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FLOW MONITORING REPORT

MALI

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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 better understanding of mobility in West and Central Africa.

In **Mali**, DTM conducts Flow Monitoring activities at 7 Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) located across 6 regions, in order to foster a better understanding of the numbers, trends, profiles, and journeys of migration flows crossing these points.

This reports presents data collected through the **Flow Monitoring Registry** in **December 2020**.

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

KEY FIGURES



7 FMPs active in MALI



739 travellers on average observed daily



+31% increase in travellers compared to August



12,944 Total incoming individuals (**57%**)



9,965 Total outgoing individuals recorded (**43%**)



22,909 Total individuals observed at Mali FMPs



99% of individuals travelling to **Burkina Faso, Algeria** and **Mauritania**



87% of nationals from **Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger** and **Guinea**

TRAVELLER PROFILES AND MOBILITY TRENDS

Mobility trends: Over the course of the reporting period, 739 individuals were observed daily at 7 active FMPs of Mali, on average. This represents a 31 per cent increase when compared to the previous month, during which 563 individuals had been observed daily. According to information provided by data collectors, this large increase in movements is the result of a considerable increase in seasonal migration after the agricultural season.

Types of flows: Amongst observed travellers, 92 per cent were conducting a transboundary movement (56% were entering the country, while 36% were leaving the country). In contrast, 8 per cent of travellers were travelling internally.

Provenance and destination: During the last quarter 2020, the main cities departure were Bamako (23%, Mali), Ouagadougou (22%, Burkina Faso), Bobo-Dioulasso (17%, Burkina Faso), Sikasso (9%, Mali), Mopti (8%, Mali) and Nouakchott (7%, Mauritania). Travellers were primarily headed to destinations Bamako (38%, Mali), Bobo-Dioulasso (16%, Burkina Faso), Ouagadougou (13%, Burkina Faso), Tombouctou (11%, Mali) et Sikasso (9%, Mali). The main modes of transportation were bus (44%), tricycle (32%), private vehicle (13), truck (5%) and on moto (4%). Due to the closure of the Malian borders following COVID-19, followed by ECOWAS sanctions following overthrow of government, a significant proportion of travellers observed at Mali's FMP use tricycle and motorcycles to travel. Before these two events, the bus was the preferred means of transport for the majority of travellers.

Traveller profiles: 86 per cent of travellers were adult men, while 7 per cent were adult women and 7 per cent were minors. Of all identified individuals, 1040 persons presented vulnerabilities, including children under five years old (15%), pregnant women (2%), elderly persons, and people with a disability (83%).



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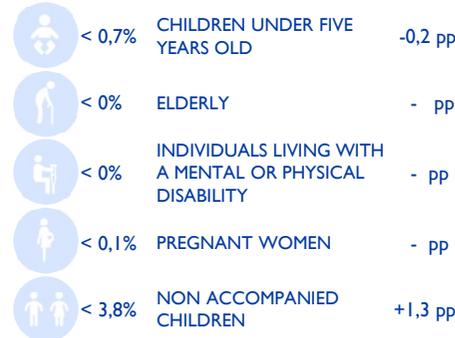
TRAVELLER PROFILES



DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



VULNERABILITIES



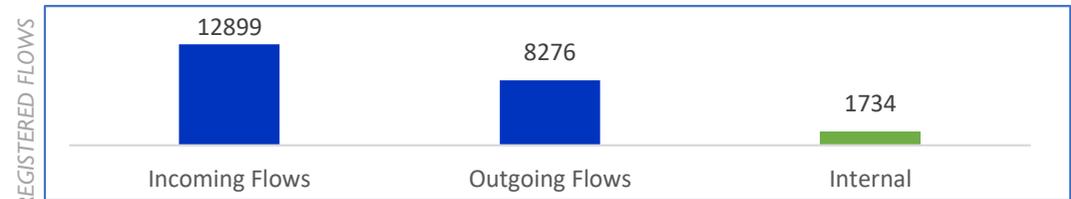
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PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

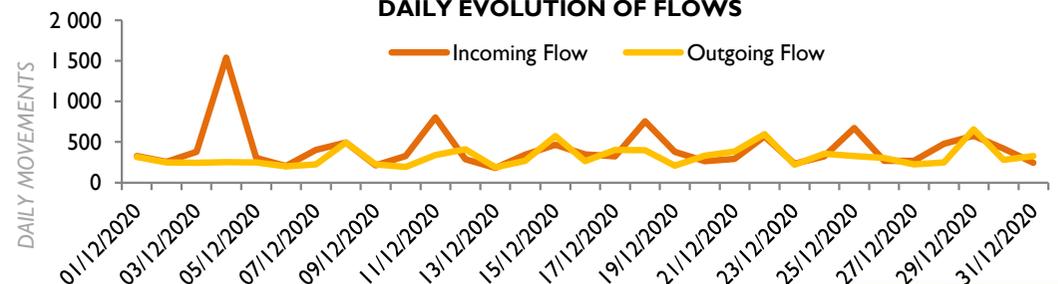
Provenance of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	49%
Burkina Faso	23%
Algeria	10%
Mauritania	9%
Other	9%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	64%
Burkina Faso	19%
Algeria	9%
Mauritania	5%
Other	3%

DIRECTION OF FLOWS



DAILY EVOLUTION OF FLOWS

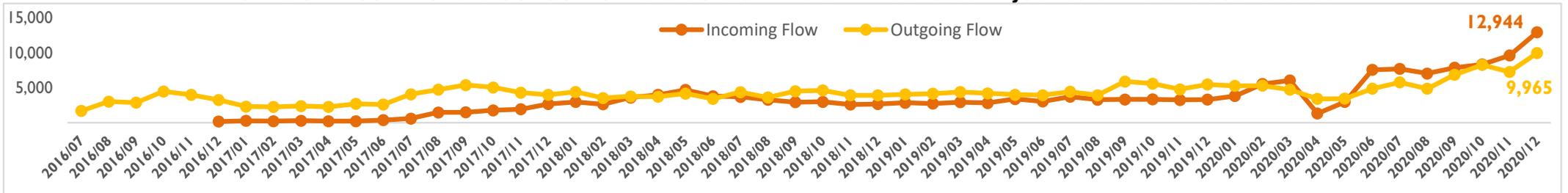


EVOLUTION OF MIGRATION FLOWS (2016 – 2020)

Most migrants travel through the capital city, Bamako, to the strategically located towns of Gao and Timbuktu, as well as to border areas such as Benena, Gogui and Heremakono, before heading towards Algeria, Niger, Libya, Mauritania or Morocco. Some will ultimately travel on to Europe. Gao is an important transit point and is commonly favoured by migrants for its accessibility to routes leading to the Mediterranean sea. The majority of outgoing migrants identified at the Gao and Timbuktu FMPs continue through Algeria (primarily through the Algerian towns of Tamanrasset and Bordj). Migrants transiting through Benena and Heremakono travel on to Burkina Faso, while those transiting through Gogui travel on to Mauritania. Mali is also a transit country for incoming migrants, notably those who were unable to cross the Sahara desert and those returning to countries such as Guinea-Conakry, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal and other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Following the appearance of the first cases of COVID-19 in West Africa in February 2020, public authorities decided to restrict mobility, including through the closure of borders. Migrants who do not want to defer their plans to migrate find unofficial means to cross officially closed borders despite the prohibition of people passing through. Therefore, from mid-March 2020, a progressive decrease in migratory flows was observed at the different FMPs of Mali, reaching a very low level in April 2020. However, during the months of May and June, a resumption was observed in the movement of migrants. In fact, Mali's FMPs recorded an increase in flows of 32 per cent in May and 100 per cent in June 2020. This resulted in an increased volume of flows which was higher than any period prior to COVID-19. Starting in February 2020, data collection focused on recording travellers conducting seasonal migration. As a result, the data collected is skewed and does not accurately reflect the impact of COVID-19 on mobility; it also explains the sharp rise in flows recorded at FMPs from February 2020 onwards.

