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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) has implemented 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 volume, origin, destination and mode of travel of mobility flows, and the Flow Monitoring Survey (FMS), individual surveys conducted with travelers 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 seven Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) located across six 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 2021**.

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

KEY FIGURES



7 FMPs active in MALI



1,213 Daily average number of travelers



7% Increase in travelers compared to November



21,768 Total incoming individuals recorded (**58%**)



15,846 Total outgoing individuals recorded (**42%**)



37,614 Total individuals observed at Mali FMPs



80% of individuals were travelling to **Burkina Faso**



89% of nationals are from **Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Guinea and Nigeria**

TRAVELLER PROFILES AND MOBILITY TRENDS

Mobility trends: The daily average observed at the seven FMP in Mali increased by seven per cent in December compared to November 2021.

In December, incoming flows and outgoing flows increased respectively by 17 and 8 per cent compared to the previous month. An observation by FMP shows that this increase was more relevant to the monitoring points of Heremakono and Wabaria (Gao). In Wabaria, the number of nationals from Niger observed in December doubled compared to November. Traditional gold panning is one of the flagship activities that attract various nationalities to the Gao region as well as to other regions further in the North. Trends observed in Heremakono, show an increase of 27 and 9 per cent respectively in incoming flows and outgoing flows during the month of December. In Heremakono, the number of Burkinabe and Nigeriens increased respectively by 21 and 51 per cent in December. This increase is due to the large number of seasonal migrants, mostly from Burkina Faso, observed on this monitoring point, destined to the gold mining regions in the South.

Types of flows: Among the individuals observed, the vast majority (95%) made a cross-border movement, of which 57 per cent were incoming flows, while 38 per cent were outgoing flows. Additionally, five per cent of travelers were traveling internally.

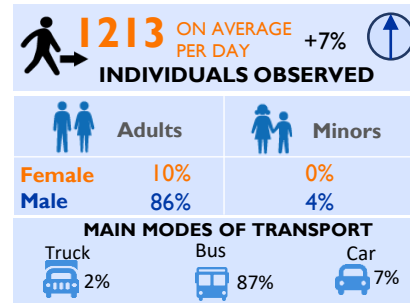
Provenance and destination: In December, Burkina Faso (50%), Mali (42%), Mauritania (3%), Algeria (2%) and Niger (2%) were the main countries of origin. Their main destination were Mali (62%), Burkina Faso (30%), Algeria (4%) and Mauritania (3%). During this period, bus (87%), private vehicle or modified 4x4 car (7%) and trucks (2%), were the main mean of transport.

Traveler profiles: Of the travelers observed, the majority were adult men (86%), while 10 per cent were adult women and four per cent were minors. Nearly 1,000 people with vulnerabilities were observed, the majority of whom were unaccompanied minors (78%).

