



 **11,266 beneficiaries** resettled to countries in the European Economic Area (EEA) in 2020

 **18 EEA countries** implementing projects on resettlement or HAP with IOM's support

 **35% of IOM's global support** of resettlement or HAP in 2020 (which amounts to over 32,000 people) was for EEA countries

## IOM's support in Resettlement

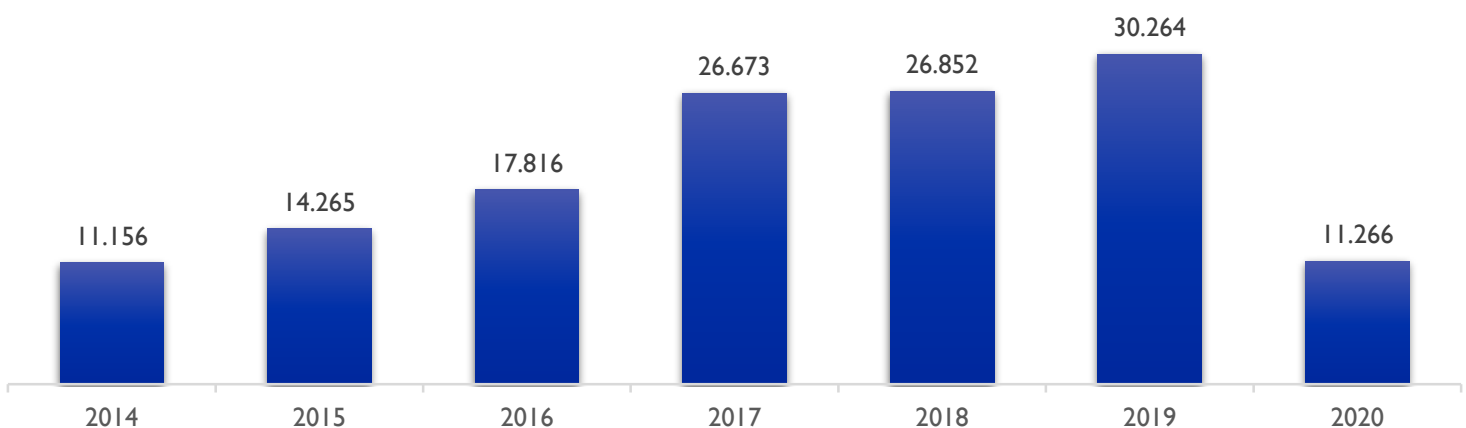
For **70 years**, IOM has played a vital role in resettlement, providing a range of supporting activities upon request of the receiving states and to ensure the transfer of its beneficiaries in conditions of safety and dignity. These include support to **case processing**, premigration **health activities**, **movement management**, and **pre-departure and post-arrival integration support**. IOM works closely with **governments and UNHCR**, as well as **other partners such as EASO and NGOs** to help persons in need of international protection.

While 2019 represented a record year in terms of beneficiaries resettled to the EEA, **2020 was heavily impacted by COVID-19**, and only 11,266 beneficiaries resettled to 18 EEA countries. Throughout the year, IOM continued to support refugees and the use of **resettlement as a critical protection measure**, in liaison with donors and partners, and adopted a range of **measures to minimize the risk of transmission** during movements and in pre-departure activities.