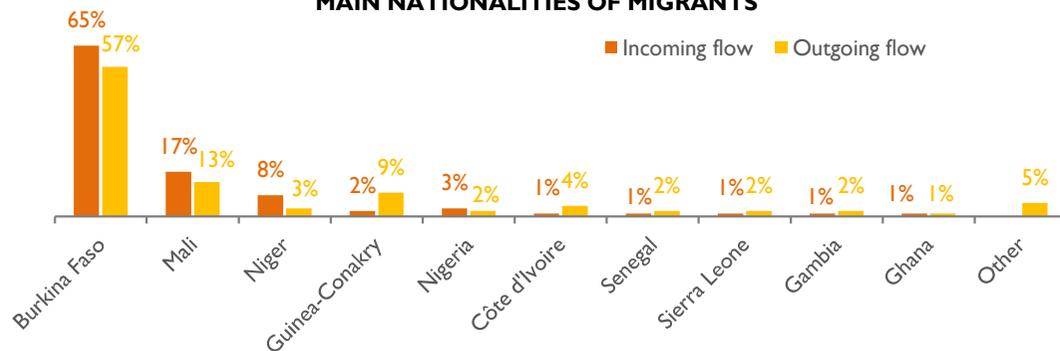
TOTAL OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING INDIVIDUALS AT MALI FMP BETWEEN 1 JULY 2016 AND 31 DECEMBER 2020**



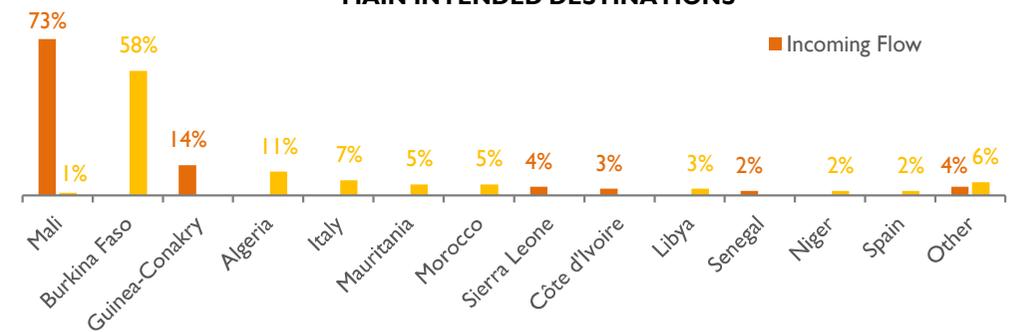
(*) To avoid double counting, migrants recorded at Wabaria, an Internal Transit Point, are not included in this total. Only those recorded at entry and exit points are considered.

(**) Data collection on incoming flows at FMPs started in December 2016. New FMPs were set up in June 2017; as a result, any significant deviation observed in the figures provided from that date should not only be interpreted as an increase in migratory flows but may also be a result of an increase in data collected.

MAIN NATIONALITIES OF MIGRANTS



MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS

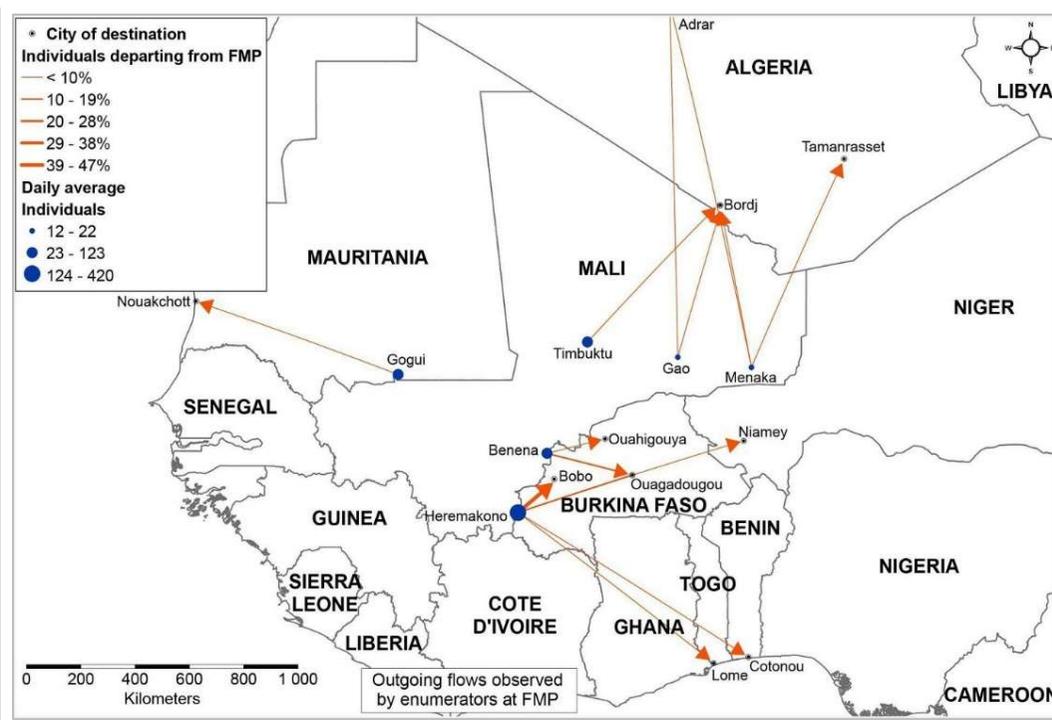
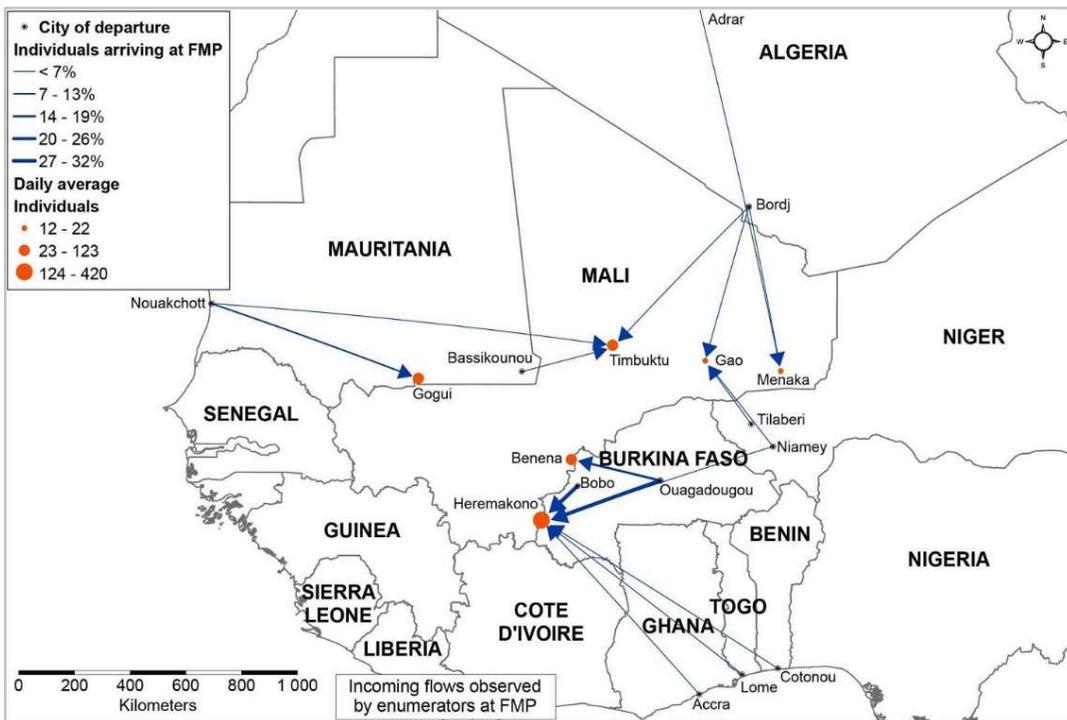