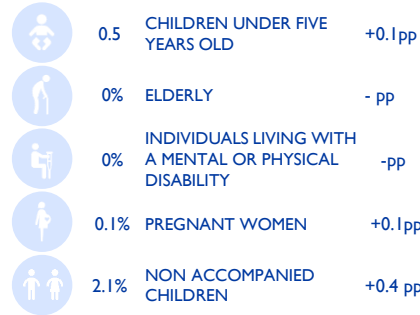


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TRAVELER PROFILES



DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

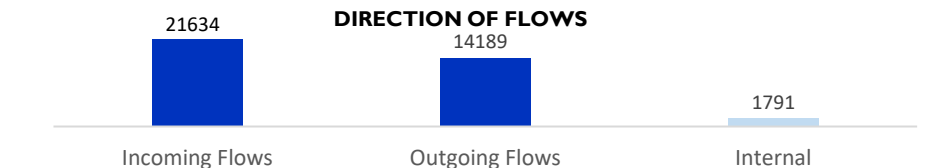


ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

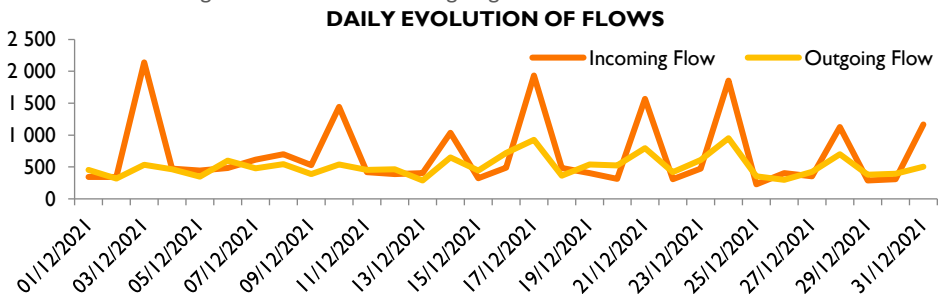
Origin of flows	
Country	% of flows
Burkina Faso	50%
Mali	42%
Mauritania	3%
Algeria	2%
Niger	2%
Other	1%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	62%
Burkina Faso	30%
Algeria	4%
Mauritania	3%
Niger	1%

REGISTERED FLOWS



DAILY MOVEMENTS

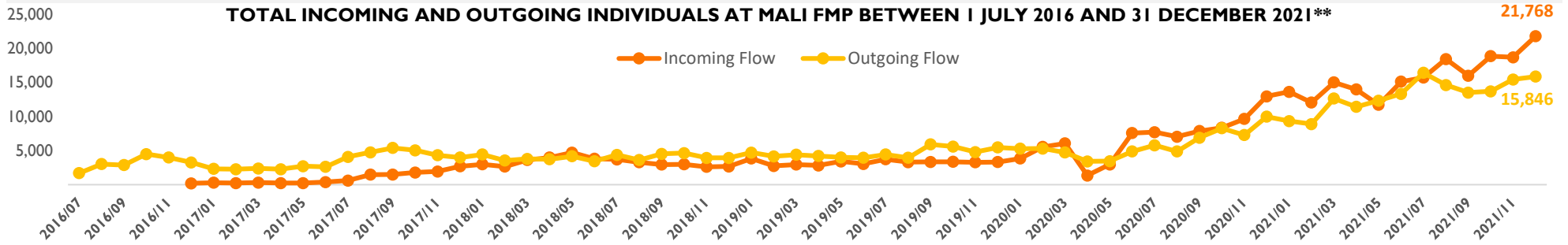


EVOLUTION OF MIGRATION FLOWS (2016 – 2021)

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. 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 FMP continue through to 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 often travel on to Mauritania.

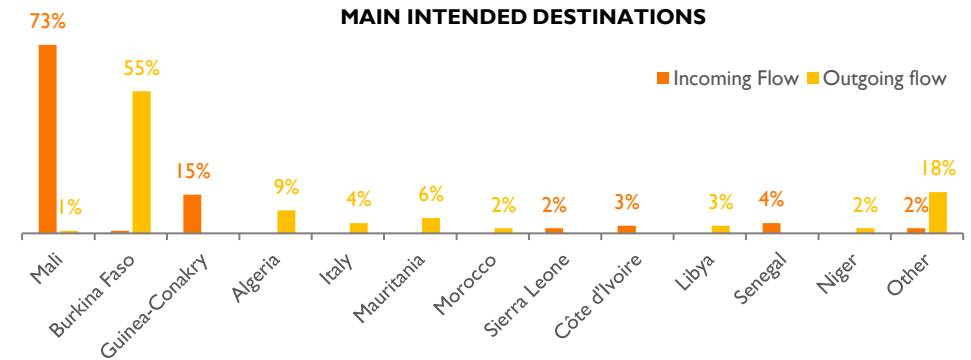
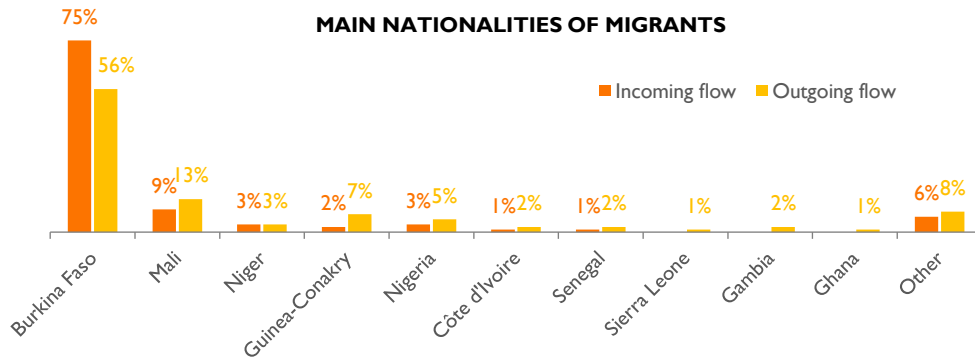
Mali is also a country which attracts and sends many seasonal migrants to and from Burkina Faso and Niger. The majority of these migrants make short back and forth movements (between one and three months), while others stay longer in mining sites. Since the beginning of 2020, the flows of seasonal migrants from Burkina Faso and Niger are continuing to increase significantly.

