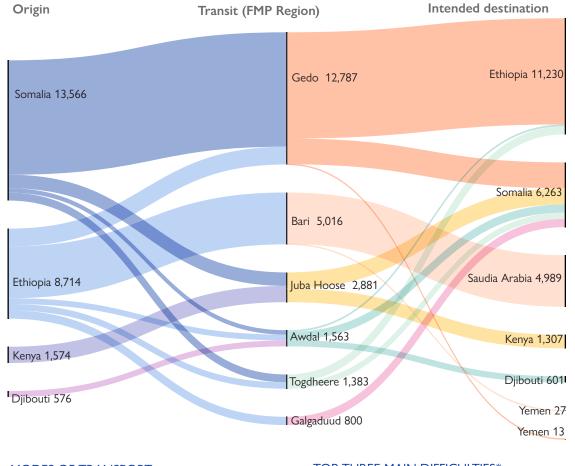
Outgoing flows: 18,167 movements were observed exiting Somalia. The main countries of intended destination for outgoing flows were Ethiopia (62%), Saudi Arabia (28%), Kenya (7%), Djibouti (3%) and Other (<1%).



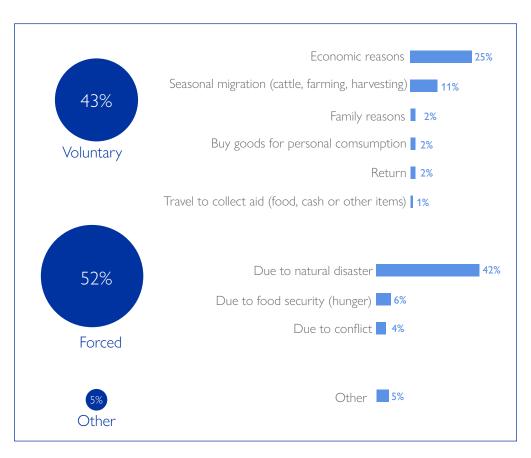
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### TRAVEL HISTORY, MIGRATION DRIVERS AND CHALLENGES

#### ORIGIN AND INTENDED DESTINATION



### **REASONS FOR MOVEMENT**

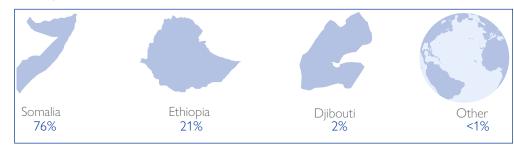


#### **TOP THREE MAIN DIFFICULTIES\* MODES OF TRANSPORT**



<sup>\*</sup> From FMS data collection tool sample size of 570 individuals who faced difficulties of of whom 181 were female and 389 were male. This question has multiple answer options and the sum of % can exceed 100%.

#### **NATIONALITY**





#### MIGRANT PROFILES

**2% I** 60+

**16%** 18-29

**7%** 0-4

**3%** | 50-59 | **2%** 

40-49 4%

30-39

#### SEX AND AGE

#### VUI NFRABII ITIFS1

1%

12%

12%

7%







Pregnant and lactating women



Unaccompanied children



Elderly in need of care

### DO YOU HOLD A PASSPORT, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF IDENTIFICATION?\*



\* Data from FMS which is based on a sample size of 1,312 individuals of whom 538 are female and 744 male

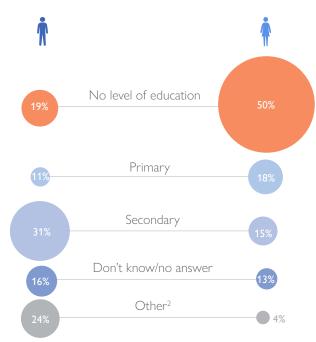
### MIGRANT STATUS ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND CIVIL DOCUMENT\*

\*In the month of May 2024, the sample size of the FMS 1,312 individuals of whom 538 were female and 744 are male represents 50% of female migrants has no level of education which critically contributes to the challenges women face to obtain employment opportunities.

\*On the same sample, 88% of the migrants mentioned they don't have civil documents such as passport which makes migrants to experience movement restrictions.

