

IOM Resettlement Support January – December 2021

European Economic Area



21,828 beneficiaries resettled/admitted to countries in the European Economic Area (EEA) in 2021



16 EEA countries received beneficiaries of resettlement or humanitarian admission programmes in 2021



23% of IOM's resettlement or humanitarian admission support worldwide was for countries in the EEA

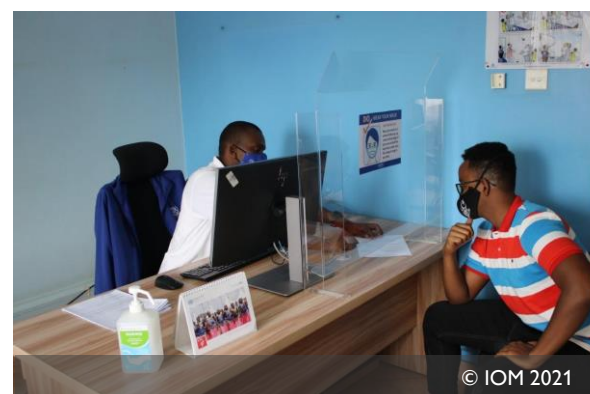
IOM's support in Resettlement

Since 1951, IOM has played a vital role in resettlement, providing a range of supporting activities to receiving states, ensuring beneficiaries are resettled in a safe and dignified manner. IOM resettlement support includes **case processing, pre-migration 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 the **EUAA and NGOs** to help persons in need of international protection.

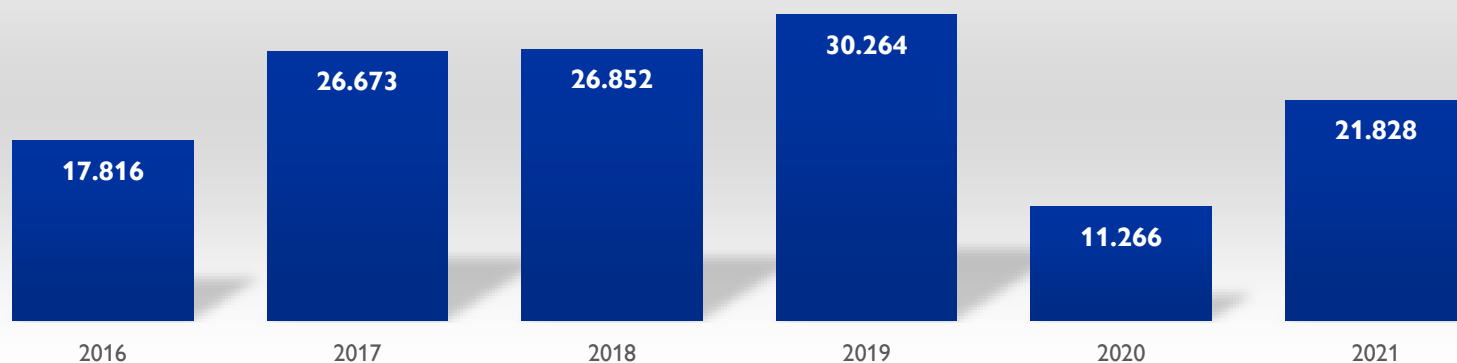
While 2020 was heavily impacted by COVID-19, **2021 showed signs of recovery allowing for the arrival of 21,828 persons through resettlement / humanitarian admission**. This included IOM contribution to the provision of **safe pathways for 785 Afghan nationals who had been forcibly displaced** to neighbouring countries to Afghanistan, such as Pakistan and Iran.

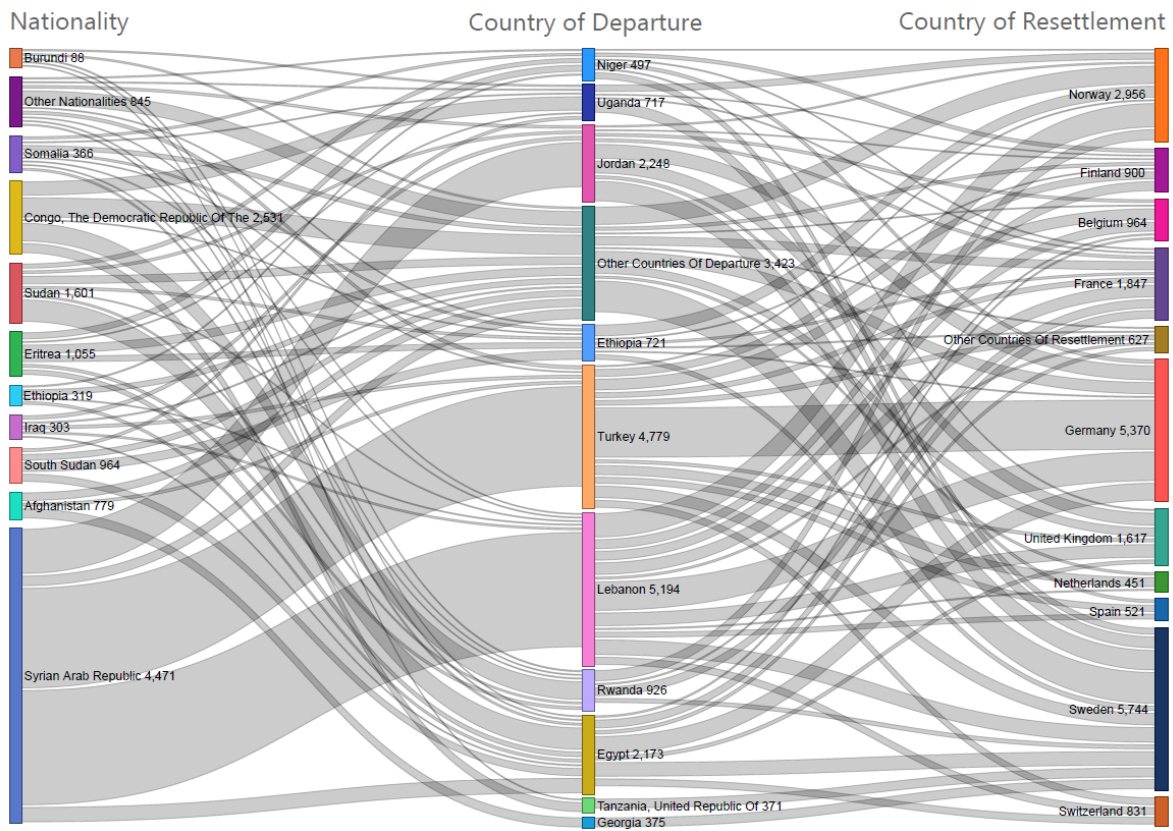
During this period, IOM continued supporting refugees, promoting **resettlement as a critical protection measure**, in liaison with donors and partners, while adopting a range of **measures to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission** during movements and pre-departure activities.

