

## METHODOLOGY, ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION PRODUCTS IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

**INTRODUCTION:** DTM in West and Central Africa gathers and analyses wide-ranging data to provide a better understanding of internal displacement in the region. The purpose of DTM activities is to systematically collect key data in situations of crisis, conflict, or emergencies in order to inform humanitarian response, decision making and policy making to the benefit of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and other affected populations. In WCA, DTM conducts Mobility Tracking, Registration, Surveys and Emergency Tracking. These tools were designed to be flexible and polyvalent so as to be implemented in such a way as to address the practical requirements of a given context.

### MOBILITY TRACKING

#### METHODOLOGY

Through its Mobility Tracking, Registration and Survey components, DTM tracks mobility and displacement over time, monitors trends and dynamics in populations flows, and identifies the needs of mobile populations as well as gaps in service provision. These tools are implemented in situations involving conflicts, natural disasters, complex emergencies, and protracted crises.

Mobility Tracking provides regular updates on the mobility and multisectoral needs of displaced populations in order to inform targeted humanitarian response and policy making. It systematically assesses the numbers, locations, access to services and needs of displaced persons, monitors trends and dynamics in population flows. Mobility Tracking activities are conducted through Key Information interviews.

At each implementation round, which are conducted every two to three months, DTM teams carry out **multiple levels of assessment:**

- Assessments at **Administrative levels 1 and 2**, which involve key informant interviews, aim to make estimates of the numbers of displaced persons and to identify the locations hosting displaced populations.
- Assessments at the **location level** collect data through interviews with key informants, including local leaders and representatives of displaced communities. Their aim is to identify the exact sites hosting displaced populations and obtain a precise count of displaced populations in each location (town, village, neighborhood, displaced site).
- Assessments **at site level** involve interviews with key informants, representatives of the displaced community living on the site. Site assessments collect detailed thematic data in each displacement site and provide regular updates on the needs, vulnerabilities and protection risks of displaced populations as well as gaps in service provision.

**7 COUNTRIES**
**1,200+ ENUMERATORS**
**>5 MILLION** Displaced populations identified
 
**20+ PRODUCTS**

### REGISTRATION

**Registration:** consists in the collection of detailed information on displaced households, used to designate beneficiaries of aid distribution and identify vulnerable households and individuals. Registration can also collect biometric information. Registration, because it involves interviews with and the establishment of a list of every household and individual present in a given area, is time and resource intensive and requires significant logistical planning. Registration begins with the **fixing, or identification, of individuals and households** to be registered. After they have been identified, they are **registered**, during which step detailed information about the profile and needs of registered households and individuals is collected, and at the end of which a **registration document is issued**.

**2 COUNTRIES**
  
**>2 MILLION** Affected individuals registered

### SURVEYS

**HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS** collect information on specific themes and topics, such as return intentions, displacement solutions and interviewed households are chosen through random sampling, based on information collected during Mobility Tracking activities.

**4 COUNTRIES**

### EMERGENCY TRACKING

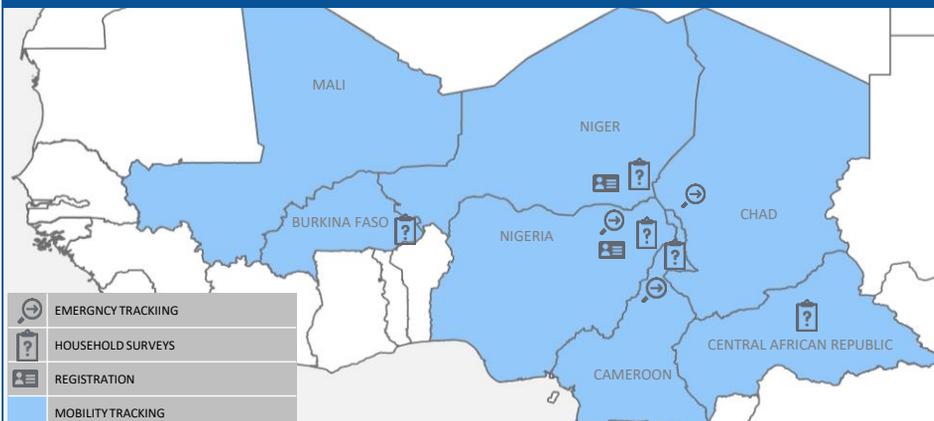
**EMERGENCY TRACKING** The purpose of the Emergency Tracking Tool is to collect information on sudden and unexpected displacements of populations.

**3 COUNTRIES**

PRODUCTS

REPORTS, DASHBOARDS AND MAPS AVAILABLE AT:  
<https://displacement.iom.int> <https://dtm.iom.int>

#### MOBILITY TRACKING, REGISTRATION, SURVEY AND EMERGENCY TRACKING ACTIVITIES IN WCA REGION



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