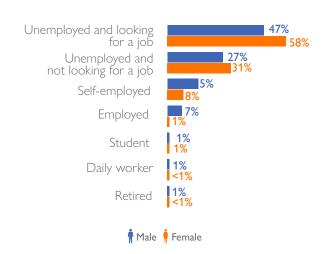
\*In addition, 58% of the female migrants are unemployed and looking for job opportunities.

#### SEX AND HIGHEST EDUCATION LEVEL COMPLETED\*



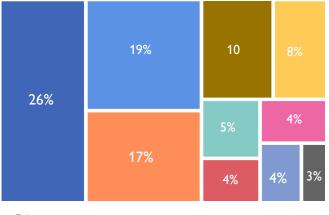
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#### SEX AND CURRENT OCCUPATION\*



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#### MAIN SECTORS OF EMPLOYMENT\*



- Other
- Agriculture, forestry
- Transportation and storage
- Other service activities
- Activities of households as employers
- Wholesale and retail trade; motor vehicles/motorcycles repair
- Human health and social work activities
- Electricity; gas, steam and air conditioning supply
- Education
- Construction
- \* Data from FMS which is based on a sample size of 278 individuals



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Vulnerabilities may be overlapping since individuals may have more than one vulnerability. These percentages are therefore calculated on the total number of observations for this month (24,430)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Other education levels include: vocational training, religious schools, and tertiary education (Bachelor's/Master's/PhD).

### **METHODOLOGY**

The Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) is a system to track and monitor displacement and population mobility. It is designed to regularly and systematically capture, process and disseminate information to provide a better understanding of the movements and evolving needs of mobile populations, whether on site or en route. DTM provides decision makers with primary data and information on human mobility, both in country and at the regional and global level.

Flow monitoring is one of DTM's four methodological components. Its purpose is to provide regular and updated information of the size and profile of population movements. The information and analysis provided by flow monitoring also aims to contribute to improved understanding of shortcomings and priorities in the provision of assistance along the displacement/migratory routes. Flow monitoring methodology consists of three basic steps:

- High Mobility Area/Location Assessments: aimed at mapping locations of high mobility to establish where to set up Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) through key informant interviews;
- Flow Monitoring Registry (FMR): aimed at capturing quantitative data about certain characteristics such as the volumes of migrants, their nationalities, sex and age disaggregated information, their origin, their planned destination and key vulnerabilities. This is collected by enumerators at the FMPs. In March 2021, the FMR tool was modified to capture the distinctions between transiting locations and places of origin, transiting destinations and final destinations thus the incoming/outgoing flows from March 2021 may not be directly comparable with the previous weeks and months.
- Flow Monitoring Survey (FMS): aimed at capturing qualitative information about the profiles of migrants, migration drivers and migrants' needs. This is done through interviews with a sample of migrants passing through the FMPs.

Movement categories:

- Outgoing/Exiting Migrants: migrants originating from and travelling out of the country where the FMP is located. Nationality is irrelevant.
- Transiting Migrants: migrants travelling through the country where the FMP is located, where both departure point, and the intended final destination, are not the country of FMP. Nationality is irrelevant.
- Incoming Migrants: both entering (non-nationals of the country with the FMP) and returning (nationals of the country with the FMP) migrants, where the intended destination is the country containing the FMP.
- Internal Migrants: where both the departure and the destination country are the country with the FMP. This includes circular migration.

More information on flow monitoring data and reports can be accessed via DTM's Flow Monitoring portal.

### LIMITATIONS

Data collected for this exercise (from FMR and FMS) should be understood as indicative observations at FMPs. They represent only part of the total flows passing through Somalia. DTM Somalia has seven (7) cross-border FMPs. which is not exhaustive of all cross-border roads that migrants may use.

Although data is collected 5 days per week and it is collected only during working hours. The spatial and temporal coverage of this data collection activity is therefore incomplete. However, it provides information on the situation at assessed points and allows to make hypothesis on the overall situation.

In addition, having collected flow monitoring data consistently in the past years, historical data offers the possibility to observe trends and make comparisons. Data on vulnerability is based on direct observation and should be understood as mainly indicative. FMS data is based on a sample of the total movements observed and therefore it should be interpreted with caution.

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