

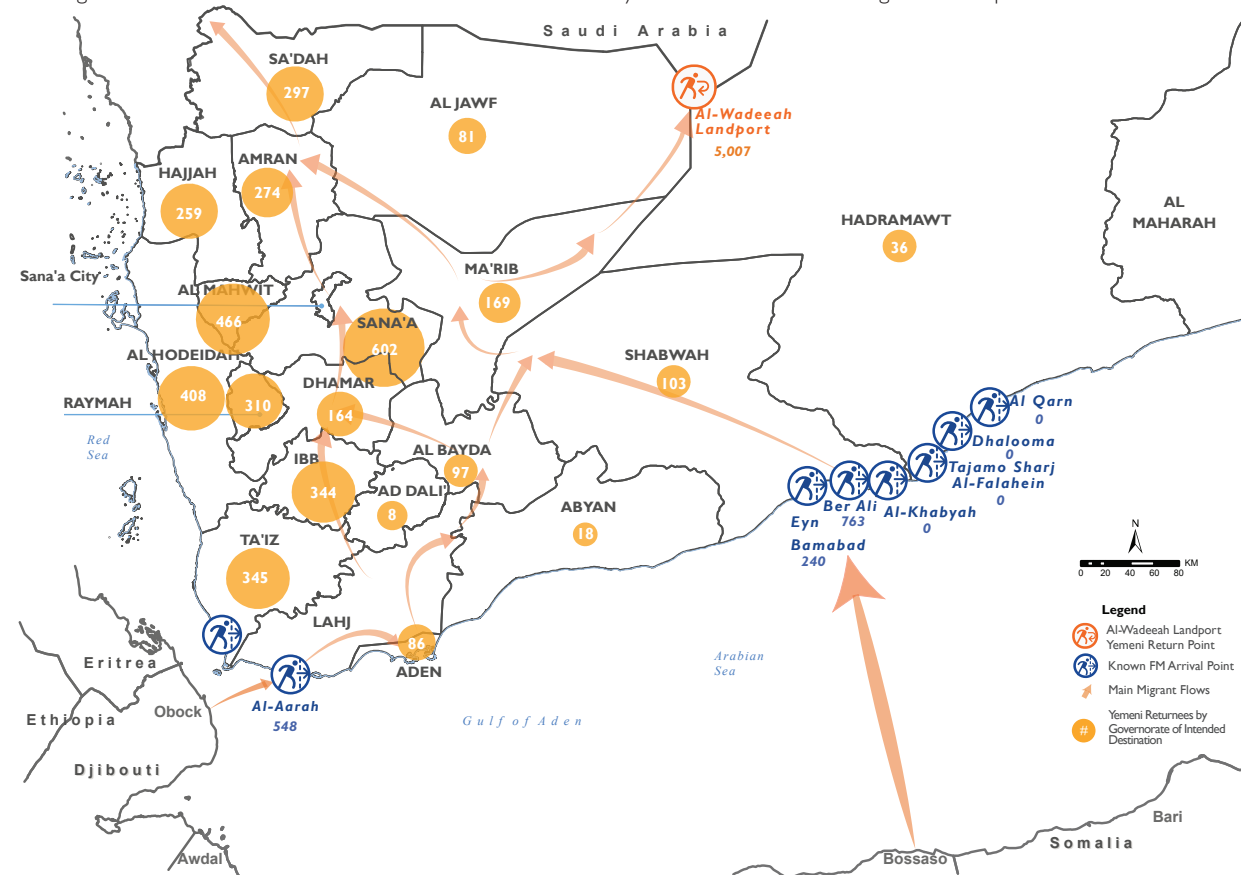
NON-YEMENI MIGRANT ARRIVALS AND YEMENI MIGRANT RETURNEES IN SEPTEMBER 2023

1,551 Migrants | 5,007 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.