Moreover, IOM assisted **173 refugees to reunite with their families** in the EEA.

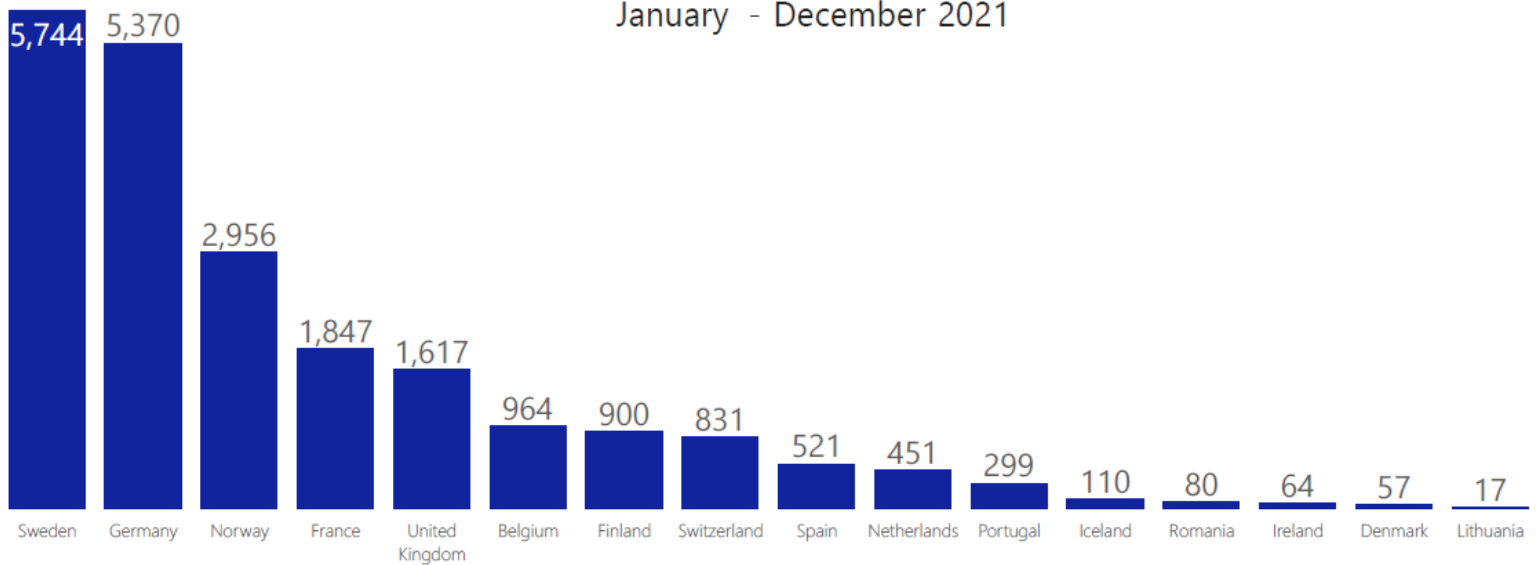


Resettlement and humanitarian admission to the EEA
Beneficiaries supported by IOM (2014-2021)

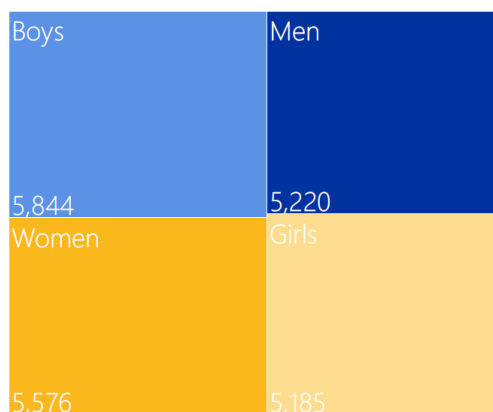




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Sex and Age Breakdown



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.