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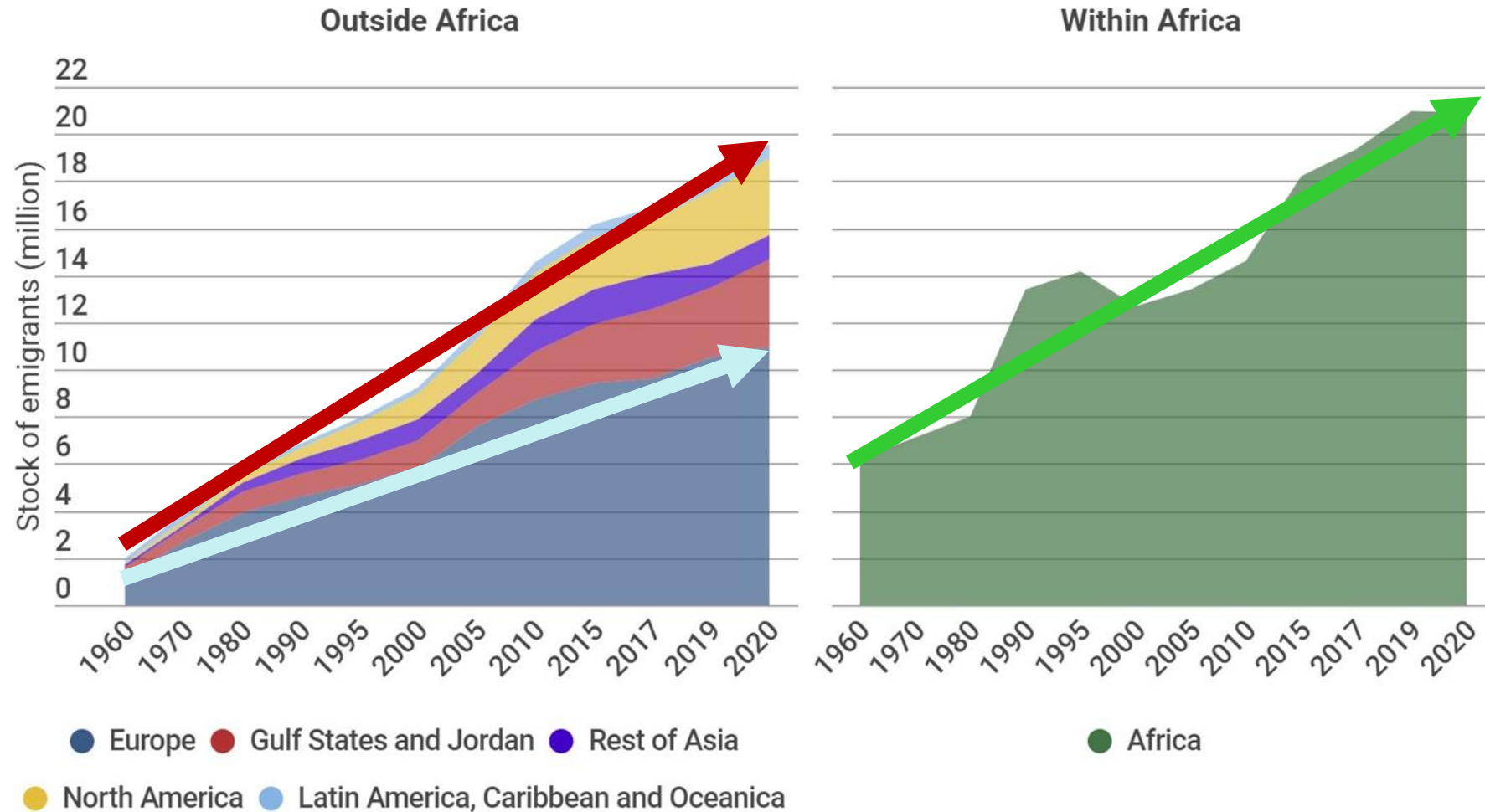


**Stock:**

**41 million Africans live  
outside their country of birth**

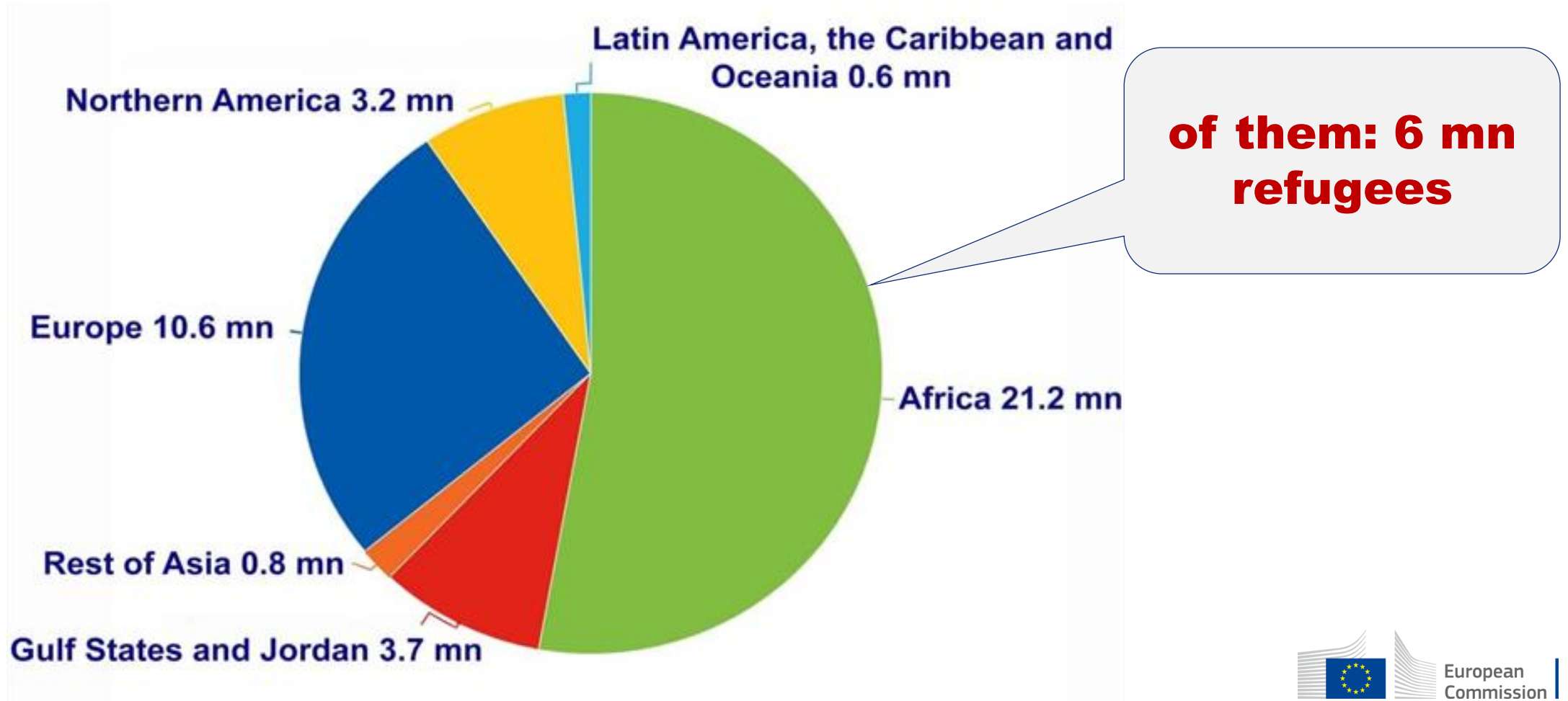
# Africans living abroad inside and outside Africa

## African-born population (stock data) by continent, 1960-2020



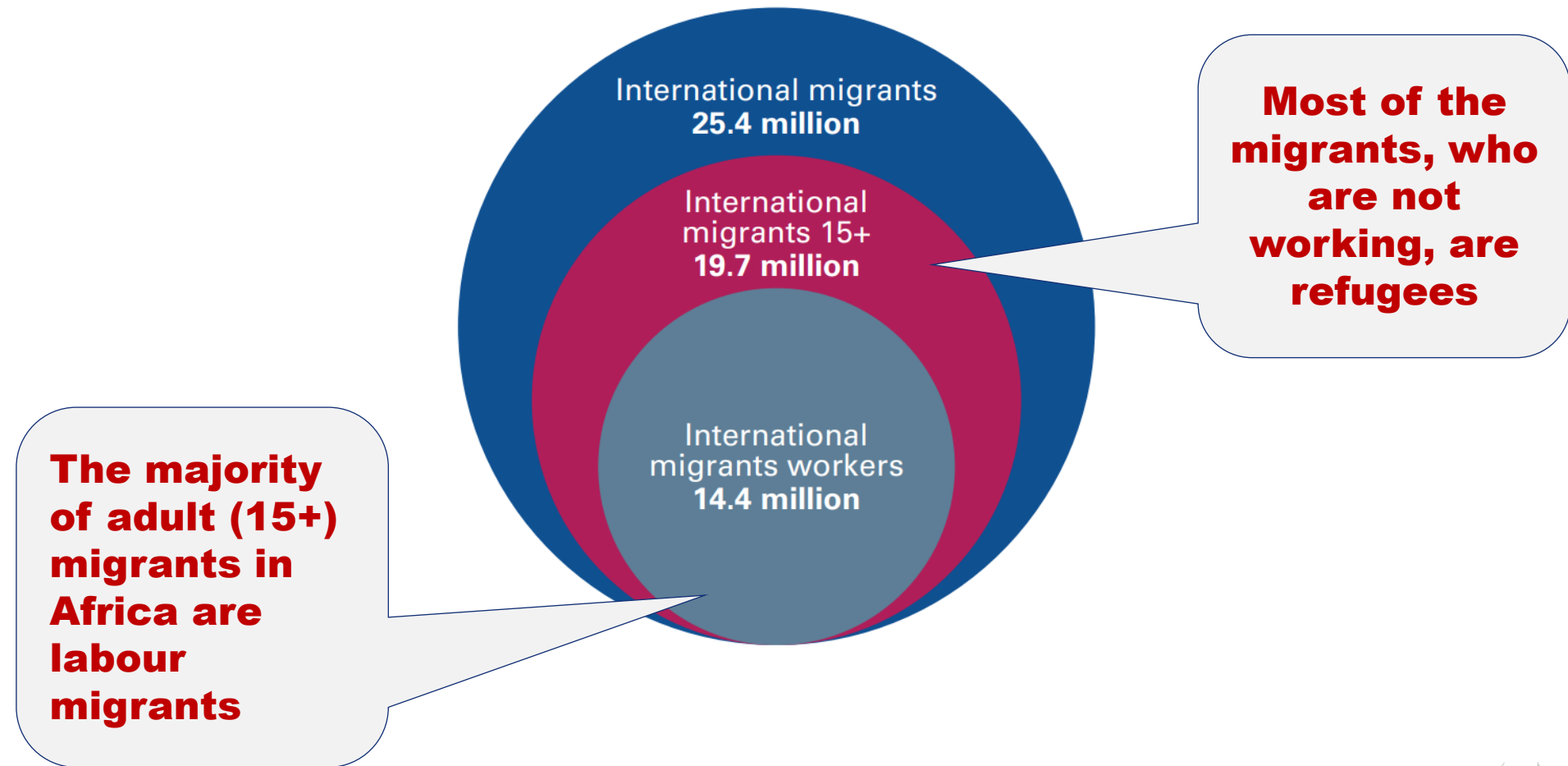
# Africans abroad: where do they live?