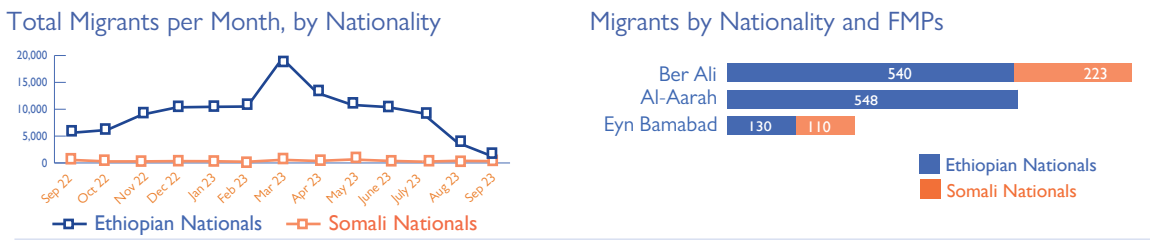
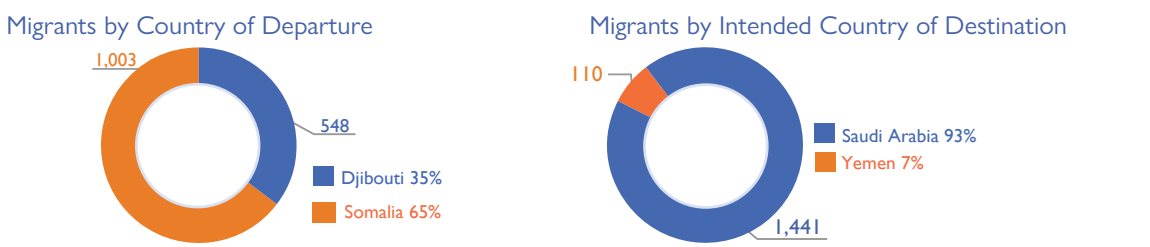
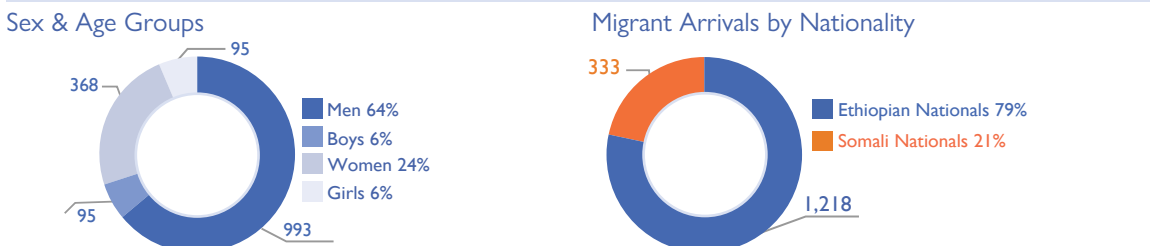
In September 2023, IOM Yemen DTM recorded 1,551 migrants entering Yemen, a decrease of 63 per cent since last month (4,176). The number of migrants entering Yemen via the Lahj coast (548) has decreased 76 per cent since last month (2,249). The significant decrease observed since August can be attributed to the ongoing joint military campaign that was initiated at the beginning of August and continued throughout September. The campaign included raids on the properties of smugglers and the arrest of some of these who assisted in the transporting migrants from Ethiopia, as well as the deployment of military points on the coastal strip to pursue smugglers' boats. The joint military campaign is still underway in Lahj governorate that used to receive high number of migrants from Djibouti before August 2023. It is believed that the ongoing campaign has affected the points of arrival to shift from Lahj to Ta'iz governorate. DTM team is trying to develop key informants in the new arrival points. In addition, the number of migrants entering Shabwah has also decreased by 48 per cent last month 1,927 in August to 1,003 in September due to changes in the weather conditions, namely sea tides and wind speed. According to DTM, conflict-induced movements constituted 50 per cent of all incoming movements in September 2023. These movements were exclusively observed in Shabwah, originating from Bari, Somalia (21% children, 19% women, and 60% men).

The humanitarian crisis in Yemen and challenges in reaching Saudi Arabia led many migrants to return to the Horn of Africa. In September 2023, Djibouti DTM team recorded 559 migrants (498 male and 61 female) embarked on a dangerous journey back home by boat from Yemen. Additionally, DTM observed an increase in Yemeni returnees by 35 per cent in September (5,007) compared to August (3,707). Between January and September 2023, DTM recorded a total of 92,357 migrants and 40,078 Yemeni migrant returnees to Yemen. Furthermore, IOM DTM received a report detailing the return of 76 migrants (comprising 74 Ethiopians and two Somalis) who had initially traveled from Yemen to Oman but were ultimately deported back to Yemen.



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