Since the beginning of 2020, the flows of seasonal migrants from Burkina Faso continue to increase significantly. These migrants most often intend to travel to gold mining sites.

European countries were declared as the final intended destination by 10 per cent of outgoing migrants.

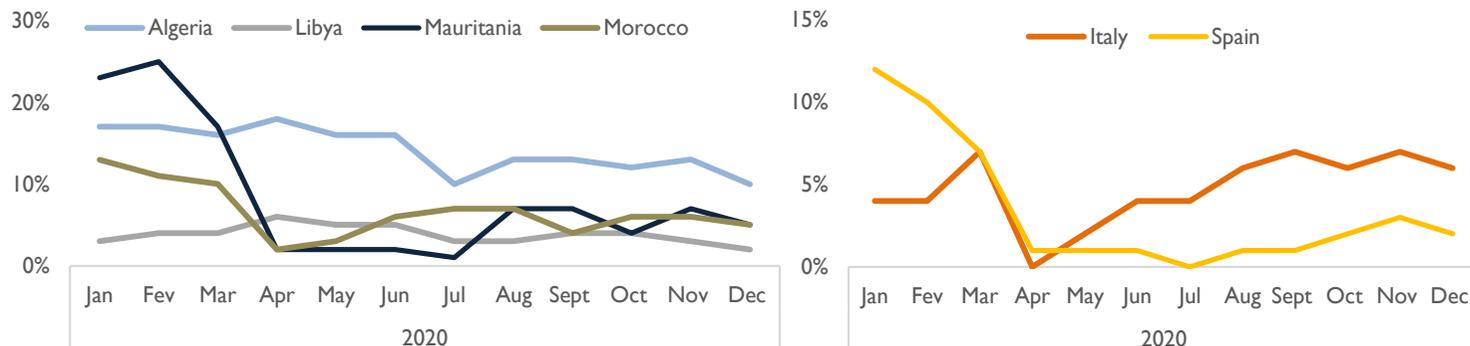
DESTINATION OF FLOWS

The data collected at the FMPs in Gao, Timbuktu and Menaka permitted to determine the migrants in the direction of Algeria. These regions are localities where migrants headed for Algeria usually begin their journey, reciprocally the migrants who return from Algeria pass there.



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EVOLUTION OF THE FINAL INTENDED DESTINATIONS: JANUARY – DECEMBER 2020



The number of migrants wishing to travel to Algeria, Mauritania, Morocco and Libya decreased.

The number of migrants seeking to reach Italy or Spain have simultaneously decreased.

It should be noted that these figures indicate the intentions of migrants rather than confirmed destinations.

GAO – WABARIA

PRESENTATION OF FMP: A Flow Monitoring Point (FMP) was set up in July 2016 in the city of Gao at the coach station of Wabaria. An FMP was installed at this location to observe movements between Gao and Bamako, as well as movement to and from other destinations, including the N'Tahaka gold mining site, Adrar (Algeria) and Bordj-Bou-Argeridj (Algeria).

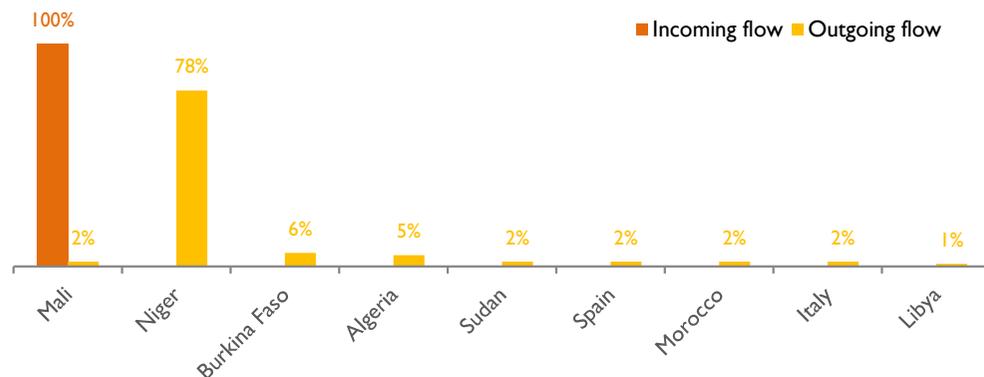
Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 247 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Wabaria FMP. This represented an increase of 56 per cent since the previous month, during which 158 individuals had been observed. The high level of the daily average in Wabaria is due to the focus on the registration of seasonal migrants. A few months ago, an influx of people, especially young men, in direction to a gold-panning site recently discovered in the village of N'tahaka, located south of Gao. At the end of the agricultural season, the flow of seasonal migrants has grown exponentially.

Types of flows: Amongst observed individuals, 37 per cent were conducting a cross-border movement (incoming flow: 13% and outgoing flow: 25%), while 62 per cent were travelling internally.