Africans living outside their country of birth (stock data) by continent, 2020, absolute numbers, in millions



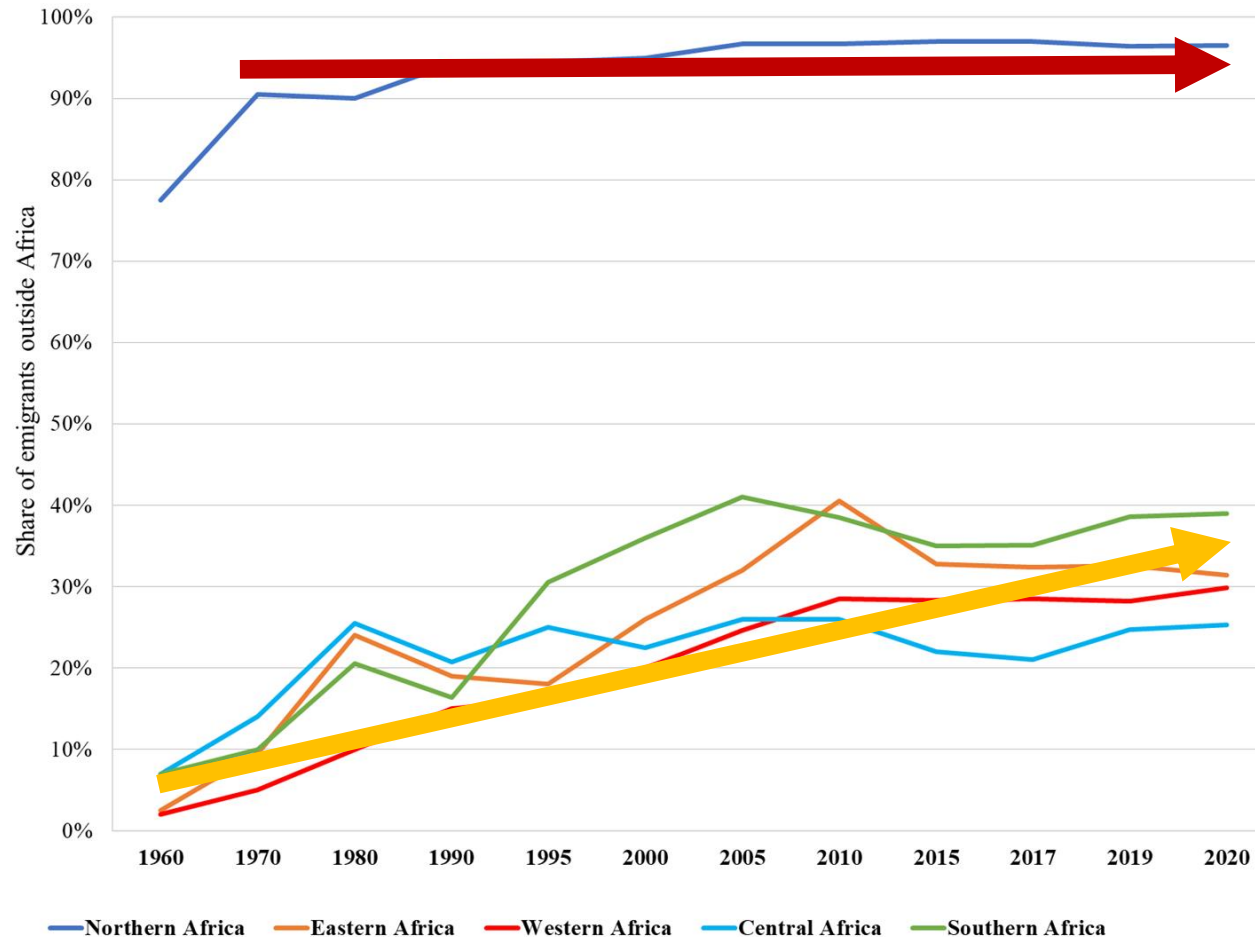
# Working abroad

International migrants, working age migrants and working migrants in Africa (stock data), in million



# A growing share of African migrants is living overseas: Sub-Saharan Africa catching up

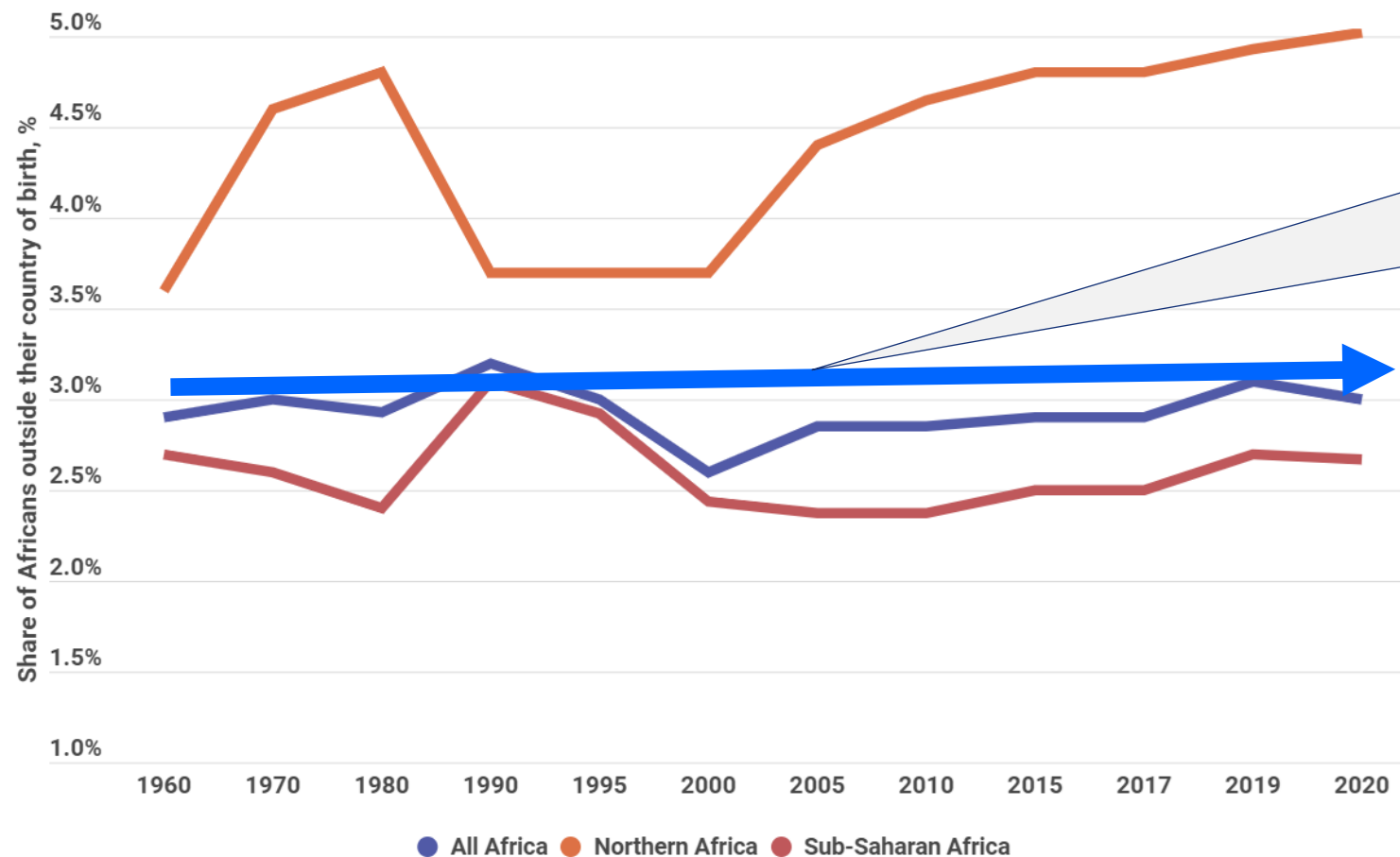
African migrants living outside Africa compared to total migrant population by region of origin, 1960-2020, in percentage





# Africans living abroad: their share in Africa's population

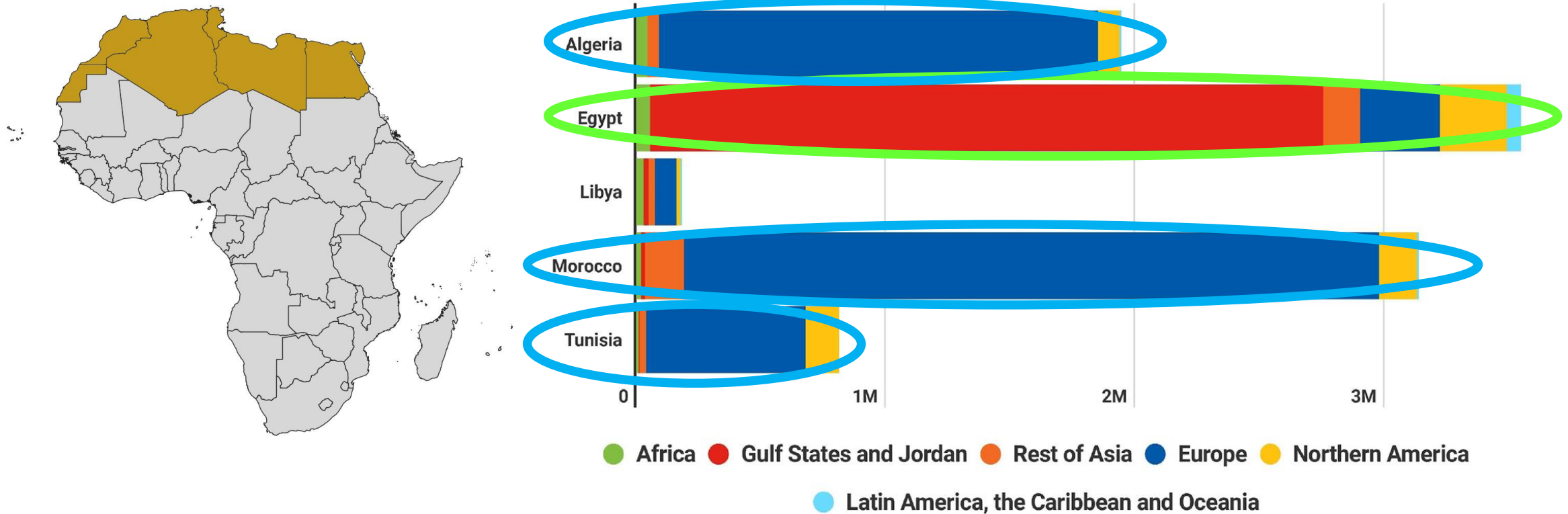
Share of Africans living outside their country of birth (stock data), 1960- 2020, as a percentage of the total population at the region of origin



