

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

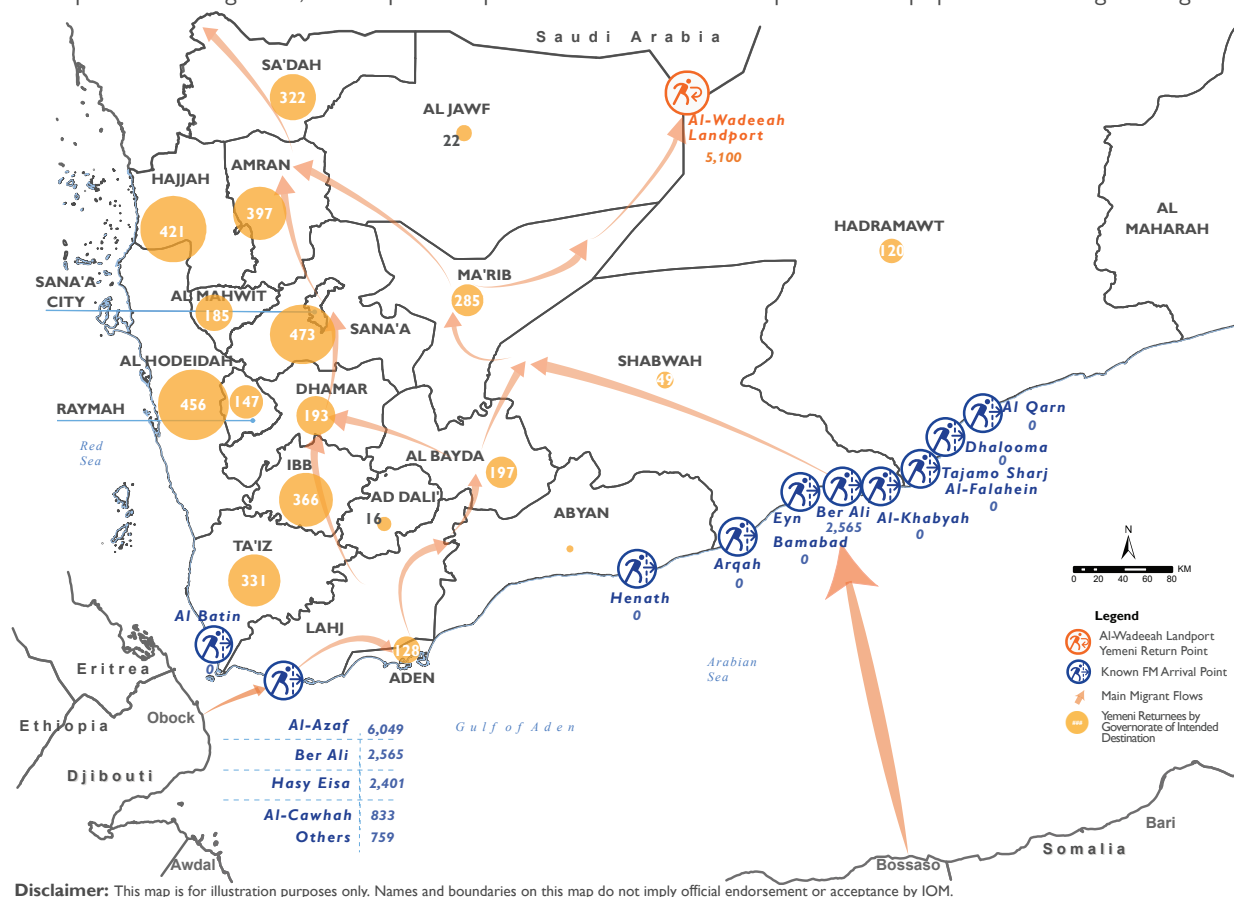
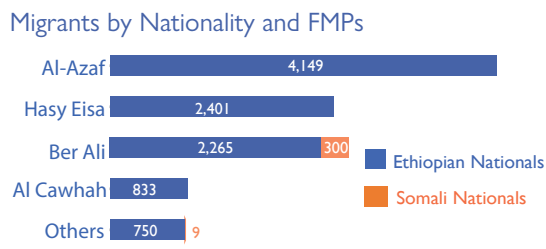
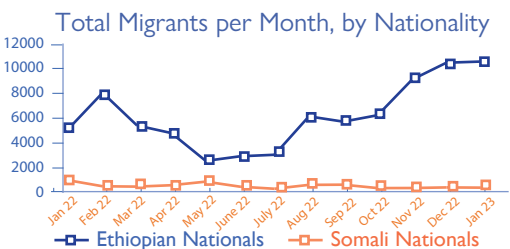
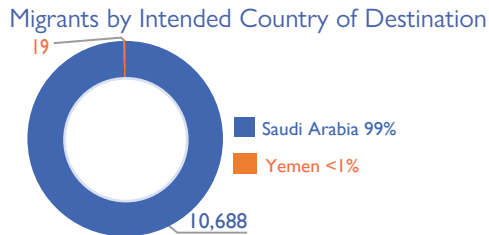
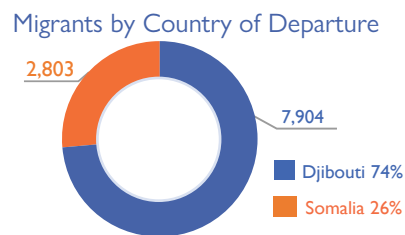
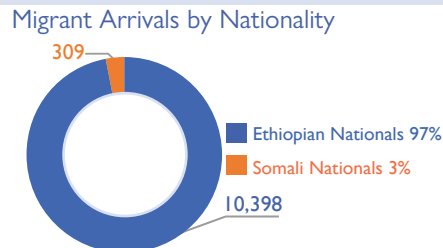
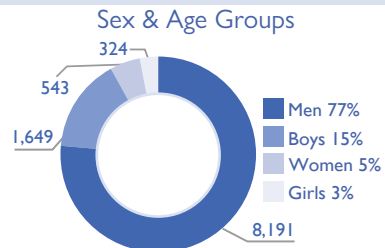
10,707 Migrants | 5,100 Yemeni Migrant Returnees

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 January 2023, IOM Yemen DTM recorded 10,707 migrants entering Yemen, barely an increase of one per cent from December 2022 (10,620). In Lahj (7,904 migrants) DTM has noted a dramatic drop of (-4) per cent in arrivals compared to the last month (8,220 migrants). This stands in contrast to Shabwah (2,803) which registered an increase this month by 17 per cent. In other terms, migration flows shifted from Obock, Djibouti (-4%) towards Bari, Somalia (+17%). 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 21 per cent of all incoming movements in January 2023. All conflict motivated travel was recorded in Shabwah coming from Bari, Somalia (32% children, 15% women, and 53% 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 January 2023, a total of 587 migrants took the risky return by boat from Yemen to travel home. Meanwhile, DTM reported 5,100 Yemeni returns from KSA in January 2023, compared to 5,047 in December 2022.

NON-YEMENI MIGRANT ARRIVALS



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YEMENI MIGRANT RETURNEES