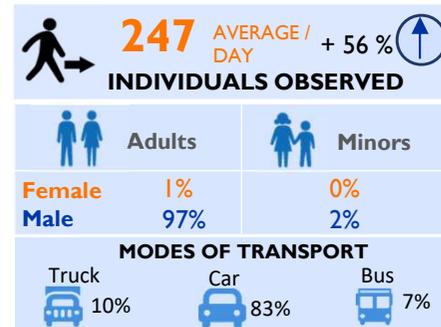
Provenance and destination: During the fourth quarter of 2020, the main provenance cities of migrants were Gao (40%), N'tahaka (25%), Tillaberi (25%), Niger and Bamako (9%). They were primarily headed to destinations N'tahaka (47%), Gao (41%) and Tillaberi in Algeria (10%). There is currently a large inflow of young people to the village of N'tahaka following the discovery a few months ago of a gold panning site. The persons observed travelled mainly by private vehicle (83%), truck (10%) and bus (7%).

Traveller profiles: Among the travellers observed, 97 per cent were adult males, while one per cent were adult females and two per cent were minors. Persons with vulnerabilities were identified (48). Among them, the vast majority were unaccompanied minors (92%), there were also children under five (8%). During the reporting period, most migrants transiting through the Wabaria FMP were nationals of Niger (81%), Burkina Faso (8%), Sudan (3%), Côte d'Ivoire (3%) and Guinea-Conakry (1%).

MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



TRAVELLER PROFILES



DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



VULNERABILITIES

PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

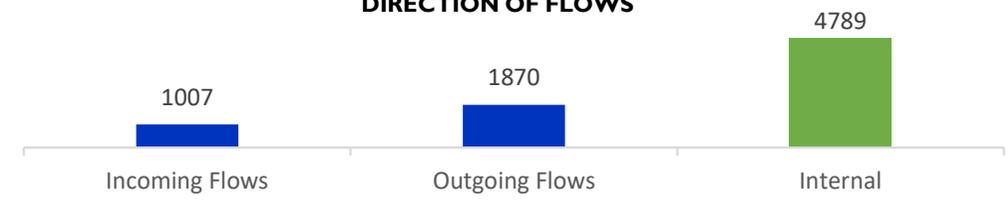
Provenance of flows

Country	% of flows
Mali	92%
Niger	8%

Destination of flows

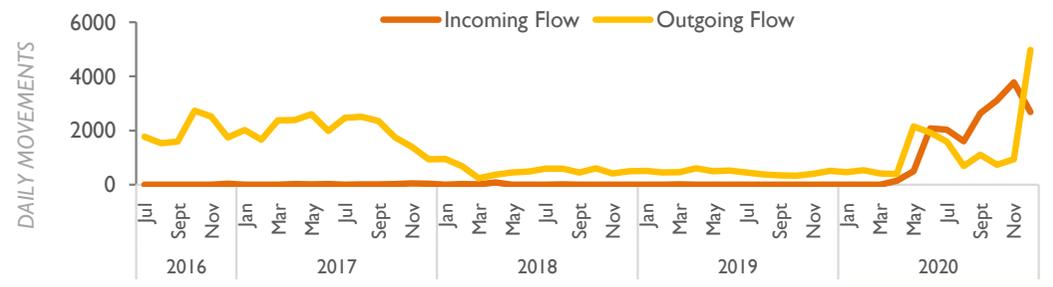
Country	% of flows
Mali	95%
Niger	5%

DIRECTION OF FLOWS



REGISTERED FLOWS

MONTHLY EVOLUTION OF FLOWS



GAO – PLACE KIDAL

PRESENTATION OF FMP: Place Kidal is primarily an exit point for migrants passing through the city of Gao. From July 2016, a Flow Monitoring Point (FMP) was installed at this location, where IOM observes the movements of travellers going mainly to and from Gao, Niamey (Niger), Tillaberi (Niger), Bordj-Bou-Argeridj (Algeria) and Adrar (Algeria).

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 44 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Place Kidal FMP. This represented a decrease of 8 per cent since the previous month, during which 48 individuals had been observed. This decrease in flows is the result of the reduction in the volume of outgoing flows and the absence of recording of incoming flows during the last week of December 2020.

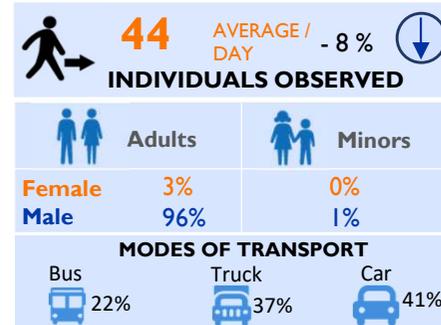
Types of flows: Amongst observed individuals, 95 per cent were conducting a cross-border movement (incoming flow: 62% and outgoing flow: 33%), while five were travelling internally.

Provenance and destination: In the fourth quarter of 2020, the main cities of origin of travellers were Tillaberi (35%, Niger), Gao (35%), Niamey (23%, Niger), Bordj-Bou-Argeridj (4%, Algeria) and Kidal (2%, Mali). They were primarily headed to destinations Gao (55%), Bordj-Bou-Argeridj (20%, Algeria), Adrar (15%, Algeria) and N'tahaka (10%). The persons observed travelled mainly by truck (50%), bus (26%) and private vehicle (24%).

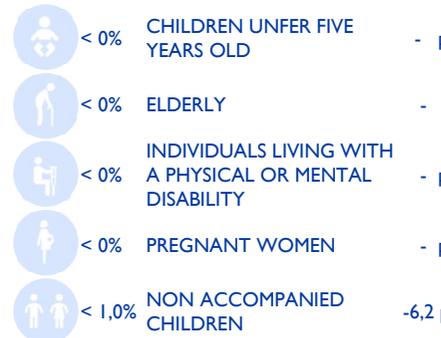
Traveller profiles: Registered migrants were 96 per cent of adult men, while three per cent were adult women and one per cent were minors. Of these, 13 were vulnerable, exclusively unaccompanied minors.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Place Kidal FMP were nationals of Niger (37%), Mali (24%), Côte d'Ivoire (13%), Guinea-Conakry (10%) and Senegal (3%).

TRAVELLER PROFILES



DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



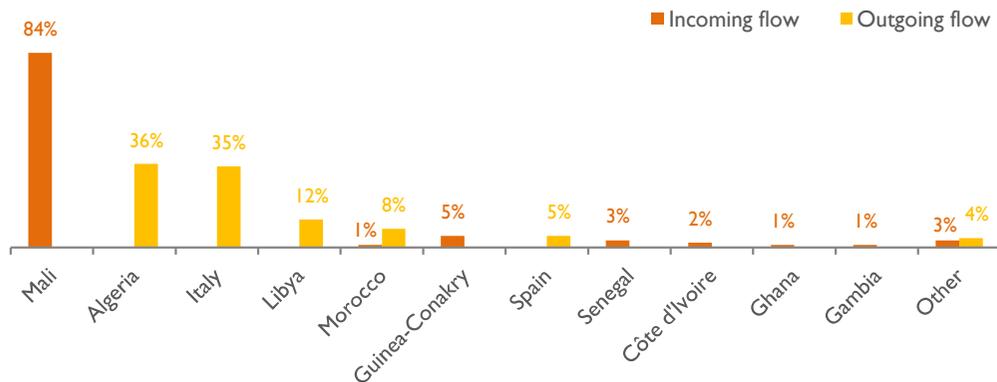
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PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