**Africans, on average, have not become more mobile across borders**

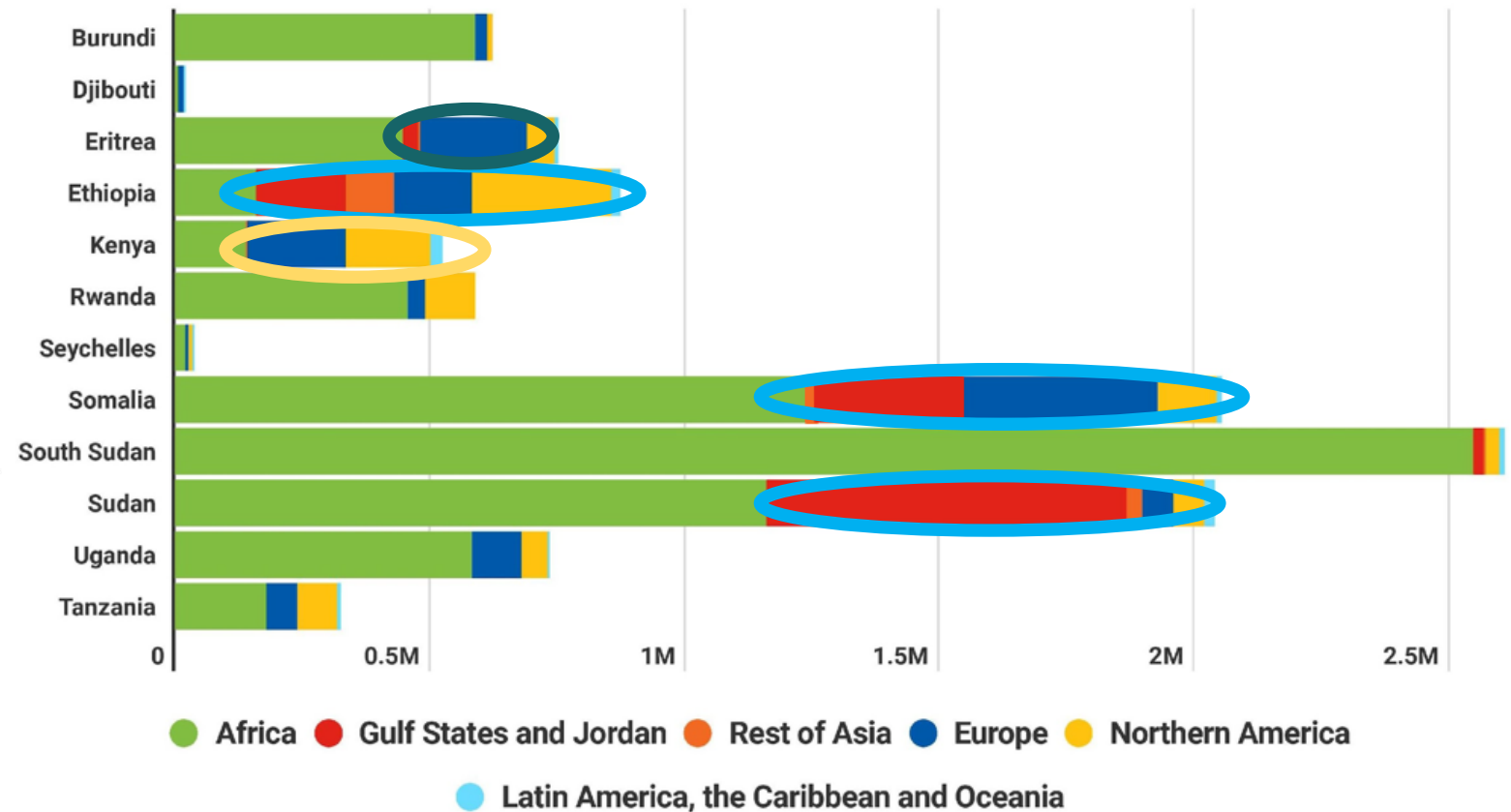
# Africa's migrants and diasporas

**Northern Africans living abroad by continent of destination (stock data), mid-2019, absolute numbers, in millions.**



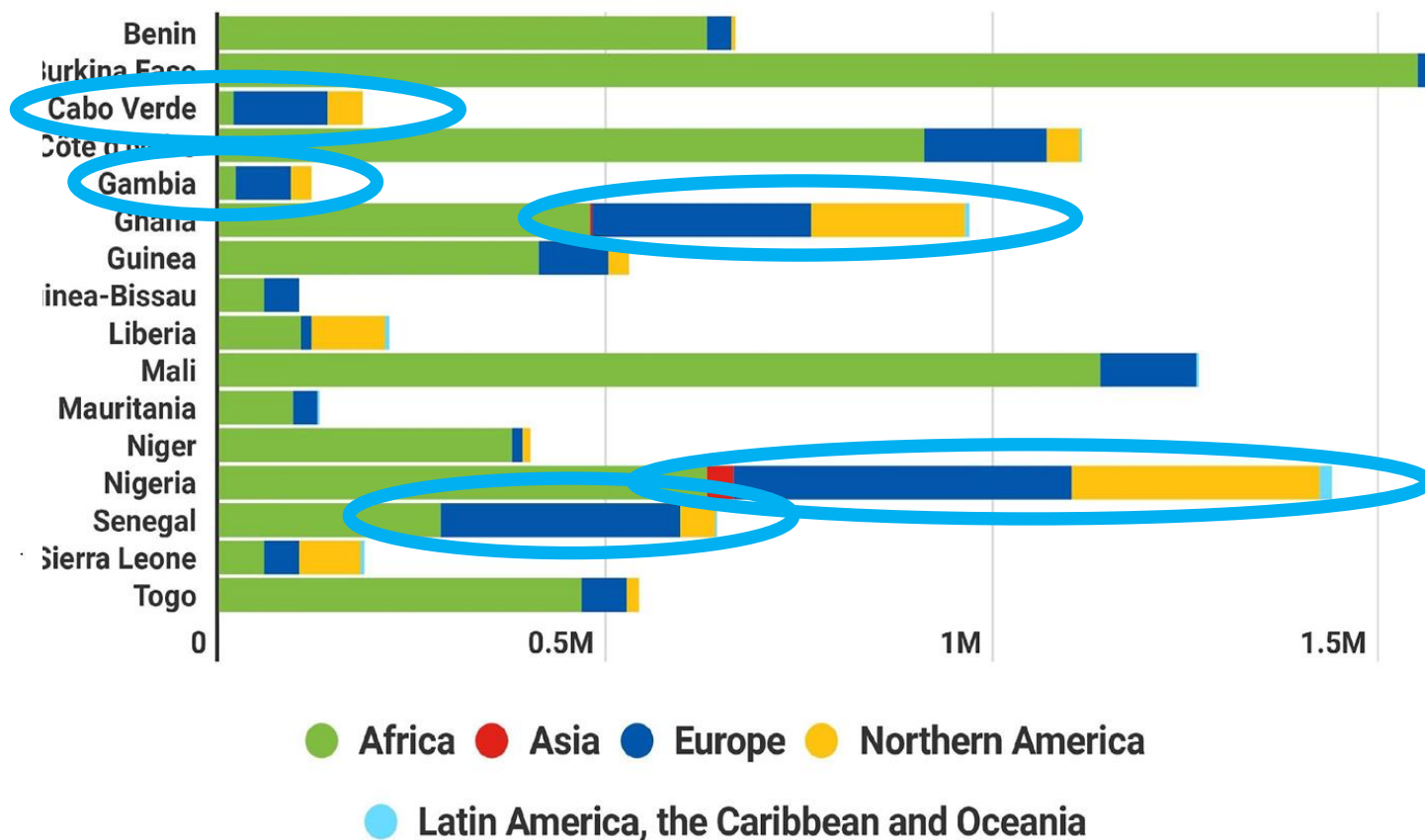
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**Eastern Africans living abroad by continent of destination (stock data), mid-2019, absolute numbers, in million**



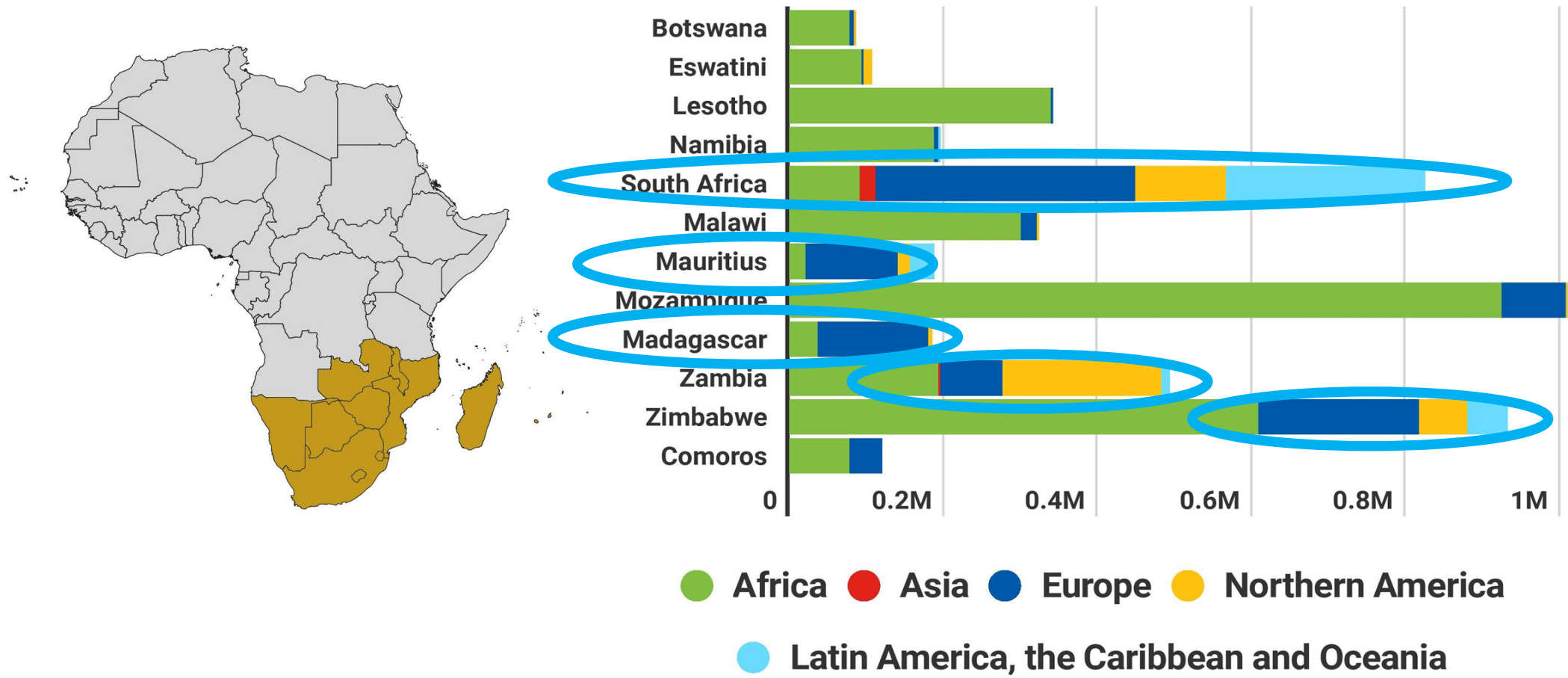
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Western Africans living abroad by continent of destination (stock data), mid-2019, absolute numbers, in million



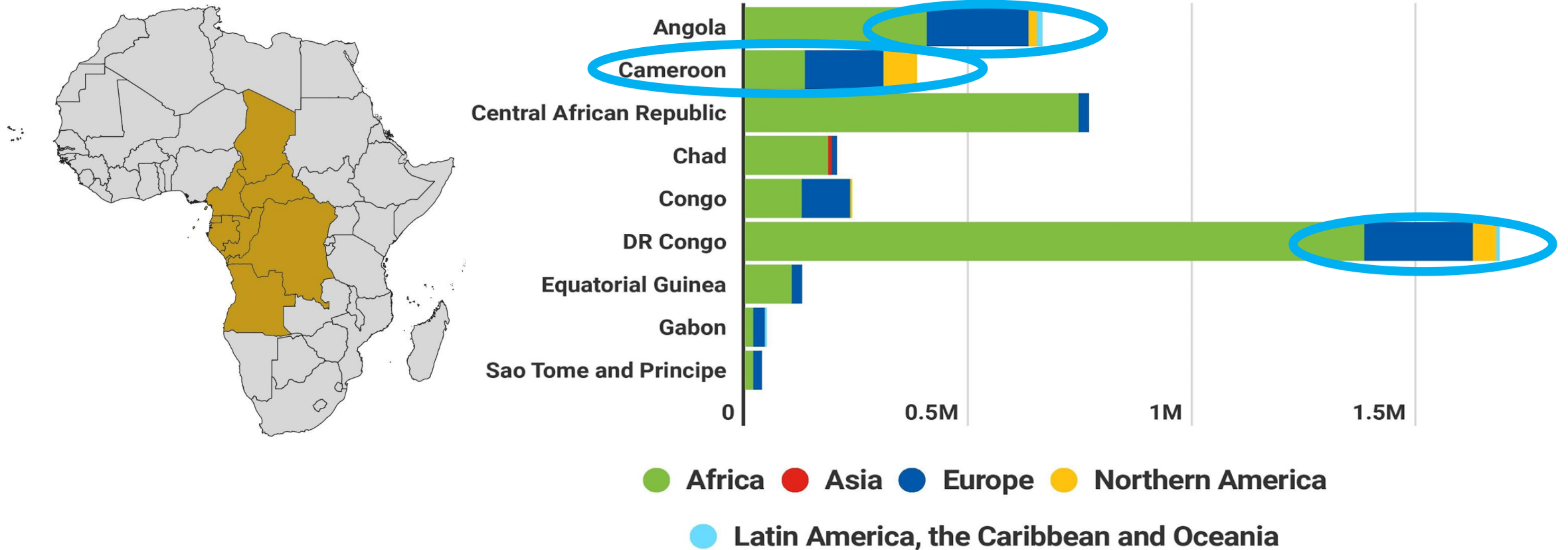
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**Southern Africans living abroad by continent of destination (stock data), mid-2019, absolute numbers, in million**



