



Highlights

Ethiopian returnees from Yemen receiving transportation allowance. (Photo: IOM Ethiopia)

- On 24 May, IOM suspended its evacuation flights out of Sana'a until further notice due to ongoing difficulties faced on the ground in Sana'a, including the imposition of undue constraints by various parties, which have continued to hamper IOM efforts to support the evacuation of third country nationals in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner.

- On 24 May, the Somaliland authorities announced they would suspend arrivals in Berbera until further assistance could be committed by partners on the ground.

- To date, IOM has provided life-saving assistance to over 10,000 migrants affected by the crisis in Yemen through transportation and assistance in transit and at destination.

Situation Overview

Ongoing widespread violence in Yemen continues to be reported in most parts of the country, including Sana'a, Aden, Hajjah and Taizz governorates.

OCHA reports over 1,870 people have been killed, half of whom are believed to be civilians, and about 7,580 people have been injured.

A large number of people in need of assistance remain out of reach to humanitarian partners in country, e.g. in Sa'ada governorate only, over 490,000 people cannot be reached by humanitarian assistance.

On Sunday, 24 May, it was announced that the beginning of proposed UN sponsored peace talks - planned to start on 28 May - would be postponed until further notice.

Since the escalation of the conflict, over 26,000 people have crossed the Gulf of Aden and arrived in Somalia and Djibouti often, using unsafe vessels to undertake the perilous sea journey. To date, IOM has assisted over 10,000 migrants affected by the crisis in Yemen through transportation and assistance in transit and at destination areas.

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IOM RESPONSE

HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN YEMEN

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

During the reporting period, IOM supported the Local Water and Sewerage Authority (LWSA) in Aden governorate with the assessment and rehabilitation of the water and sewage networks in Khormaksar, Malla, Crater and Altawahi districts. Rehabilitation works are currently ongoing in Crater and Malla, but the security situation is hampering safe implementation of the works.

Water trucking continues in Dhalea Governorate, providing 30,000 liters per day to Al-Nasr Hospital, and 12,000 liters per day in Dhubaiyat area. Also in Abyan, IOM continues water trucking to 19 schools in Khanfar (15), Lawder (2), and Zinjubar (2) hosting a total of 704 IDP households. Moreover, IOM teams reached out with water trucking services to 45 households displaced in open areas of Alrahwa in Lawder district.

Between 22 and 27 May, hygiene campaigns were conducted, reaching 671 IDPs in Aden and 1,200 IDPs in Abyan. Furthermore, a water pump was installed in the health clinic in Al Shaab Health Unit of Buraïqa district in Aden.

Rehabilitation of sanitation facilities and water networks, and installation of water tanks and water pumps were carried out in Sheikh Othman Alabadi School and Belquees School hosting 138 and 35 IDP households respectively in Buraïqa.



Water distribution to IDPs, Dhalea. (Photo: IOM Yemen)

Health

IOM mobile health clinics are currently covering six schools located within Amanat Al-Asima and Bani Alhareth. Over 1,000 IDPs are hosted in these schools the majority of whom are women and children who were displaced from conflict affected areas in both Saada and Sana'a governorates. During the reporting period, two IOM mobile clinics started providing health care to IDPs hosted in schools in Sana'a. A full package of Primary Health Care, Mental Health and

Psychosocial Support, and health promotion is provided to the IDPs. The majority of treated health issues concerns infectious and chronic diseases, reproductive health issues, as well as mental health issues such as anxiety, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Three IOM clinics are operating in Aden in Almansoorah, Sheikh Othman and Inma city. The total number of cases treated in these clinics so far is 1,981 including 637 women, 458 men, 486 girls and 400 boys. Moreover, two mobile clinics are currently working in Hajjah to provide health care to IDPs. Due to the security situation in the last few days, the mobile clinics had to suspend their activities in the area, but will soon resume providing assistance in other locations, depending on security.

IOM continues to support '22 May' Hospital in Aden with health staff who are working in the operations room, intensive care units, and emergency room covering the gap in staffing of one of the main hospitals receiving casualties in the area. Additionally, IOM supports Al Razie Hospital in Abyan with health staff working in the emergency room and the obstetrics department augmenting the staffing gap in one of the main referral hospitals in Abyan.

