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INTRODUCTION

In order to gain a better understanding of mobility flows and trends through West and Central Africa, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) implements the Displacement Tracking Matrix's Flow Monitoring (FM) tool at key transit points across the region.

Flow Monitoring activities are conducted in close cooperation with national and local authorities as well as local partners. The Flow Monitoring tool consists of two main components: the Flow Monitoring Registry (FMR), which captures key data on the magnitude, provenance, destination and mode of travel of mobility flows, and the Flow Monitoring Survey (FMS), individual surveys conducted with travellers to gather detailed information about the profiles, migration experience and intentions of migrants. Through these activities, the Flow Monitoring tool collects data on migration flows and trends, traveller profiles, migration journeys, and intentions of migrants, so as to obtain a sharpened view of mobility in West and Central Africa.

In Nigeria, DTM conducts Flow Monitoring activities in several important transit locations in Sokoto and Kano to monitor the movements of passenger buses to and from Niger. The Sokoto FMP covers three migratory routes in Illela, Gada and Sabon-Birnin. And the Kano FMP (Kofar Ruwa Park and Yankaba Park) covers two migratory routes in Dala and Nasarawa Local Government Areas in Kano state

This reports presents Flow Monitoring Registry data collected in **August** 2020. It presents key data on flows, routes, provenance, destination and demographic profiles of travellers observed at the FMPs.

Additional information on Flow Monitoring methodology is available on the last page.

KEY FIGURES



2 FMPs in NIGERIA



1,220 travellers observed daily



129 individual surveys



+6% change in flows from the previous month



29% of individuals were travelling to Nigeria



89% of indivduals were aware of the COVID-19 pandemic





TRAVELLER PROFILES AND MOBILITY TRENDS

Mobility trends: Over the course of the reporting period, 1,220 individuals were observed at FMPs daily, on average. This represents a six per cent increase when compared to the previous month, during which 1,154 individuals had been observed daily. This trend may be explained by the rapid re-integration of individuals to the new normal since the lockdown/movement restriction were lifted by the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Types of flows: All observed travellers were conducting a transboundary movement (29% were entering the country, while 71% were leaving the country).

Departure/Origin and destination: During the month of August 2020, the main cities from which recorded individuals travelled from were Maradi (40%), Zinder (27%) and Tahoua (25%) in Niger. Travellers were primarily headed to Zinder (45%), Maradi (35%), Diffa (8%) and Tahoua (8%) in Niger. The main modes of transportation were car (55%), bus (40%%), motorbike (2%) and on foot (1%).

Traveller profiles: 66 per cent of travellers were adult men, while 19 per cent were adult women and 15 per cent were children.



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TRAVELLER PROFILES



PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

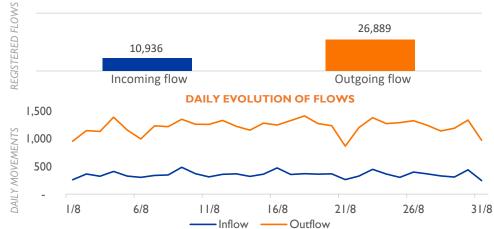
Origin of flows	
Country	% of flows
Niger	28%
Nigeria	71%
Chad	<1%
Cameroon	<1%

MODES OF TRANSPORT

Car	Bus	Motor	bike	Foot
55%	0 0	40%	2%	أ 1%

Destination of flows % of flows Country Niger 68% 29% Nigeria Chad 2% 1% Cameroon

DIRECTION OF FLOWS



SOKOTO

PRESENTATION OF FMP: The Sokoto Flow Monitoring Point (FMP) was set up in March 2017 covering three migratory routes in Ilella, Gada and Sabon-Birnin. The FMP was installed at these locations to observe movements between Nigeria and Niger and to better understand dynamics of migration through these Local Government Areas in Sokoto state.

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 160 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Sokoto FMP. This represented an increase of 33 per cent since the previous month, during which 120 individuals had been observed. This growth may be attributed to the return to normalcy of daily activities across the state and the country after earlier movement restrictions imposed by the Federal Government of Nigeria were lifted. Over the month, peaks were observed on 9, 16, 23 and 30 which were market days in Gada, Illela, Sabon-Birnin and Tumfafi. Meanwhile, the number of individuals observed remained steady during non-market days.

Types of flows: All observed travellers were conducting a transboundary movement (61% were entering the country, while 39% were leaving the country). When compared to the previous month when 78 per cent of travellers were entering the country, it is observed that travellers that left the country in August were 17 per cent less.

Departure/Origin and destination: During the month of August 2020, the main cities from which recorded individuals travelled from were Tahoua (57%) and Maradi (42%). Travellers were primarily headed to Tahoua (58%) and Maradi (40%). The main modes of transportation were car (35%), bus (22%), motorbike (13%) and foot (11%).

Traveller profiles: 56 per cent of travellers were adult men, while 25 per cent were adult women and 20 per cent were children.

Movements observed at Sokoto in August 2020 Mali Niger Chad Zinder FMP in Sokoto Flow through Sokoto ✓ Incoming flow Nigeria Outgoing flow Average/Day Inflow: 98 Individuals

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TRAVELLER PROFILES

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77	Adults	Minors
Female	25%	8%
Male	56%	12%

PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Origin of flows	
Country	% of flows
Niger	61%
Nigeria	39%

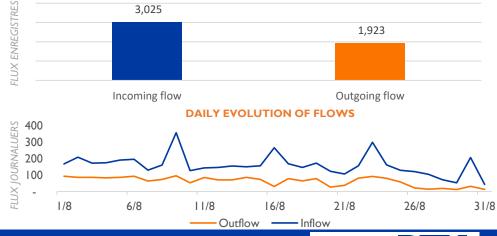
MODES OF TRANSPORT

Car	Bus	Motor		Foot
35%	0 0	22%	13%	11 %

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Departure of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Niger	39%	
Nigeria	61%	

DIRECTION OF FLOWS



KANO

PRESENTATION OF FMP: The Kano FMP (Kofar Ruwa Park and Yankaba Park) has been collecting data since March 2017, covering two migratory routes in Dala and Nasarawa Local Government Areas in Kano state. The FMP was installed to monitor cross-border flows of migrants between Nigeria and Niger and to better understand dynamics of migration covering these routes.