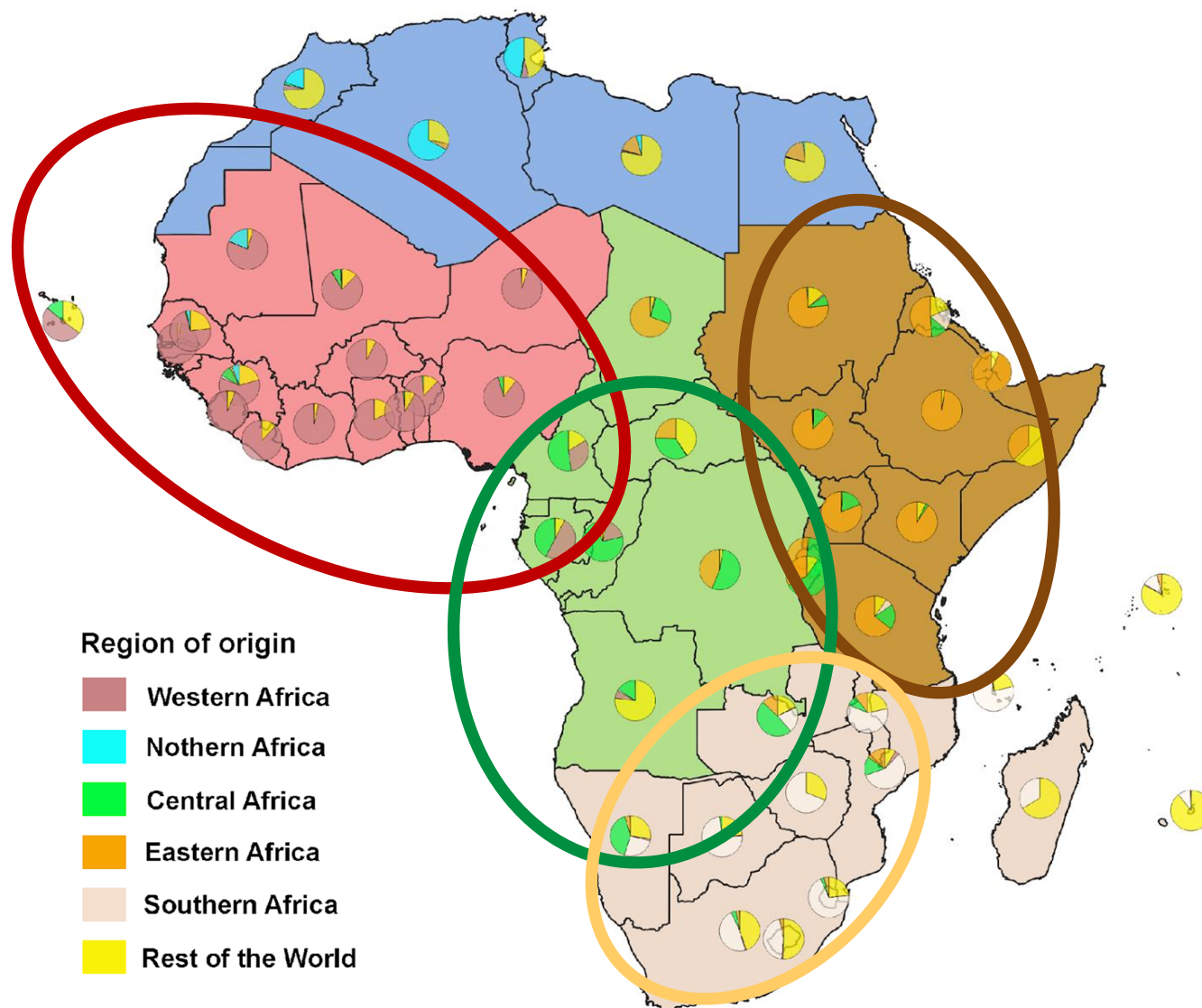
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Central Africans living abroad by continent of destination (stock data), mid-2019, absolute numbers, in million



