



# Traffik Analysis Hub

## ASSESSMENT ALERT

### INCREASED RISK OF TRAFFICKING CONTINUES

*East Africa to the Arabian Peninsula*

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#### RISK DESCRIPTION

1. Women and a smaller proportion (70%/30%) of men (under 25 years) are being duped into traveling to the Arabian Peninsula for job opportunities that turn out to be labour or sexual exploitation in greater volumes than has been the norm (it is a perennial problem). This may be a symptom of the effect of the pandemic on economies.
2. Countries of recruitment are Kenya / Ethiopia / Rwanda / Burundi / Uganda / South Sudan and maybe others. Repatriation levels from the Peninsula (Saudi to Kenya and Kuwait to Ethiopia and Burundi) are correspondingly high.
3. Travel patterns are often via Kenya (Nairobi – Jomo Kenyatta Airport) and entry to the Arabian Peninsula via Oman. It is likely that there is some organisation from Uganda by recruitment agencies.
4. Recent victims are known to have been provided with some falsified travel documentation (Uganda to Kenya en route to Oman).

#### INDICATORS | *For Financial Institutions; Airline Finance Teams; Border Agencies and NGOs*

1. Multiple one-way airline ticket purchases for 18 – 25-year-olds
2. Routing Uganda / Burundi / Rwanda / Ethiopia via Kenya or direct to Oman or other Peninsula nations
3. Recruitment Agency payments (potentially both ends) – multiples of US\$1,200+ equivalent (2017 value per recruit) Peninsula to East African Recruiter Agencies.

#### INFORMATION REQUIREMENT

1. What is the pattern/method of movement from Oman to other peninsula nations?
2. What work sectors are the trafficked persons moving into?
3. How does the network of recruiters operate and where do they advertise?
4. What is the illicit fee structure and how does it get paid (platform)?
5. Any criminal actors identified/suspected?

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**\*Any urgent action to safeguard a victim is a matter for authorities/ capable actors on the ground.**