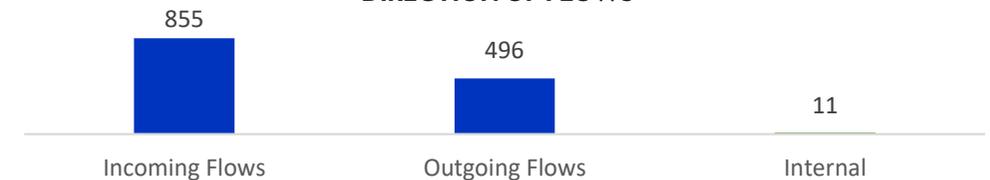
Provenance of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	50%
Niger	37%
Algeria	13%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	51%
Algeria	49%

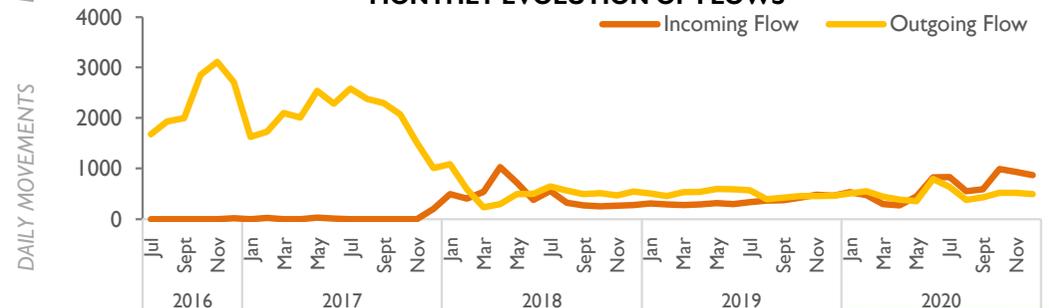
MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



DIRECTION OF FLOWS



MONTHLY EVOLUTION OF FLOWS



TIMBUKTU

PRESENTATION OF FMP: From January 2017, a Flow Monitoring Point was set up in the city of Timbuktu. At this point, enumerators usually identify migrants who travelling to and from Mopti, Bordj-Bou-Argeridj (Algeria). Some pass-through Timbuktu and continue to the countries of North Africa and Europe.

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 70 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Timbuktu FMP. This represented an increase of eight per cent since the previous month, during which 65 individuals had been observed.

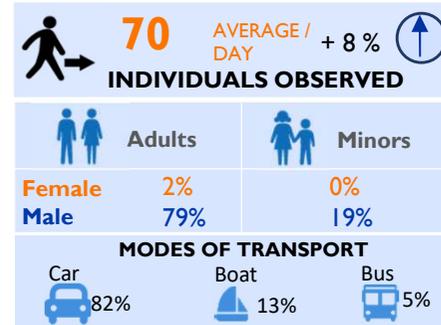
Types of flows: Amongst observed individuals, 21 per cent were conducting a cross-border movement (incoming flow: 20 per cent and outgoing flow: one per cent), while 79 per cent were travelling internally.

Provenance and destination: October to December 2020, the main cities of provenance of travellers were Mopti (75%, Mali), Bordj-Bou-Argeridj (18%, Algeria) et Sevre (4%, Mali). Almost all registered travellers were to Timbuktu (98%, Mali). Some mentioned Bordj-Bou-Argeridj (1%, Algeria) as destinations. The persons observed travelled mainly by private vehicle (82%), boats (13%) or bus (5%).

Traveller profiles: The vast majority (79%) of observed travellers were adult males, while two per cent were adult females and 19% were minors. Of these, three persons with vulnerabilities were identified (all children under five years of age).

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at the Timbuktu FMP were nationals of Guinea-Conakry (38%), Mali (22%), Gambia (8%), Sierra Leone (7%) and Liberia (6%).

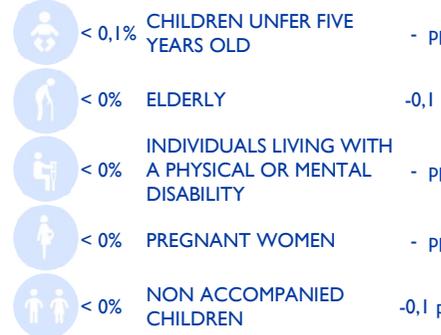
TRAVELLER PROFILES



PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

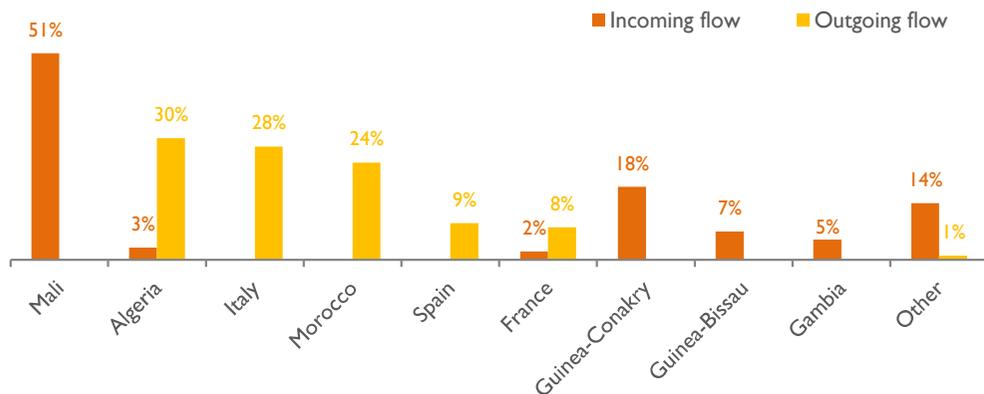
Provenance of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	62%
Algeria	32%
Mauritania	6%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	98%
Mauritania	1%
Algeria	1%



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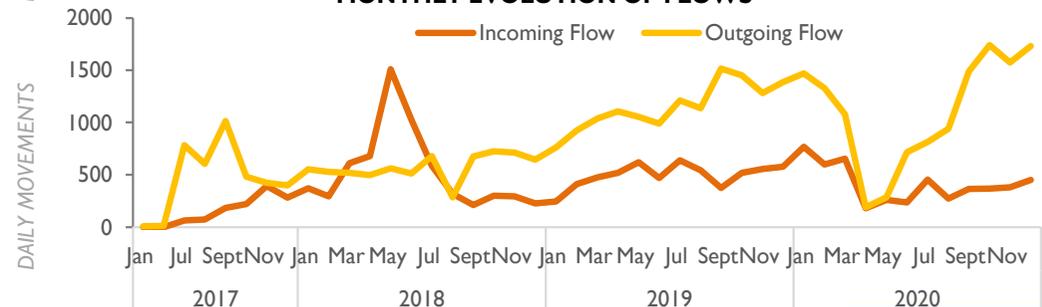
MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



DIRECTION OF FLOWS



MONTHLY EVOLUTION OF FLOWS



MENAKA

PRESENTATION OF FMP: A Flow Monitoring Point was installed in December 2017 in the city of Menaka. At the Menaka FMP, IOM data collectors observe the movements of migrants in transit between Menaka and Adrar or Bordj-Bou-Argeridj (Algeria).