# Migration towards and within Africa

## Foreign-born population in Africa (stock data) by region of origin, 2020



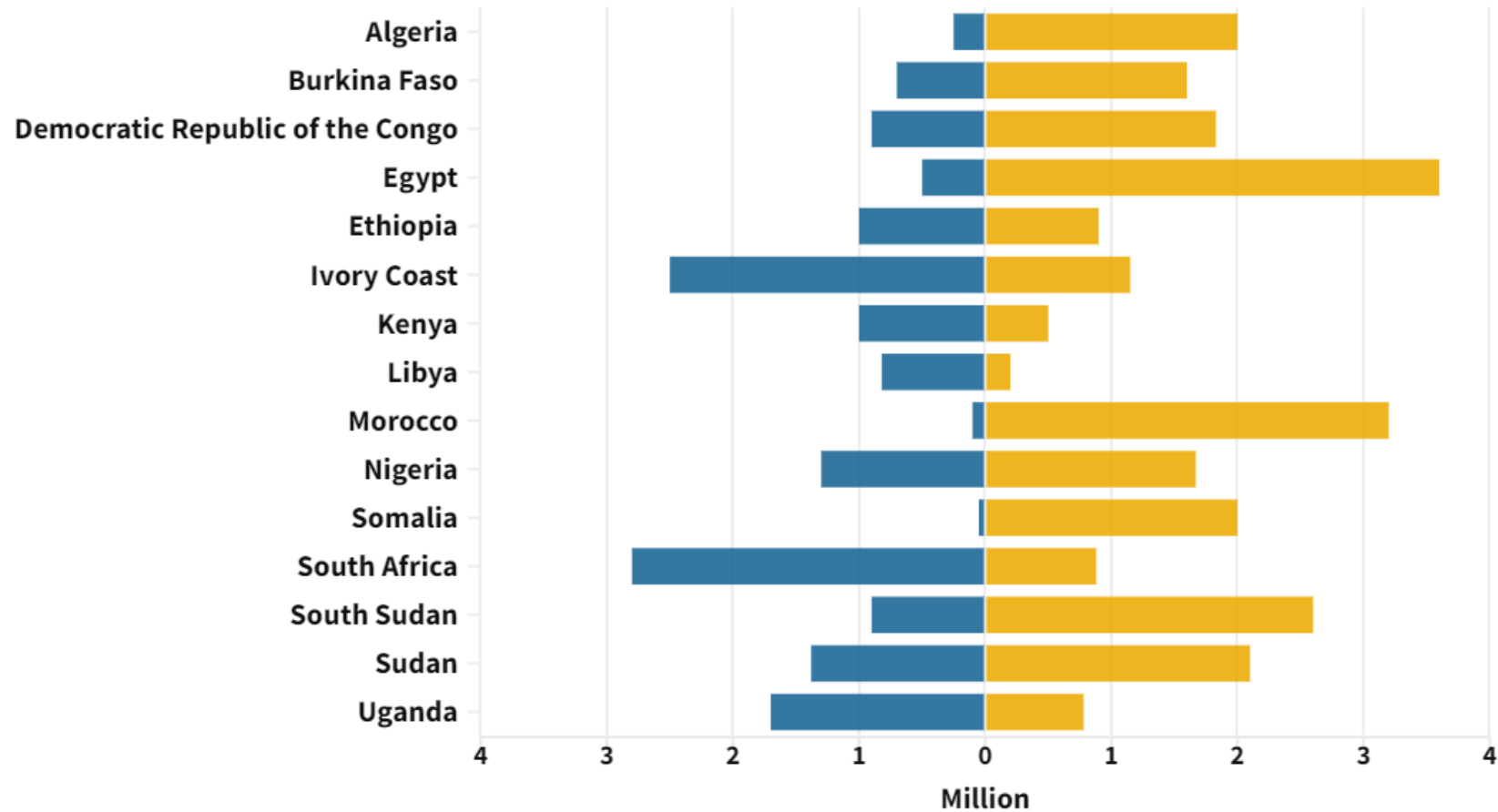
Source: UN DESA

\*Note: The pie charts must be read with caution due to insufficient data



# Migration on balance

## Top 15 African countries of destination and origin (Stock of immigrants and emigrants), in million, 2020

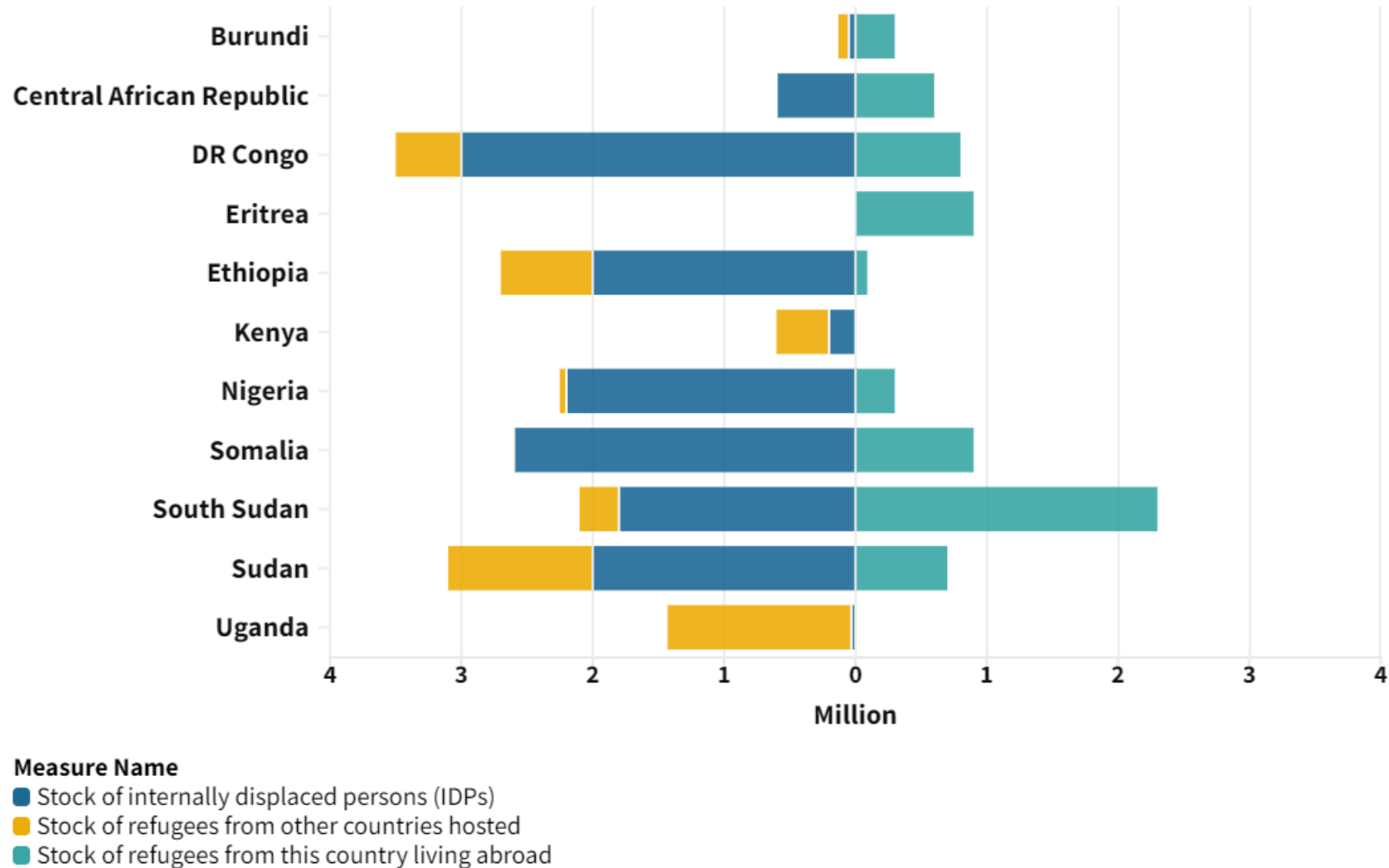


**Measure Name**  
■ Stock of immigrants  
■ Stock of emigrants

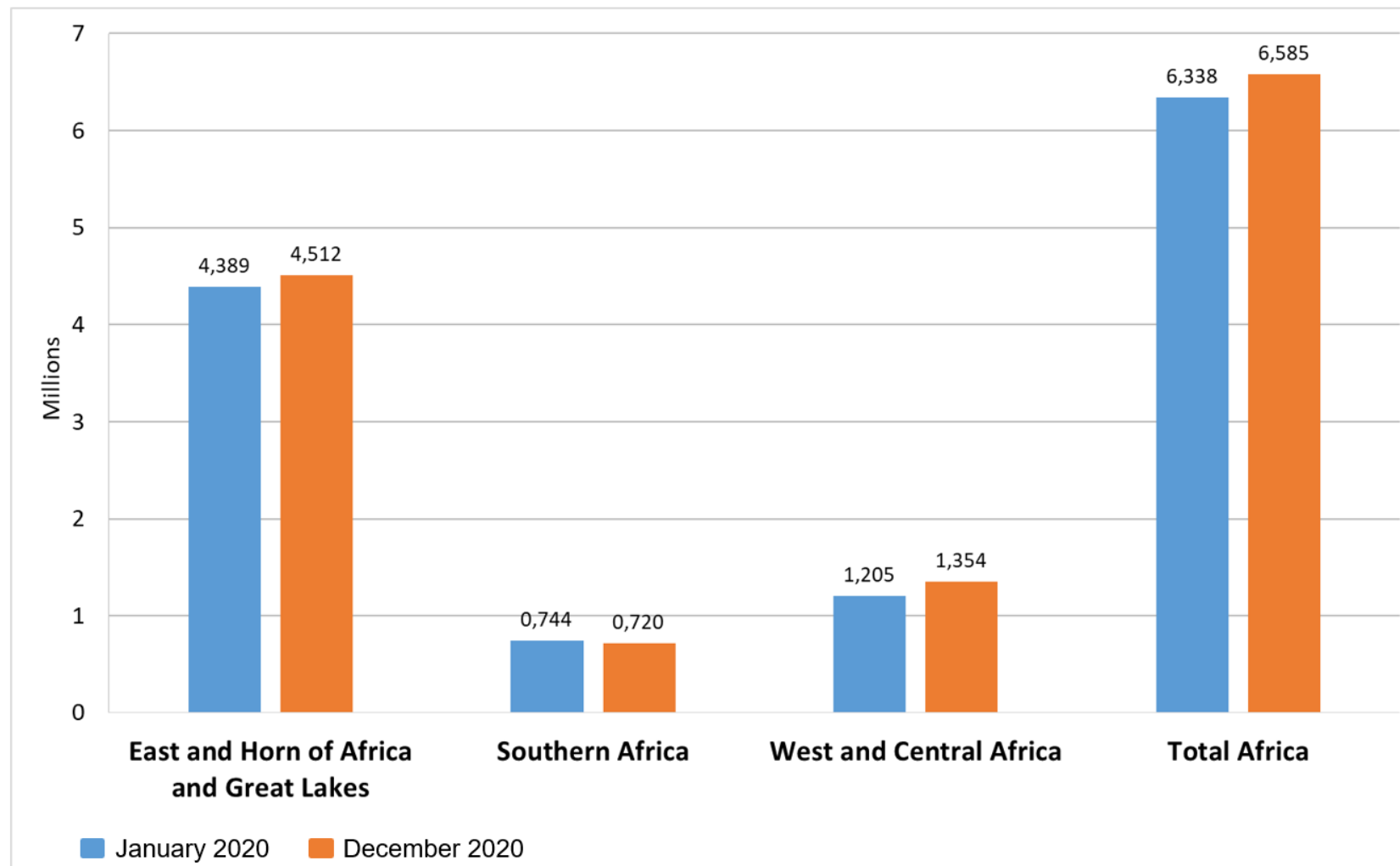


# Africa's main refugee-producing and refugee-receiving countries

Stock of refugees, stock of IDPs, 2018, absolute numbers, in millions



## Registered refugees in Africa by region, in thousand, 2020





# Flows:

**1.4 million Africans migrate every year**

**Of them: 0.4-0.6 million regular and  
irregular African migrants come to  
Europe**

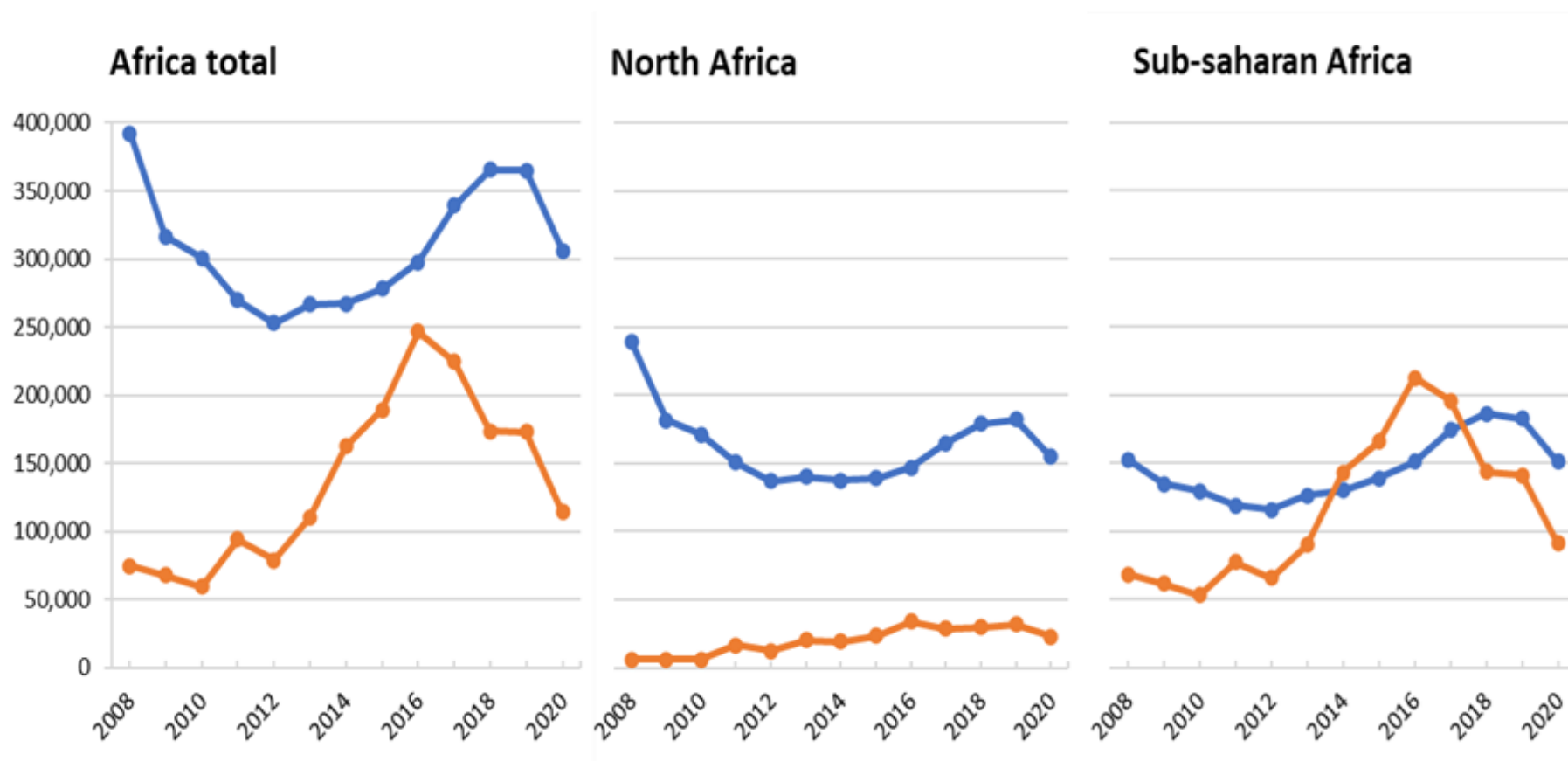
# Africa – EU



# Africa-EU: Legal migration dropped, irregular migration increased

## Flows of African citizens to EU27 (Eurostat, 2020)

■ Non-humanitarian first residence permits      ■ Asylum seekers

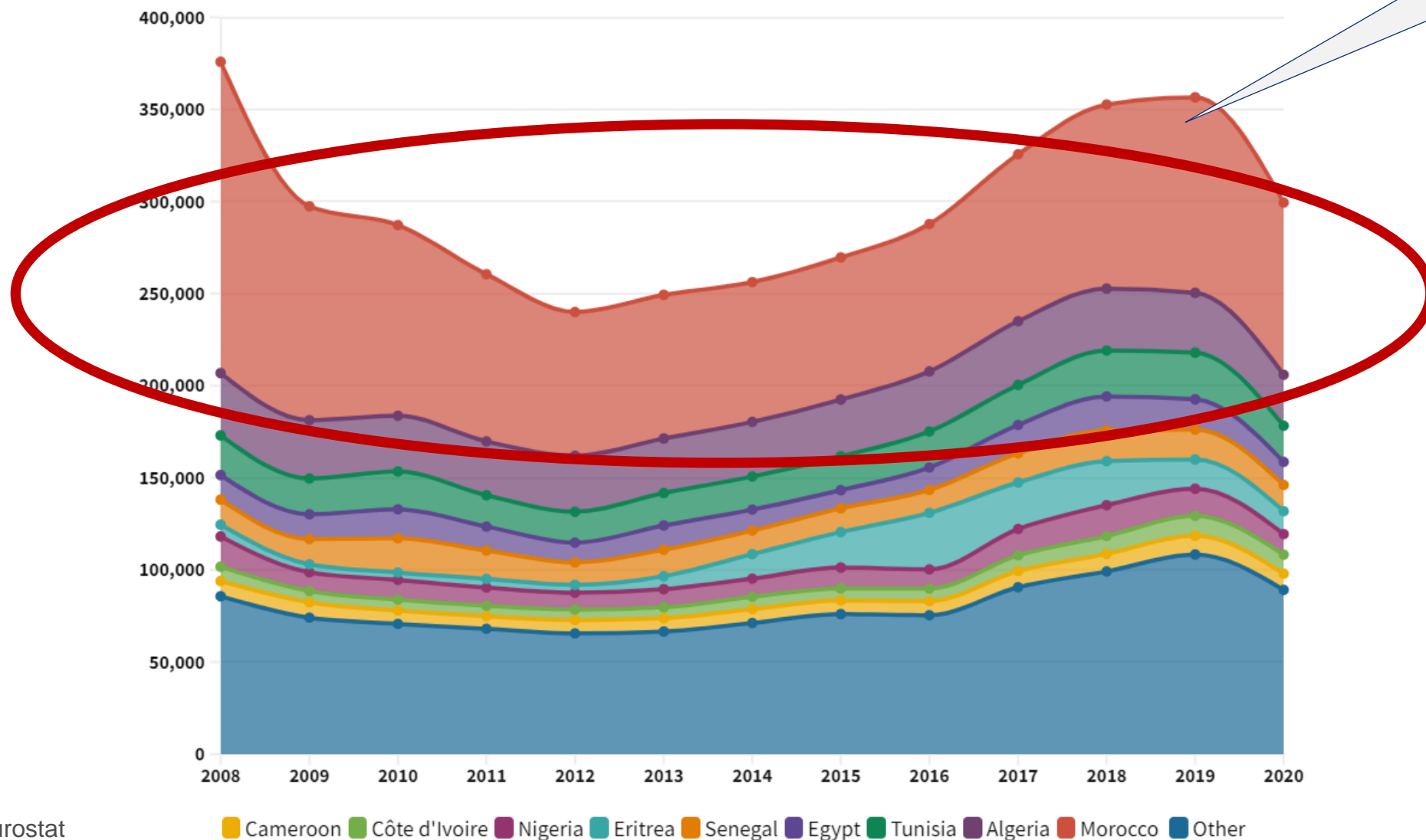


Source: Eurostat, 2020

# Regular immigration of African to Europe

First residence permits issued by EU 27 Member States, 2008-2020

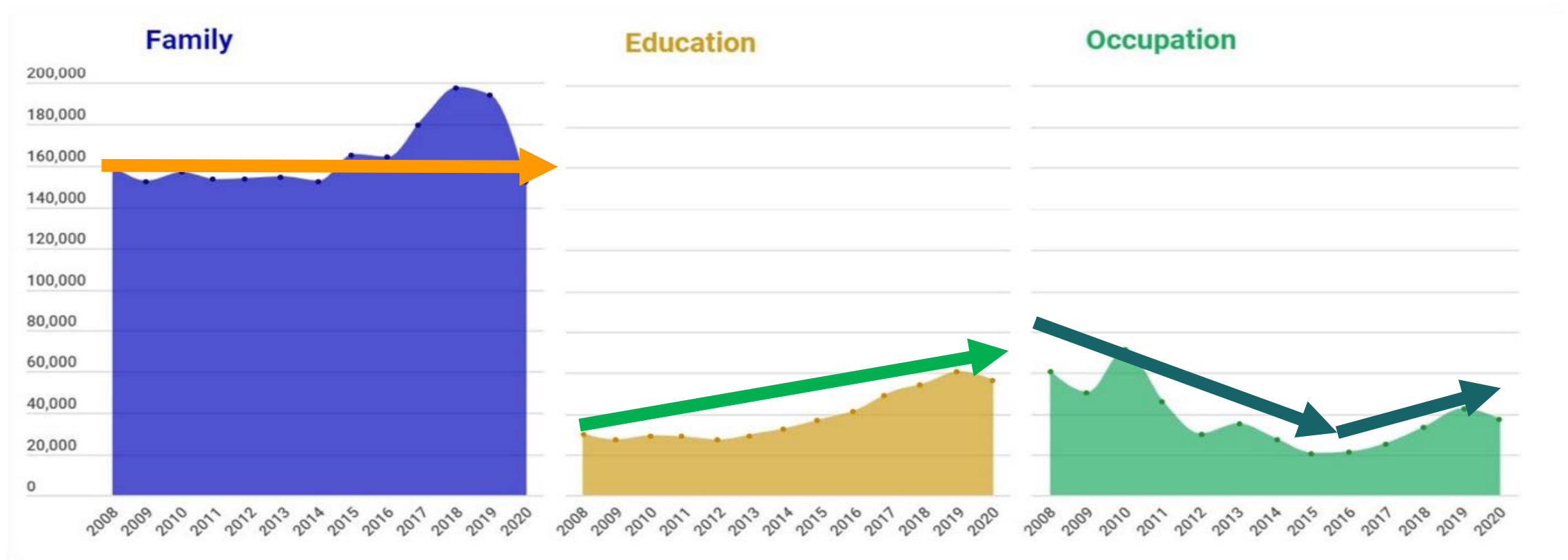
**50% from  
North Africa**



Source: Eurostat