Assistance to Migrants in Yemen

Despite relentless shelling and heavy airstrikes nearby and the increased danger, the Migrant Response Center (MRC) operated by IOM in Haradh continues to support more than 700 migrants (of which 618 have been registered by IOM) who have nowhere else to turn for assistance. The need to find an alternative place to stay is underscored by the death of several migrants last week as a consequence of heavy shelling in Haradh. This week, in order to advance sea evacuation plans, IOM assessed overland travel options for the three-hour drive from Haradh to Hudaydah. IOM is also identifying a safe place in Hudaydah to be used as a transit center for the hundreds of migrants who are currently in Haradh. Given the gradual deterioration of the security situation in Haradh, IOM Yemen is now considering the possibility of transferring the entire caseload to Hudaydah as soon as possible, where migrants could be more safely hosted in the transit center and wait for embarkation.

The ground fighting in Aden has expanded further, now also affecting the Basateen neighborhood where IOM's Migrant Response Point is located. IOM remains concerned for the safety of both IOM staff and migrants who seek IOM's assistance. Since the onset of the armed conflict, IOM has so far managed to overcome severe security challenges in Aden and has kept its Migrant Response Point operational.

TCN EVACUATION OUT OF YEMEN

IOM has so far assisted 1,215 TCNs from 39 countries to leave Yemen through nine flight rotations organized since 12 April: seven of those flights were organized from Sana'a to Khartoum, Sudan; one flight – on 19 April - left Sana'a for

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: one flight – on 17 May- left Sana'a to Mogadishu.

Since 17 May, IOM has been unable to operate additional flights out of Sana'a due to ongoing difficulties faced by the organization at the airport, including undue constraints in the organization of movements on the ground. Therefore the additional three rotations originally planned to start on Sunday 24 May have been cancelled until further notice.

IOM is currently processing an additional 16,550 requests for evacuations, including a large majority of Somali nationals and Ethiopians. The European Commission, the US, Germany, Japan and the Republic of Korea have so far confirmed financial support to IOM's evacuation operations. In its revised appeal launched on 21 May, IOM is requesting a total of USD 32,790,000 to evacuate TCNs out of Yemen. The evacuation part of IOM's appeal is currently 8% funded.

DISPLACEMENT FROM YEMEN TO THE HORN OF AFRICA

As of 28 May, 26,289 people have arrived in Djibouti and Somalia from Yemen.

Arrivals in Djibouti

A total of 14,410 people have arrived in Djibouti through boats and charter flights since 26 March, of which 40% of the new arrivals are transiting TCNs, 48% are Yemenis and 12% Djiboutians.

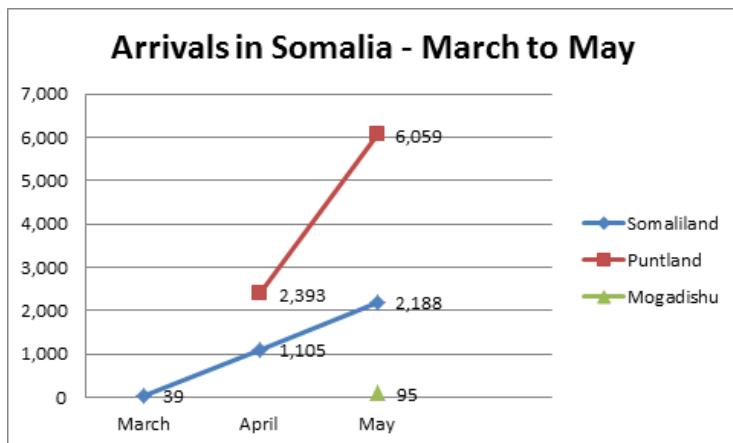
To date, IOM Djibouti has assisted 803 TCNs with the issuance of visas, the provision of shelter, food, health, and transportation assistance, as well as at Djibouti port on a daily basis. 193 Yemeni refugees and 45 Ethiopian migrants are currently hosted at IOM's Center in Obock.

On 26 May, IOM Djibouti assisted 112 Ethiopian nationals who had arrived from Aden with return assistance to Addis Ababa. While in transit in Djibouti, these individuals were provided with food and transportation to Djibouti Ville, and transfers to the airport. During the reporting period, IOM facilitated visa issuance in cooperation with port authorities, transfer, transit, and onward ground transportation for 13 additional individuals in Djibouti Ville.

In coordination with IOM Yemen, Ethiopia and the relevant national authorities, the IOM mission in Djibouti is preparing in-country transit assistance in support of an estimated 560 Ethiopian nationals currently stranded in Haradh, including sea transportation from Hudaydah to Obock, travel documentation, accommodation in IOM's MRC and on site assistance (food, water, NFIs and medical assistance) as well as onward transportation to the Ethiopian border. Those movements are due to occur during the first week of June.