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 12 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Menaka FMP. This represented a decrease of 8 per cent since the previous month, during which 13 individuals had been observed.

Types of flows: All observed individuals were conducting a cross-border movement (incoming flow: 32% outgoing flow: 68%).

Provenance and destination: During the last quarter of 2020, the main cities from which travellers came were Menaka (70%, Mali), Hallil (9%, Algeria), Bordj-Bou-Argeridj (9%, Algeria), Talhandak (7%, Algeria), Adrar (4%, Algeria), et Tamanrasset (1%, Algeria). Their main destinations were Menaka (30%, Mali), Bordj-Bou-Argeridj (19%, Algeria), Hallil (19%, Algeria), Adrar (18%, Algeria) et Talhandak (9%, Algeria). All the migrants registered in Menaka (100%, Mali) travelled by truck.

Traveller profiles: All travellers observed at the Menaka FMP (100%) were adult males. None of the registered travellers showed any evidence of vulnerability. There were no children under the age of five, pregnant women, elderly individuals or unaccompanied minors observed.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Menaka were Malian nationals (37%), followed by nationals of Niger (28%), Nigeria (13%), Ghana (12%) and Benin (5%).

TRAVELLER PROFILES

12 AVERAGE / DAY - 8%

INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED

Adults	Minors
Female 0%	0%
Male 100%	0%

MODES OF TRANSPORT

Truck 100%

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

VULNERABILITIES

- < 0% CHILDREN UNFER FIVE YEARS OLD - pp
- < 0% ELDERLY - pp
- < 0% INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY - pp
- < 0% PREGNANT WOMEN - pp
- < 0% NON ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN - pp

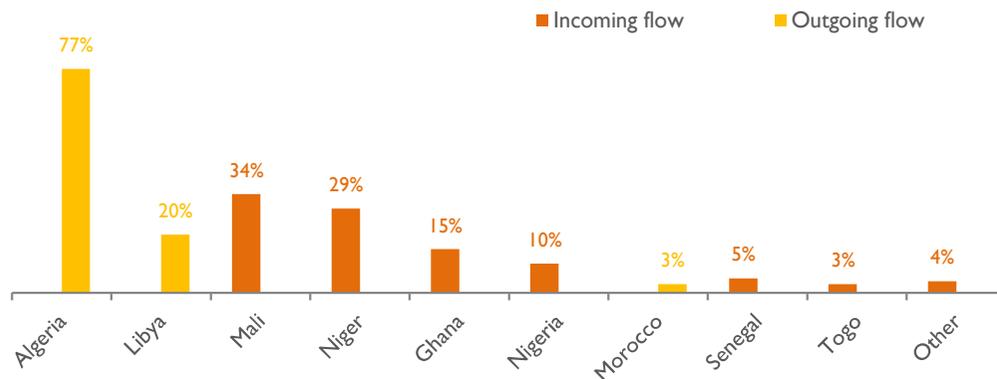
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PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Provenance of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	67%
Algeria	33%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Algeria	67%
Mali	33%

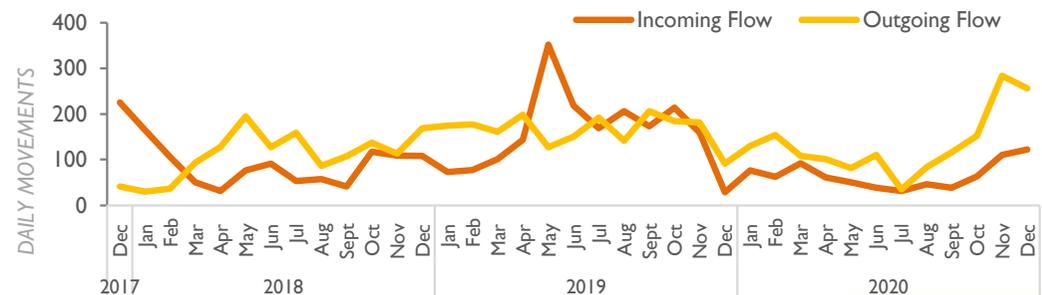
MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



DIRECTION OF FLOWS



MONTHLY EVOLUTION OF FLOWS



GOGUI

PRESENTATION OF FMP: The Gogui Flow Monitoring Point is located on the border post between Mali and Mauritania. It was set up in June 2017. The migrants identified in this FMP go mainly to Mauritania and Morocco. Some of travellers reported they want to work in these countries in order to get enough funds to continue to Europe. Enumerators at this FMP also record migrants returning to Mali from Mauritania or transiting through Mauritania and Mali to reach their home countries. Travellers crossing Gogui primarily travel between Bamako and Nouakchott (Mauritania).

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 70 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Gogui FMP. This represented an increase of 3 per cent since the previous month, during which 68 individuals had been observed.

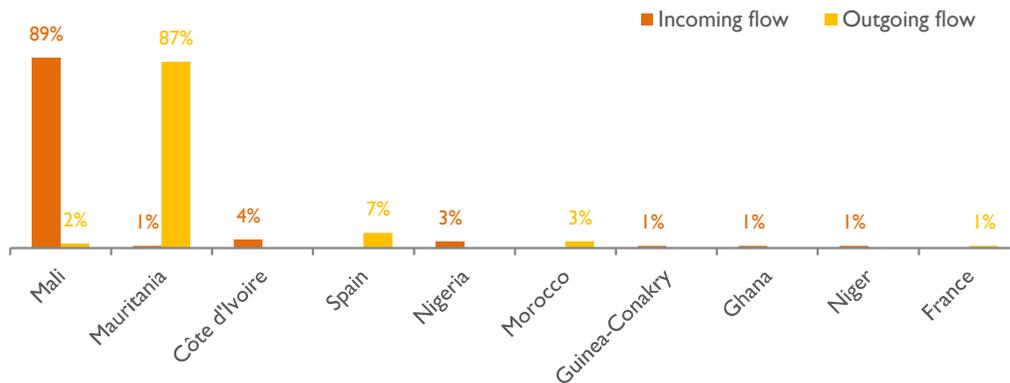
Types of flows: All observed individuals in Gogui FMP were conducting a cross-border movement (incoming flow: 70% outgoing flow: 30%).

Provenance and destination: During the fourth quarter, the cities from which travellers came were Nouakchott (71%, Mauritania) and Bamako (29%, Mali). They travelled mainly to Bamako (70, Mali), Nouakchott (28%, Mauritania). The people observed were mainly by buses (35%), motorcycles (38%), on foot (14%) and private vehicles (13%). With the closure of the borders, motorcycles are very often used crossing. Some prefer to cross them on foot.