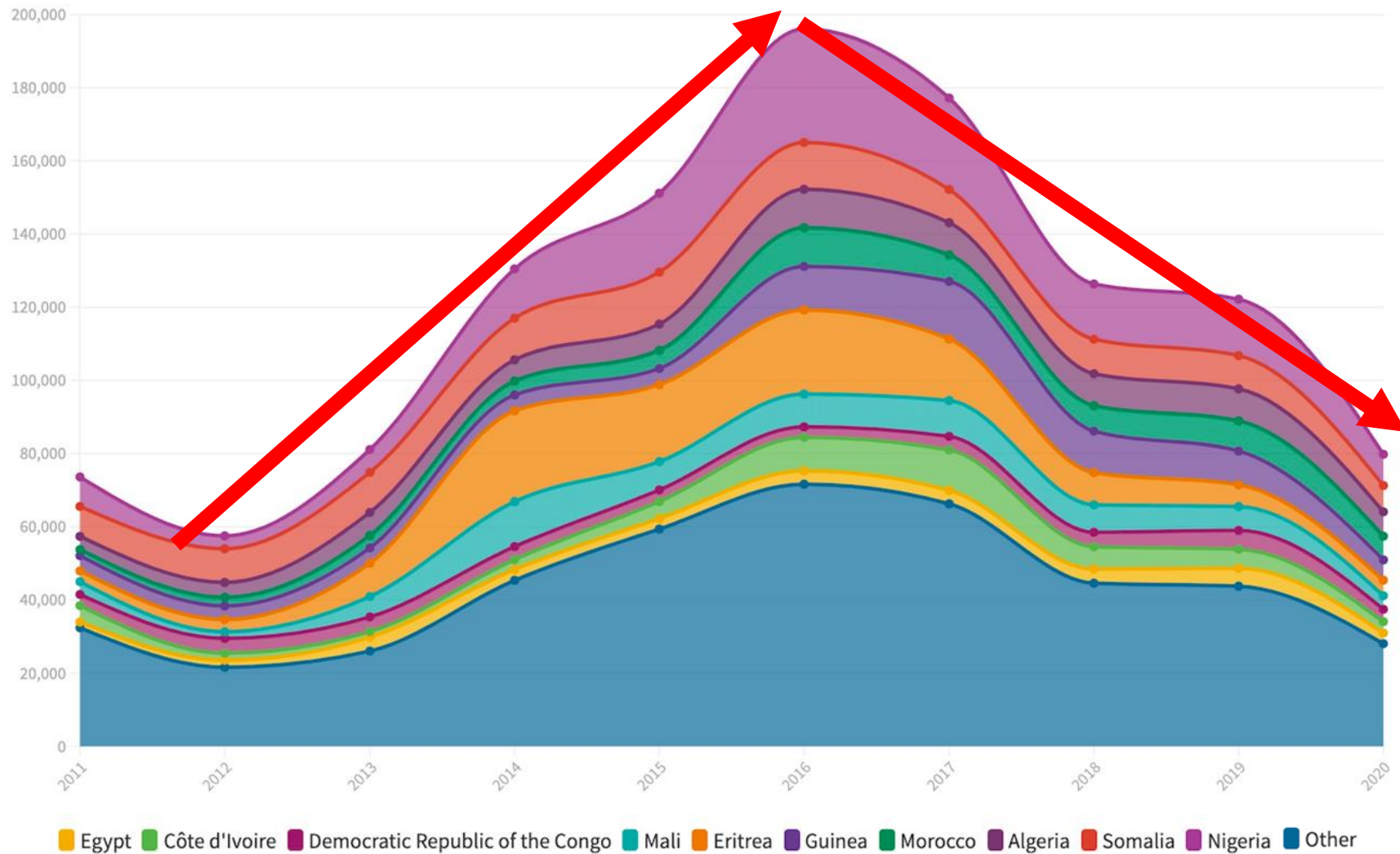
# Regular immigration from Africa: Family reunion dominant, labour migration lower than before

First residence permits “gate of entry”, 2008-2020 (from 2020 European Union-27), Eurostat 2021



# Arrivals of African asylum seekers in the EU

## First asylum applications in EU28, 2011-2020



Source: Eurostat



## Figure 20: Asylum applications in EU 27, 2020

Citizenship of asylum seekers	European Union (EU 27)
Somalia	10,145
Nigeria	9,610
Guinea	7,465
Eritrea	7,095
Morocco	6,775
Algeria	6,450
DR Congo	6,200
Côte d'Ivoire	5,980
Mali	3,795
Cameroon	3,280
Senegal	2,770
Tunisia	2,690
Sudan	2,705
Gambia	2,110
Libya	1,755
Ghana	1,400
Other	12,290
<b>Total Africans</b>	<b>97,515</b>

Source: Eurostat

## Arrivals through the Mediterranean routes and the Canary Islands route, 2020-2021, Italy, Spain

Country	2021	Change compared to 2020
Italy by sea	67,480	+97%
Malta by sea	838	-63%
Spain Canary Islands	22,316	-2%
Spain Mainland by sea	18,409	+6%
Spain by land (Ceuta, Melilla)	1,218	-18%
Spain total	41,945	+1%

Source: UNHCR



# **Flows Africa – EU: pretty stable**

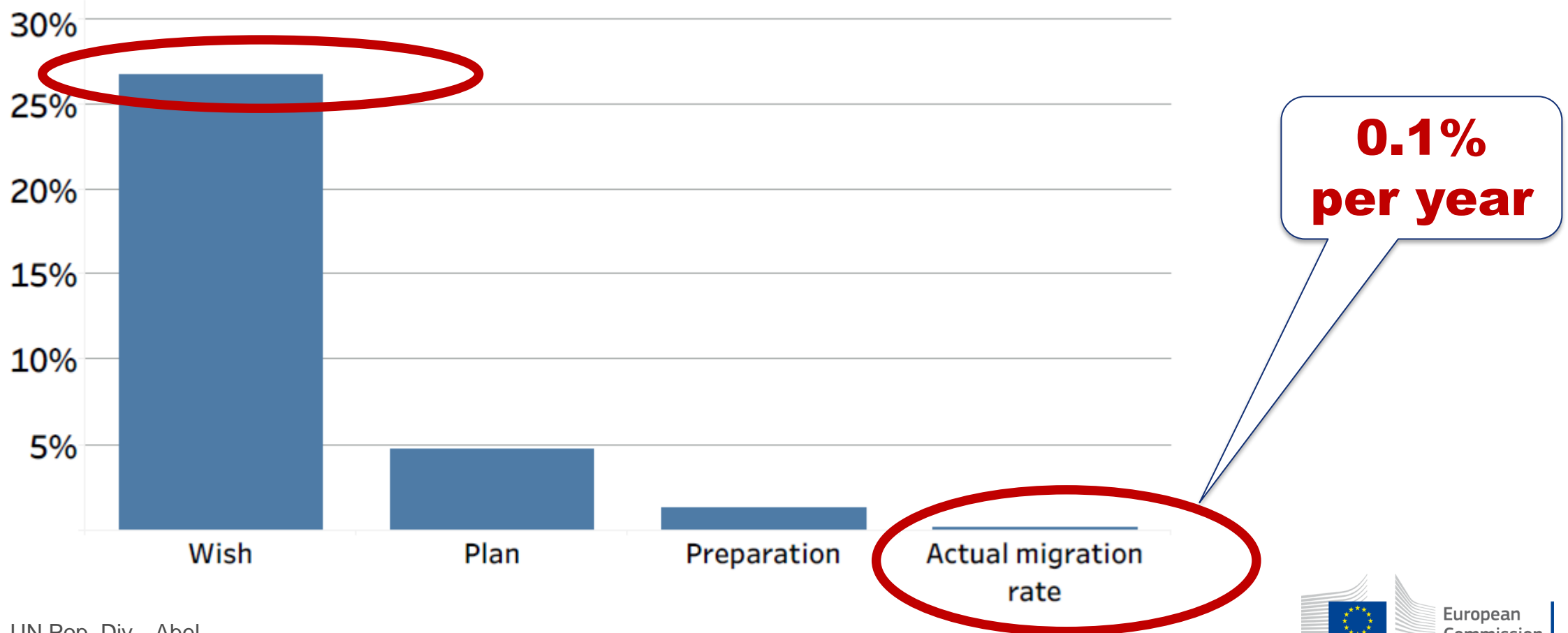
**400,000 – 550,000 arrivals every year**



# Wish and Reality

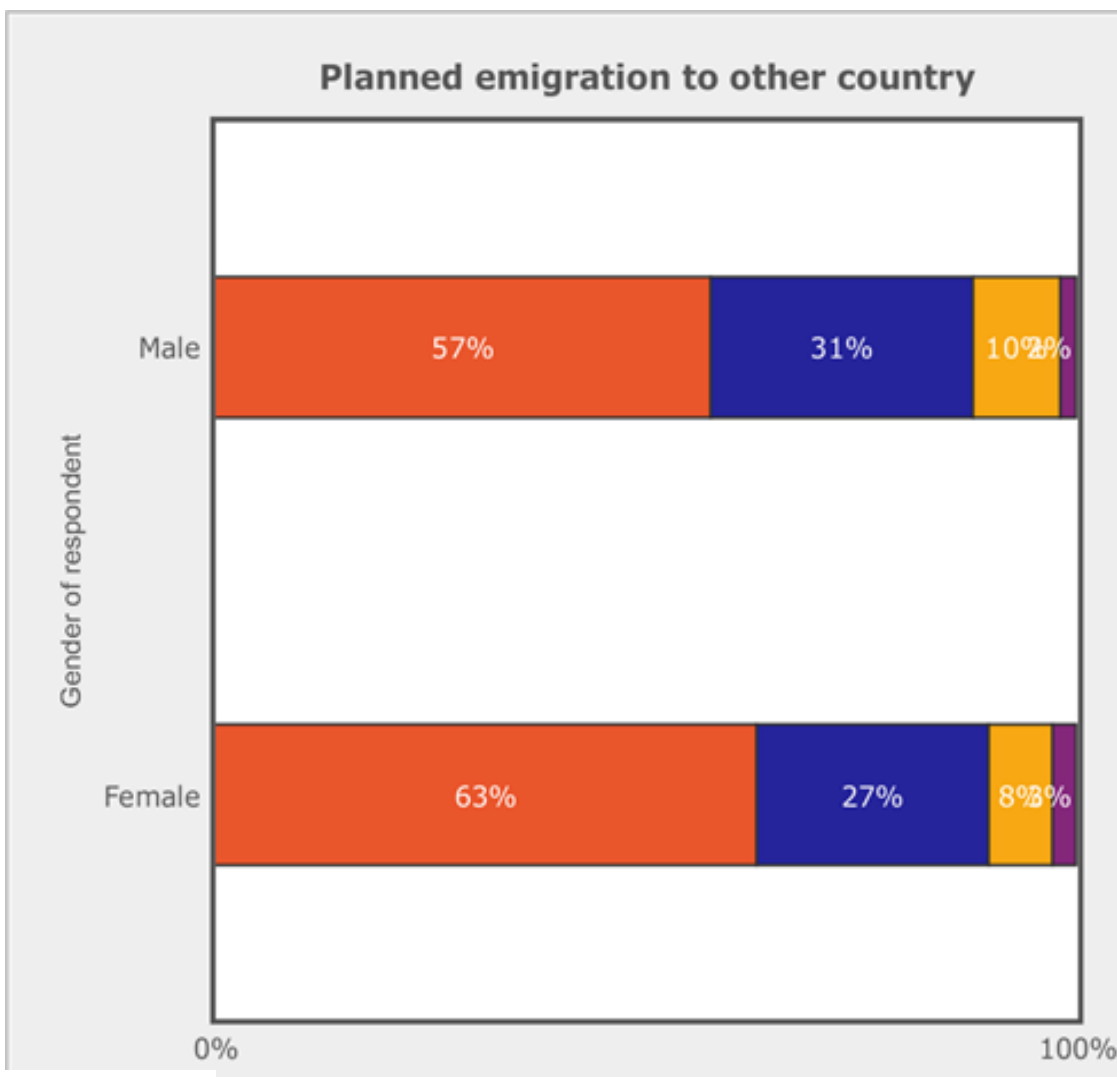
# Migration from and within Africa: wish, plan, active preparation and annual migration (within Africa and to Europe/Asia/North America)