Arrivals in Somalia

Arrivals in Somalia have increased significantly – between 21 and 27 May alone, 3,665 individuals arrived at ports in Berbera, Somaliland, and Bosaso, Puntland. This brings the total number of arrivals to 11,879 since late March.



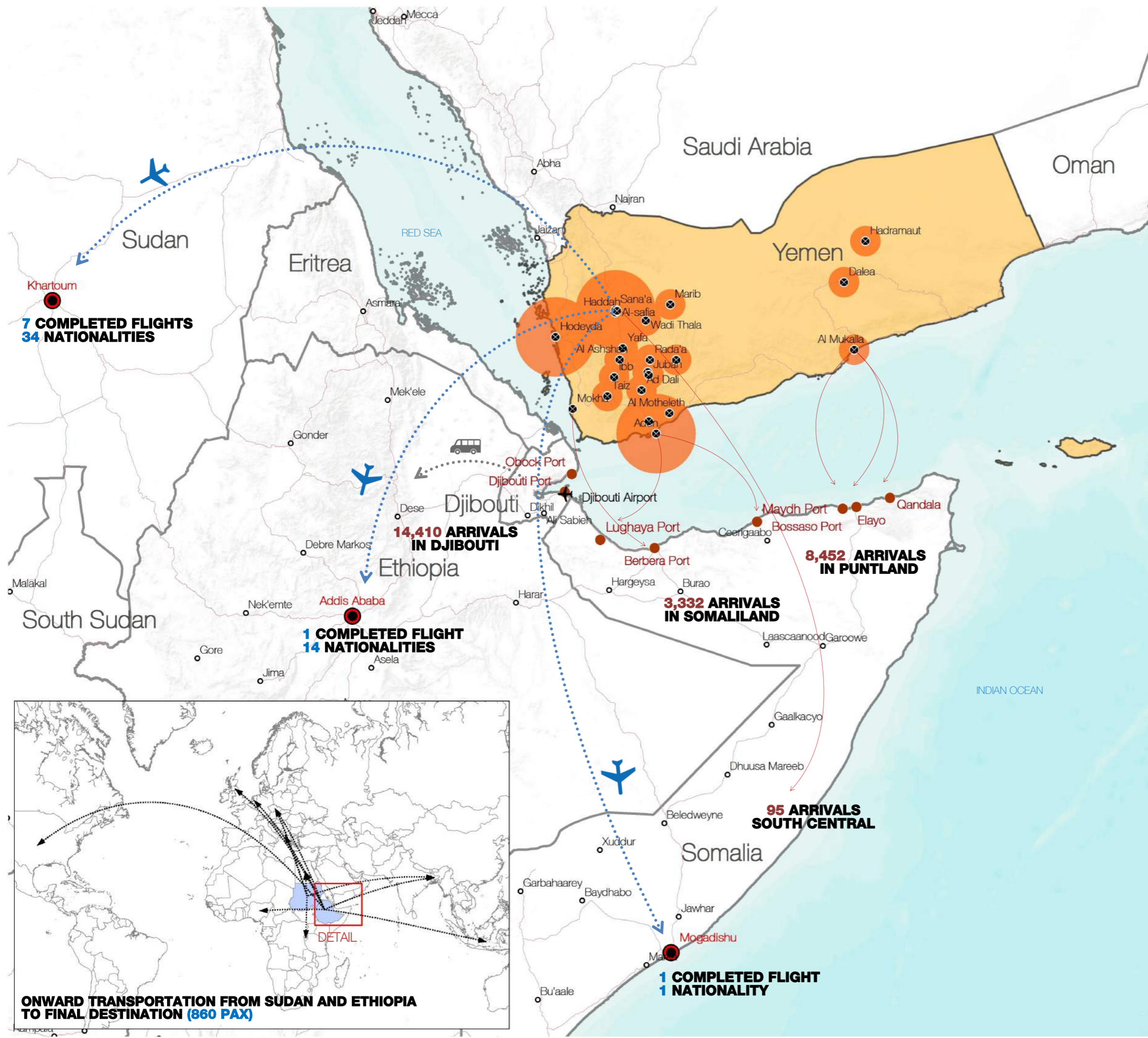
Puntland: Two boats, one carrying 619 passengers and the other carrying 2,413 passengers, arrived on 22 and 27 May respectively. IOM continues to provide immediate assistance to those arriving in the form of food and water; and transportation to the transit center for those who are in need of temporary accommodation. Populations arriving will be assisted with onward transportation assistance by IOM and UNHCR, division of labor has been agreed based on area of return, with IOM providing assistance to travel to Mogadishu. With the significant increase in spontaneous arrivals and the large size of the boats, the Puntland authorities and partners on the ground are working to identify a possible second location for reception facilities to increase the reception capacity in Bosaso, which currently stands at 500 individuals.