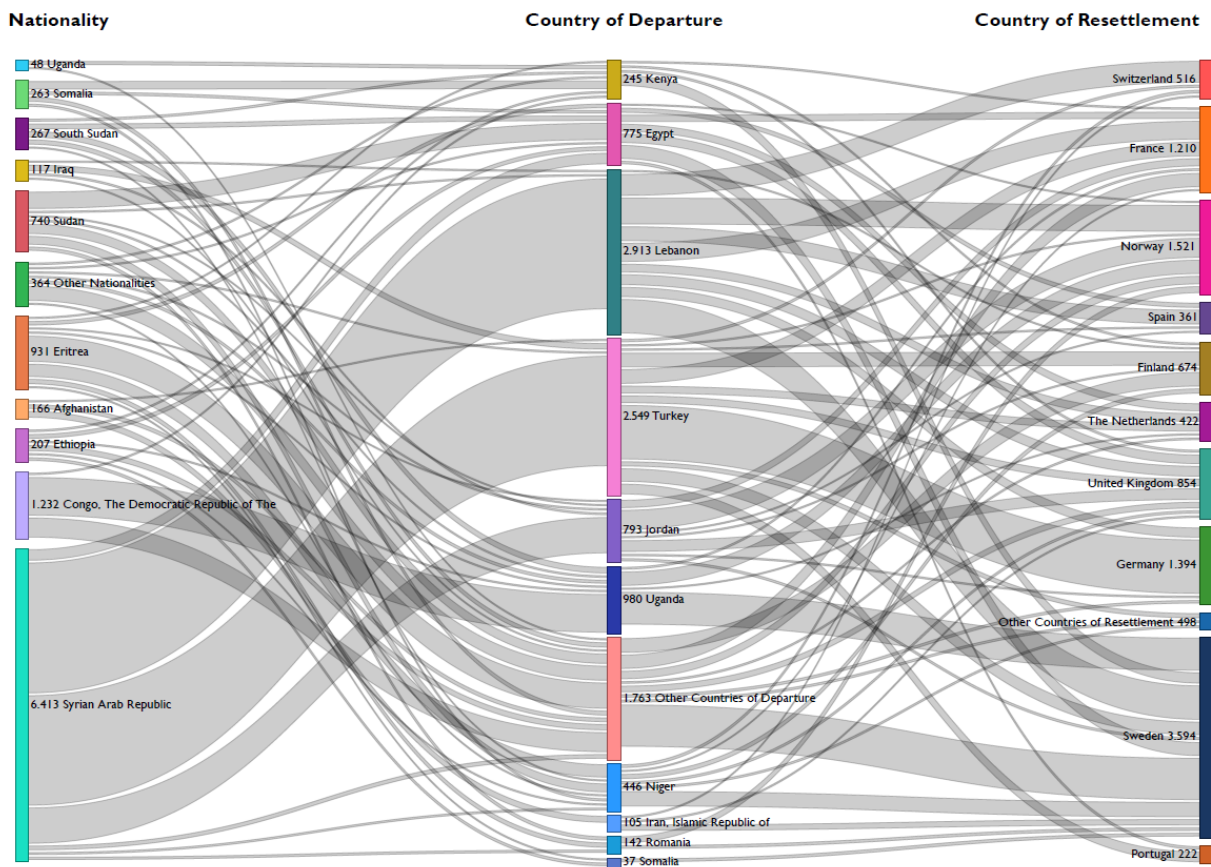
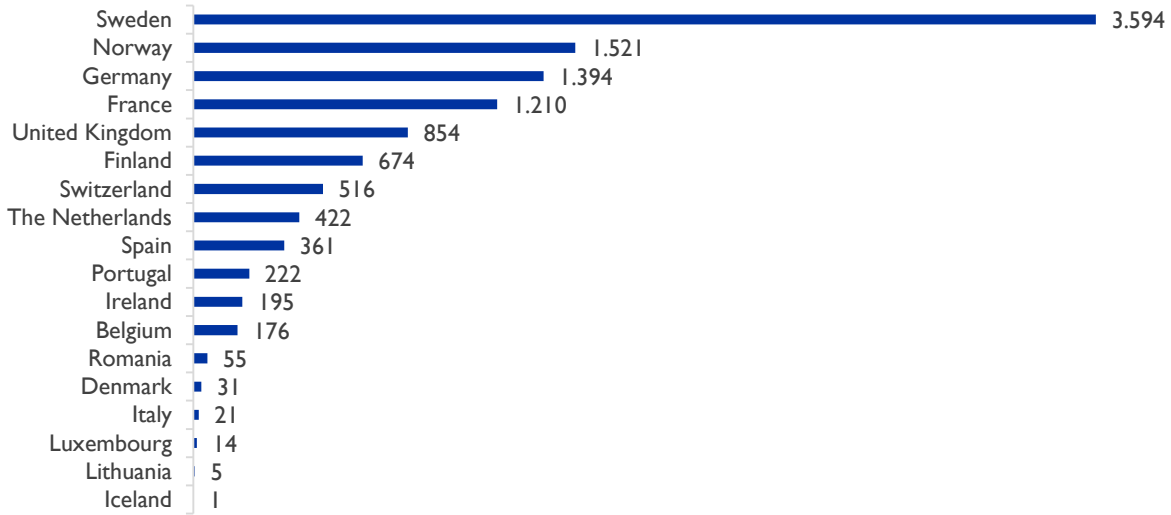
IOM also assisted over **1300 refugees to reunite with their families** in the EEA, main nationalities of the beneficiaries being Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Eritrea and Sudan.



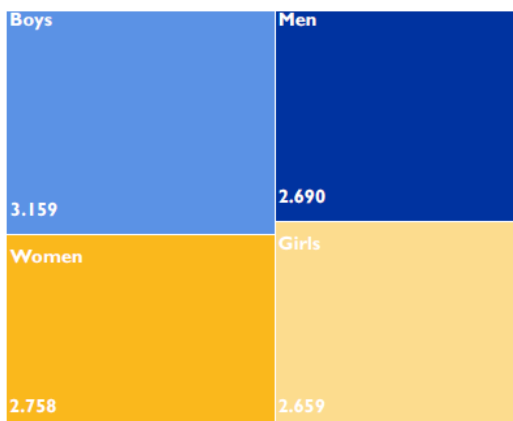
**Resettlement and humanitarian admission to the EEA**  
Beneficiaries supported by IOM (2014-2020)



## Resettlement and humanitarian admissions to the EEA in 2020



### Sex and Age Breakdown



NOTE: IOM recognizes the diversity of gender identities, however for the purpose of the current the report a binary classification is used to match the available records.