Respondents in % of population 15+, 2010-2015 average



# Intended or planned emigration to another country

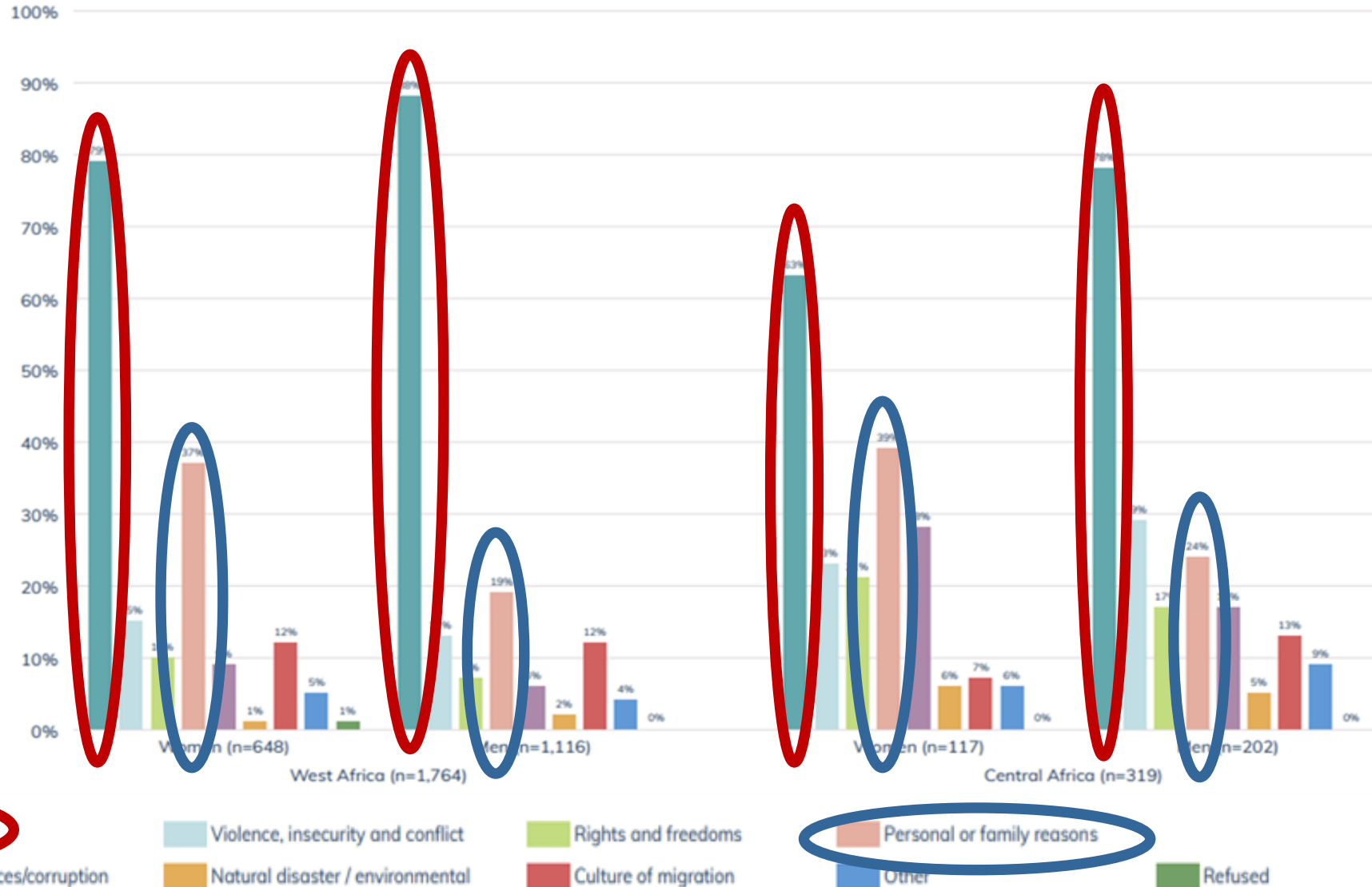
## Respondents in % of population 15+, 2010-2015 average



- You are not currently making any specific plans or preparations
- You are planning to move in the next year or two but not yet making preparations
- You are currently making preparations to move, like getting a visa
- Don't know

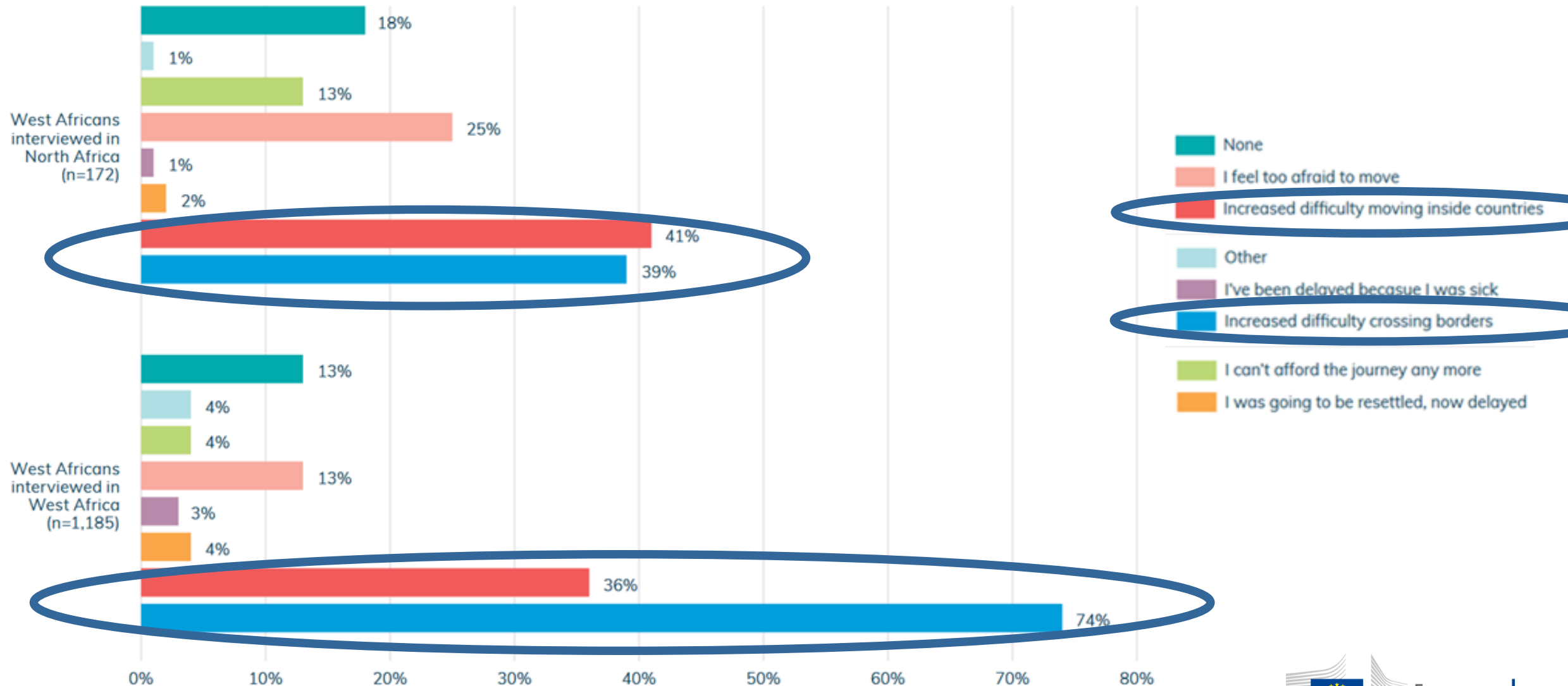
# Main reasons for migration decision

Survey among African migrants from West and Central Africa (residing in Africa), 2020, in %



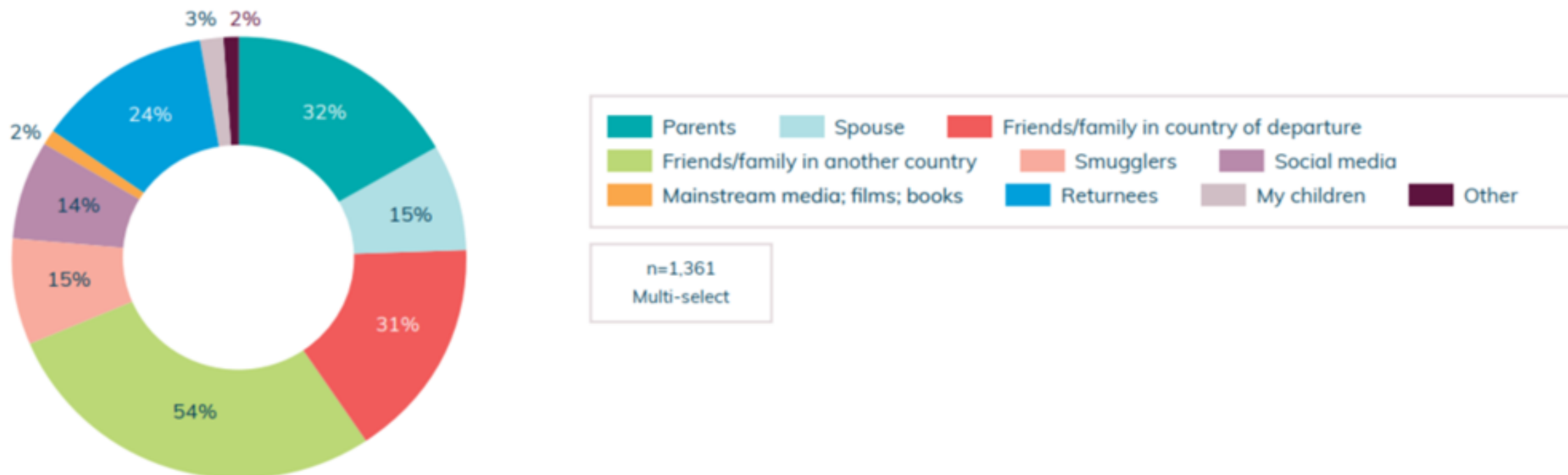
# Obstacles to migration during the Covid-19 pandemic

Survey: Did the COVID-19 epidemic have an impact on your migration journey?