Somaliland: 1,382 individuals arrived in Somaliland on three boats within three days, stretching and overwhelming the reception capacity in Berbera, which currently stands at 200 individuals. One boat, carrying 936 individuals, was organized by the Somali business community and the Federal Government of Somalia, which subsequently asked IOM and UNHCR to assist in providing reception assistance, and in particular onward transportation assistance to free up space in the transit center for new arrivals. Together with the Somaliland authorities, a school was identified as an alternative reception center to provide temporary shelter to the newly arrived. Given the difficult circumstances in Somaliland, authorities there announced a suspension of arrivals in Berbera until the situation on the ground could be improved and further assistance committed. IOM and UNHCR are working very closely with both Somaliland and local authorities in Berbera to identify and improve reception facilities to avoid congestion. IOM has since provided onward transportation assistance to 552 individuals traveling to Mogadishu.

A concerted donor mobilization and fund raising effort is required to enable responding agencies to overcome the challenges encountered in the last week, to ensure that reception facilities are improved, and assistance packages are brought up to standard. A further increase in the volume of arrivals is expected with approximately 7,000 individuals reportedly registered to travel from Mukhalla port to Bosaso in the coming days and additional groups waiting at Mokha port to head towards Berbera.

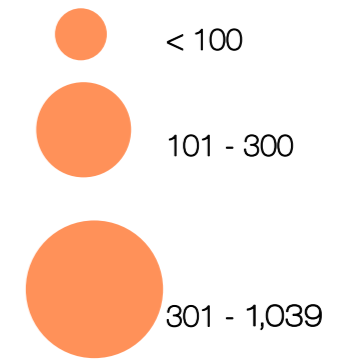
YEMEN CRISIS RESPONSE

EVACUATION AND CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS



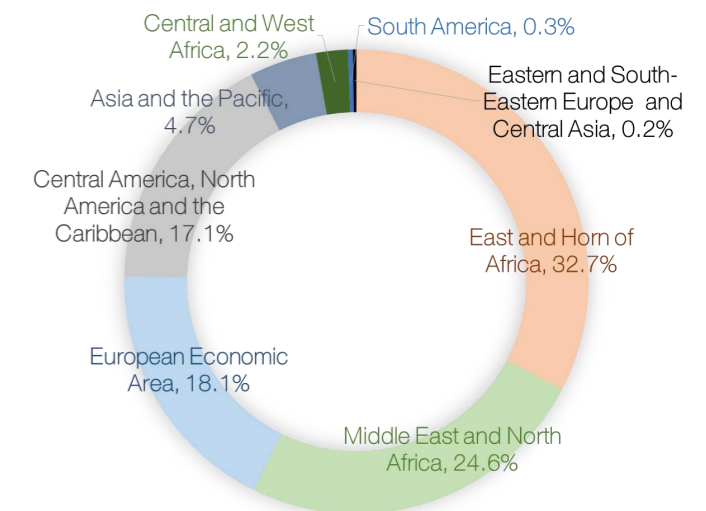
THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS (TCN)

- ✕ TCNs current locations
- IOM Humanitarian Air Bridge
- TCNs currently awaiting evacuation



→ IOM Air Movements from Sana'a

TCN's Evacuated (by the region of nationality)



ARRIVALS ACROSS HORN OF AFRICA

OVER 26,200 INDIVIDUALS ARRIVED FROM YEMEN TO DJIBOUTI AND SOMALIA

- ✕ Djibouti Airport
- Ports
- Ongoing Arrivals to HoA

→ IOM Land Movement **OVER 400 TRANSPORTED FROM DJIBOUTI TO ETHIOPIA**

7 COMPLETED FLIGHTS
34 NATIONALITIES

14,410 ARRIVALS
IN DJIBOUTI

1 COMPLETED FLIGHT
14 NATIONALITIES

3,332 ARRIVALS
IN SOMALILAND

8,452 ARRIVALS
IN PUNTLAND

95 ARRIVALS
SOUTH CENTRAL

1 COMPLETED FLIGHT
1 NATIONALITY

ONWARD TRANSPORTATION FROM SUDAN AND ETHIOPIA
TO FINAL DESTINATION (860 PAX)

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