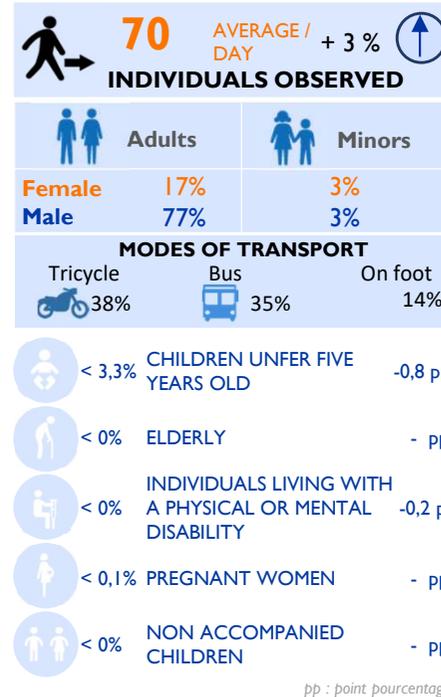
Traveller profiles: Of the travellers observed, 77 per cent were adult males, while 17 per cent were adult females and six per cent were minors. It notes the presence of persons with vulnerabilities (74 individuals), with mainly children under five. There were also pregnant women and individuals living with a physical or mental disability observed among them.

During the reporting period, Migrants identified in Gogui were mostly Malian nationals (88%). Nationals from Côte d'Ivoire (6%), Nigeria (2%) and Guinea-Conakry (2%) were also observed.

MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



TRAVELLER PROFILES



PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

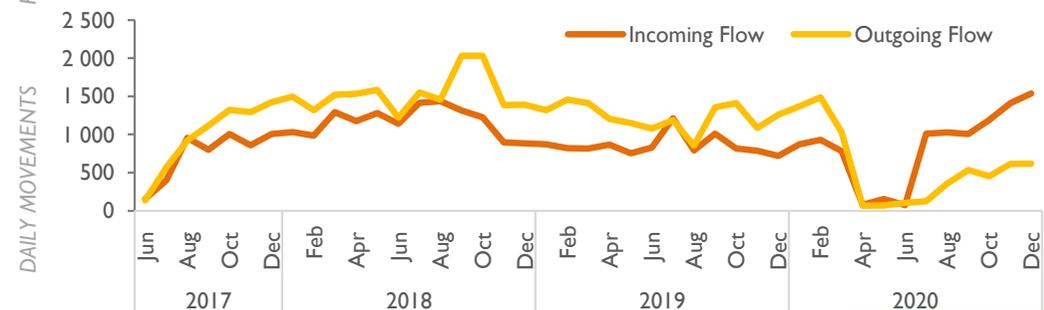
Provenance of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mauritanie	63%
Mali	37%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	63%
Mauritanie	37%

DIRECTION OF FLOWS



MONTHLY EVOLUTION OF FLOWS



BENENA

PRESENTATION OF FMP: The Benena Flow Monitoring Pontis located on the border post between Mali and Burkina Faso, in the Segou region. It was installed in August 2016. Travellers observed at this FMP travel mainly between Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) and Bamako, transiting through Benena on the way.

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 123 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Benena FMP. This represented a large increase of 50 per cent since the previous month, during which 82 individuals had been observed. Seasonal migrants coming to work in gold mining sites were observed.

Types of flows: All observed individuals in Benena FMP, 100 per cent carried out a cross-border movement (incoming flow: 61% outgoing flow: 39%).

Provenance and destination: The cities of provenance of the travellers registered in Benena during the fourth quarter of 2020 are Ouagadougou (57%, Burkina Faso) and Bamako (43%, Mali). Their destinations were Bamako (58%, Mali), Ouagadougou (41%, Burkina Faso) and Ouahigouya (1%, Burkina Faso). Most of the people observed travelled by bus (96%) and by private vehicles (4%).

Traveller profiles: Of the travellers observed, 72 per cent were adult males, while 21 per cent were adult females and seven per cent were minors. Some of them (273 people) had vulnerabilities. They were almost all unaccompanied minors.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Benena were nationals of Burkina Faso (65%), Niger (13%), Mali (9%) and Nigeria (8%). The flows of seasonal migrants from Burkina Faso are very important in Benena. They generally come to Mali for agricultural activities or traditional gold mining, and very often return to Burkina Faso after having worked for some time in Mali. With the end of the agricultural campaign, many seasonal migrants have been seen.

TRAVELLER PROFILES

123 AVERAGE / DAY + 50%

INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED

	Adults		Minors
Female	21%	Male	72%
			5%

MODES OF TRANSPORT

	Bus	96%		Car	4%
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DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

- < 0,9% CHILDREN UNFER FIVE YEARS OLD +0,6 pp
- < 0% ELDERLY - pp
- < 0% INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY - pp
- < 0% PREGNANT WOMEN - pp
- < 6,2% NON ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN +1,5 pp

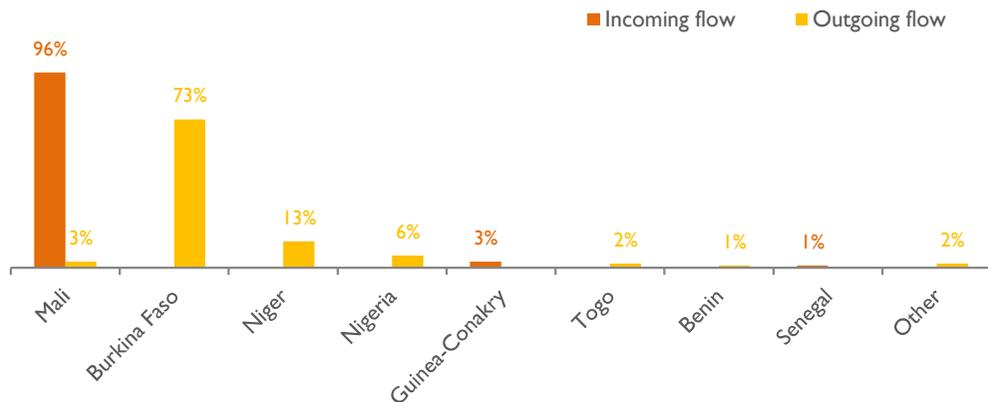
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PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Provenance of flows	
Country	% of flows
Burkina Faso	65%
Mali	35%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	65%
Burkina Faso	35%

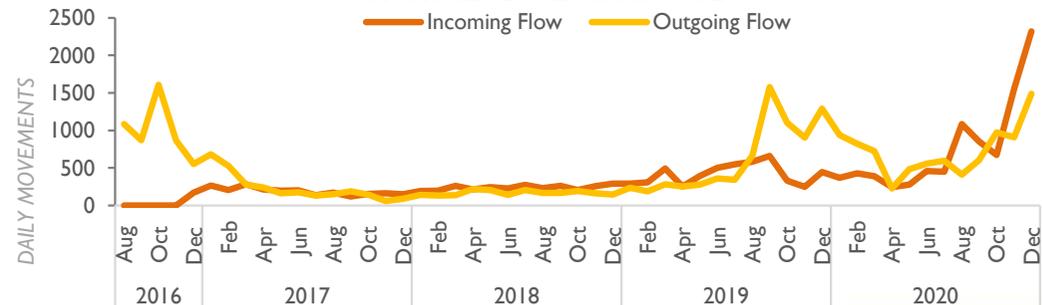
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DIRECTION OF FLOWS



MONTHLY EVOLUTION OF FLOWS



HEREMAKONO

PRESENTATION OF FMP: The Heremakono Flow Monitoring Point is located on the border post between Mali and Burkina Faso in the Sikasso region. It has been operational since August 2017. IOM enumerators register travellers mainly to and from Bobo-Dioulasso (Burkina Faso), Sikasso, Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) and Bamako.