# Who/What did influences on your decision to migrate most?

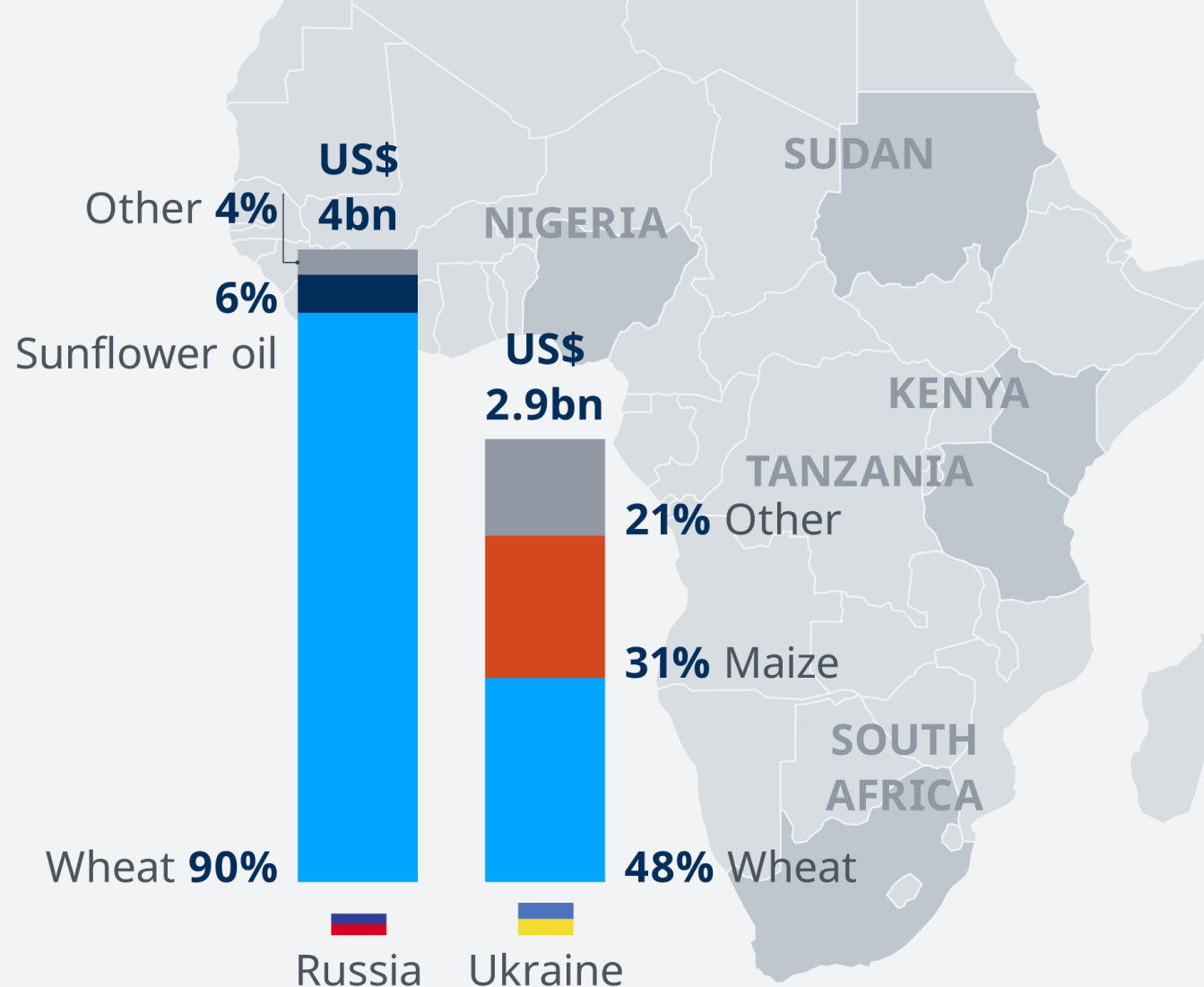




# The Future of African Migration



# Ukraine-Russia wheat exports to Africa

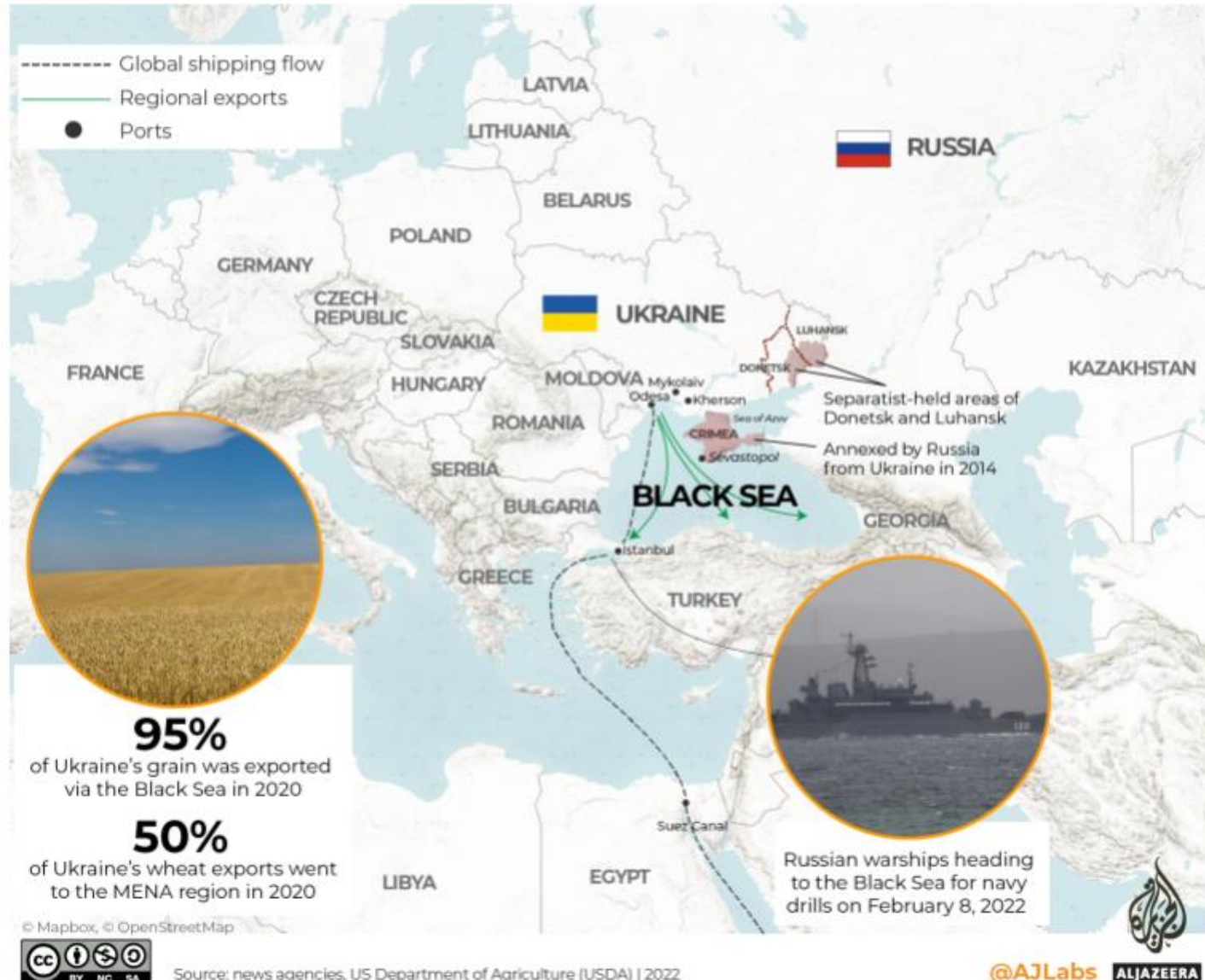




## TRADE

# Geoeconomics of the Black Sea

Ukraine relies on **Black Sea ports to export** agricultural goods **around the globe**.



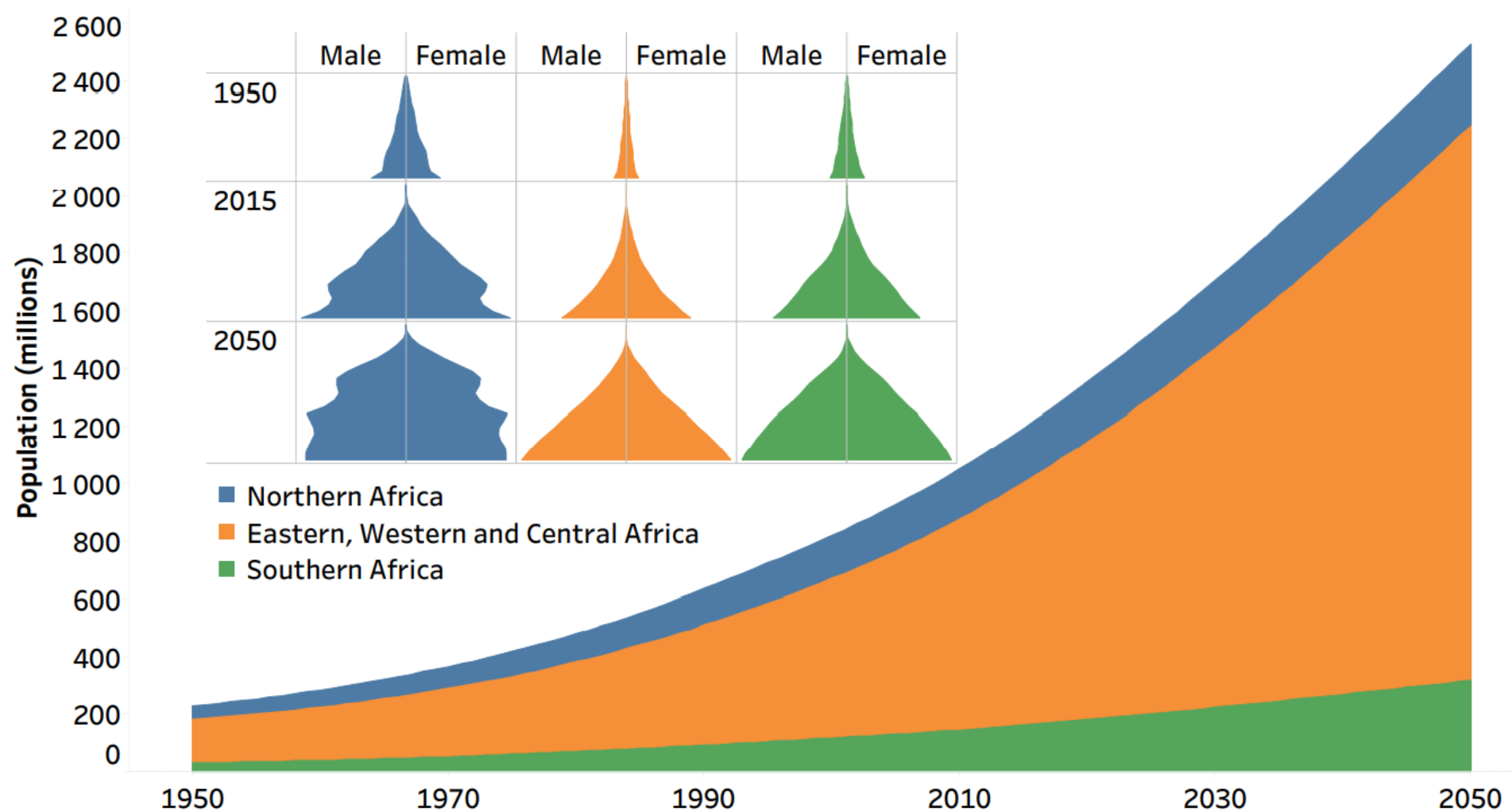
# How much of Ukraine does Russia control?



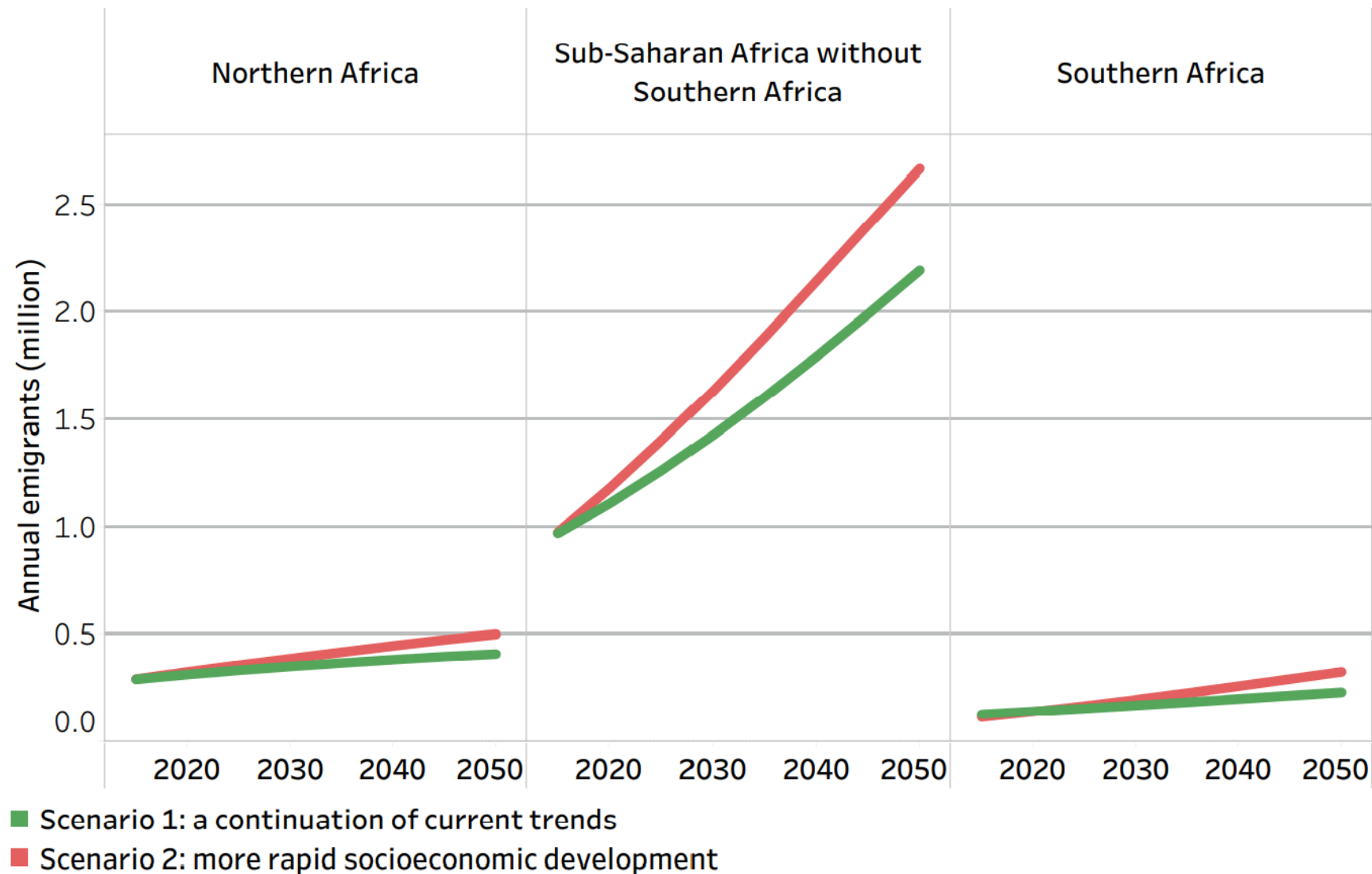
Source: Institute for the Study of War (as of 20:00 GMT, 27 February)

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# Africa's population will double by 2050



# Future annual numbers of African migrants 2020-2050







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