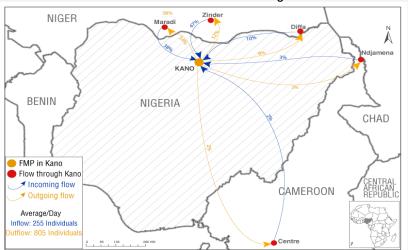
Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 1,061 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Kano FMP. This represented an increase of three per cent since the previous month, during which 1,034 individuals had been observed. Over the month, peaks were observed on 4, 11, 18 and 25 which were market days in Damagaram, Diffa and Kano. Whereas, the dips observed on 6, 21 and 31 were as a result of number of individuals observed remained steady during non-market days.

Types of flows: All observed travellers were conducting a transboundary movement (24% were entering the country, while 76% were leaving the country).

Departure/Origin and destination: During the month of August 2020, the main cities from which recorded individuals travelled from were Zinder (47%), Maradi (38%) and Diffa (10%) in Niger. Travellers were primarily headed to Zinder (52%), Maradi (34%) and Diffa (9%) in Niger. The main modes of transportation were car (58%) and bus (42%).

Traveller profiles: 68 per cent of travellers were adult men, while 18 per cent were adult women and 14 per cent were children.

Movements observed at Kano FMP in August 2020



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TRAVELLER PROFILES

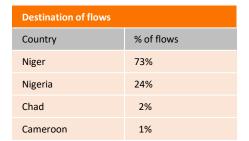
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APHIE	ŤŤ	Adults	Minors
3	Female	18%	7%
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PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

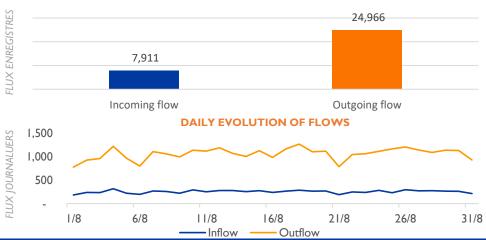
Origin of flows	
Country	% of flows
Niger	23%
Nigeria	76%
Chad	<1%
Cameroon	<1%

MODES OF TRANSPORT

Car	Bus
58%	42%



DIRECTION OF FLOWS



FLOW MONITORING • NIGERIA AUGUST 2020 • METHODOLOGY

INTRODUCTION: Flow Monitoring, a tool of IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), was set up to provide a better understanding and an overview of mobility through West and Central Africa, through the collection of key data on the magnitude, provenance and destination and profiles of flows in areas of high mobility throughout the region.

METHODOLOGY: Flow Monitoring is a data collection activity which seeks to gather key information on mobility. It begins by identifying zones in which large mobility flows and highlighting the caracteristics and journeys of travellers in these zones. Areas of high mobility are identified with the help of national authorities. DTM teams, with the support of local authorities and partners, then identify strategic points of transit, at which Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) are set up. At each FMP, DTM conducts two main activities: Flow Monitoring Registry (FMR) and Flow Monitoring Surveys (FMS).

The **FMR** collects data at FMP through direct observation and interviews with key informans, including staff working at coach stations, border patrol officers, local authorities, bus drivers or travellers themselves. The FMR gathers data on the number of travellers crossing FMPs, as well as the provenance, next destination, vulnerabilities and means of transport of travellers.

At each FMP, data is collected by a team of 6 enumerators. Data collection is carried out daily, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. This corresponds to the peak hours of mobility. Enumerators collect data via a form filled out thanks to information provided by key inormants or gathered through direct observation.

The purpose of the **FMS** is to collect detailed information on the profiles, migration journeys and intentions of migrants. Data is collected through interviews with a random sample of travellers. Migrant interviews are conducted daily with a randomly chosen sample of travellers crossing FMPs. Information is primarily gathered on the nationalities, age, sex, education level, proffesional status of travellers, as well as their reasons for travel, location of departure, intended destinations, and needs of travellers.

LIMITS: Data collected in framework of Flow Monitoring activities are the result of direct observations and interviews conducted at FMPs between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. The data is not representative of all migration flows in the country, and, because they only reflect the situation of observed or individuals. surveyed cannot generalized. Temporal coverage of the data collection exercises is also limited to a specific time window. While data is collected daily, Flow Monitoring activities do not capture all flows transiting through FMPs. Data on vulnerability is based on direct observation and should be understood as mainly indicative.

Data collected for these exercises should be understood as estimations only. IOM does not make any warranties or representations as to the appropriateness, quality, reliability, timeliness, accuracy or completeness of the data included in this report

DEFINITIONS:

Flow Monitoring Point: Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) are points set up by IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix in high mobility areas in each country covered (near borders or main travel routes)

Incoming flow: refers to migrants who arrive at a Flow Monitoring Point with the intention of travelling further into Nigeria.

Outgoing flow: refers to migrants who arrive at a Flow Monitoring Point with the intention of travelling out of Nigeria.

Internal flow: refers to migrants who are conducting a movement within the boundaries of a single country.

Migrant: An umbrella term, not defined under international law, reflecting the

common lay understanding of a person who moves away from his or her place of usual residence, whether within a country or across an international border, temporarily or permanently, and for a variety of reasons.

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