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 420 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Heremakono FMP. This represented a large increase of 46 per cent since the previous month, during which 287 individuals had been observed. This considerable increase in flows could be explained mainly by the influx of seasonal migrants to traditional gold mining sites after the end of the agricultural season.

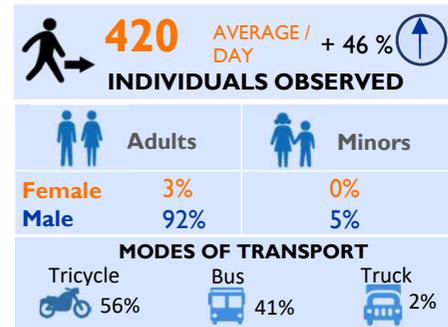
Types of flows: All observed individuals in Heremakono border post (100%) were conducting a cross-border movement (incoming flow: 59% outgoing flow: 41%).

Provenance and destination: During the last quarter 2020, the main cities of origin mentioned by travellers were Bobo-Dioulasso (30%, Burkina Faso), Bamako (26%), Ouagadougou (25%, Burkina Faso) and Sikasso (16%, Mali). Their main destination was Bamako (41%), Bobo-Dioulasso (29%), Sikasso (16%) and Ouagadougou (12%). Most of the people observed travelled in tricycle (56%) and bus (41%). Some travelled by truck (2%).

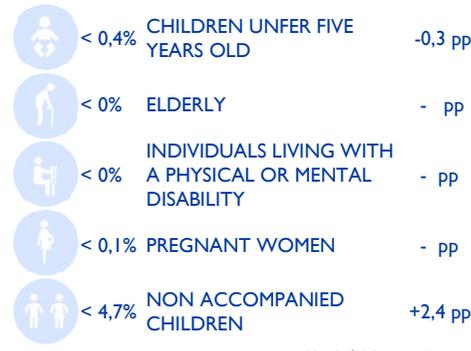
Traveller profiles: Of the identified travellers, 92 per cent were adult males, while three per cent were adult females and five per cent were minors. Among travellers, 677 persons with vulnerabilities were identified, including in majority unaccompanied minors, children under five years and pregnant women.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Heremakono were nationals of Burkina Faso (89%); Nationals of Mali (2%) and Niger (2%) were also seen.

TRAVELLER PROFILES



DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

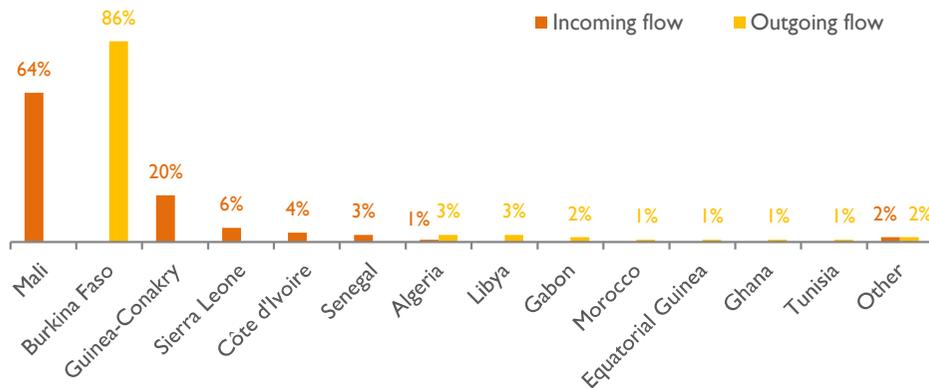


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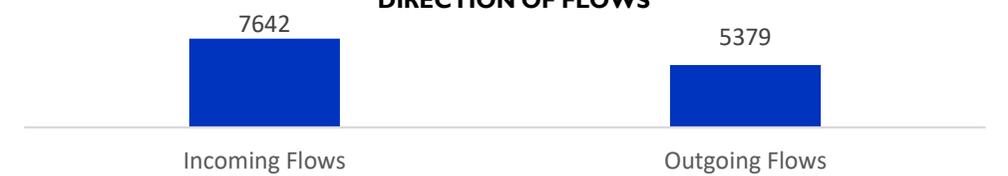
Provenance of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	49%
Burkina Faso	38%
Benin	6%
Niger	5%
Other	2%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	51%
Burkina Faso	42%
Niger	4%
Benin	2%
Togo	1%

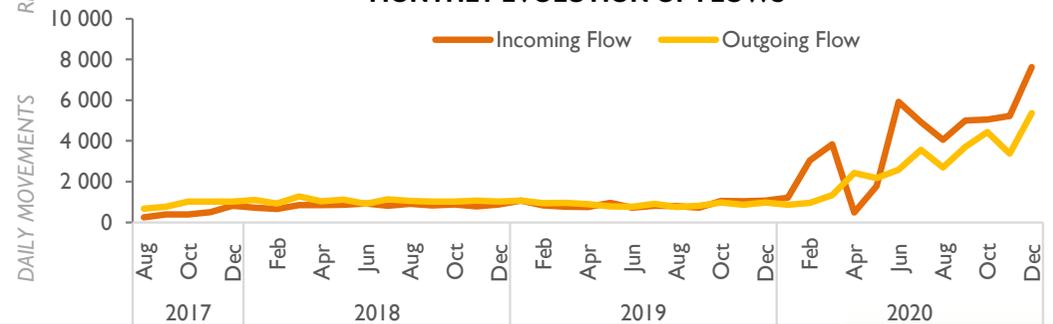
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INTRODUCTION: Flow Monitoring, a tool of IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), was set up to provide a better understanding and an overview of mobility through West and Central Africa, through the collection of key data on the magnitude, provenance 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 characteristics 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 informants, 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 enumerators. Data collection is carried out daily, all the day, with a focus on vehicle transit times. This corresponds to the peak hours of mobility. Enumerators collect data via a form filled out thanks to information provided by key informants or gathered through direct observation.

LIMITS : Data collected in the framework of Flow Monitoring activities are the result of direct observations and interviews conducted at FMPs. The data is not representative of all migration flows in the country, and, because they only reflect the situation of observed or surveyed individuals, cannot be 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. In this period of COVID-19, some migrants are using bypasses. These can escape the recording device.

DEFINITIONS:

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

Outgoing flow: refers to migrants who arrive at a Flow Monitoring Point with the intention of travelling towards the outer borders of Mali.

Internal flow: refers to migrants who arrive at a Flow Monitoring Point with the intention of travelling within Mali.

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. The term includes a number of well-defined legal categories of people, such as migrant workers; persons whose particular types of movements are legally-defined, such as smuggled migrants; as well as those whose status or means of movement are not specifically defined under international law, such as international students.

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