Since the first COVID-19 cases appeared in West Africa and in Mali particularly, the measures adopted have had a considerable impact on the migratory flows observed in Mali and on mobility in general. In April 2020, flows fell drastically. From May 2020, a normal resumption of flows was observed, coinciding with the easing of measures related to the pandemic. However, in 2021, a gradual increase of flows in general has been noted compared to previous years, with a level exceeding the various peaks observed on the flows since 2016. It should be noted, that from February 2020, a particular emphasis on seasonal migrants (agricultural and traditional gold mining) at the different FMPs has also been included.



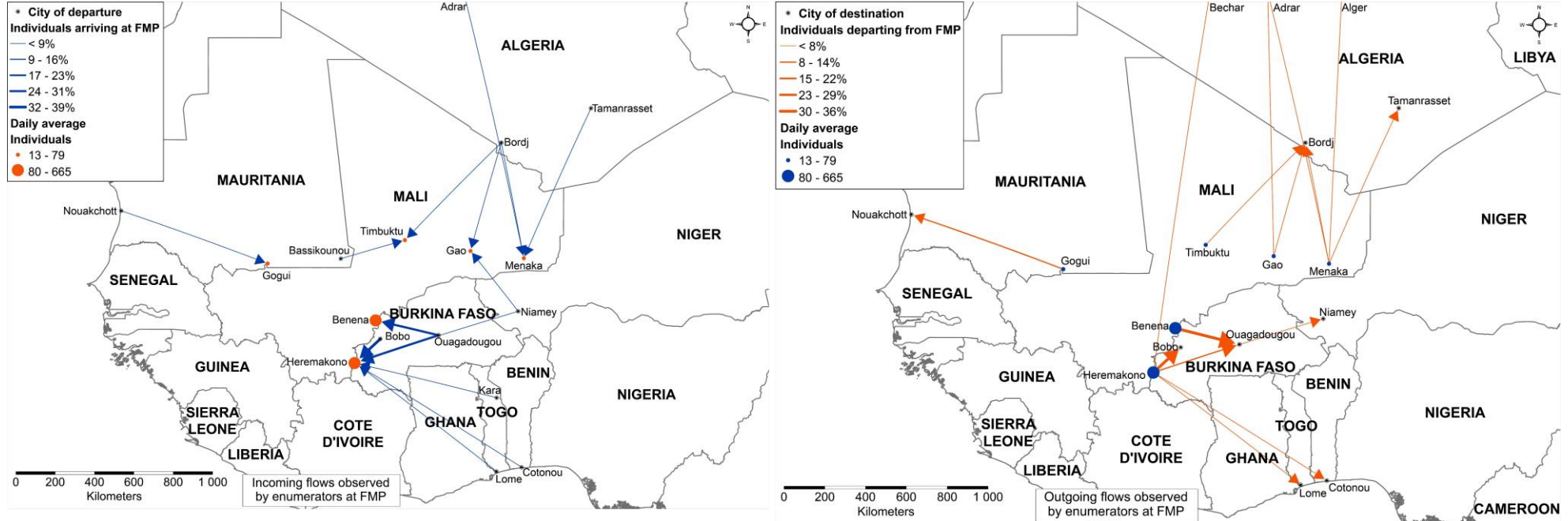
(*) To avoid double counting, migrants recorded at Wabaria, an Internal Transit Point, are not included in this total. Only those recorded at entry and exit points are considered.

(**) 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.



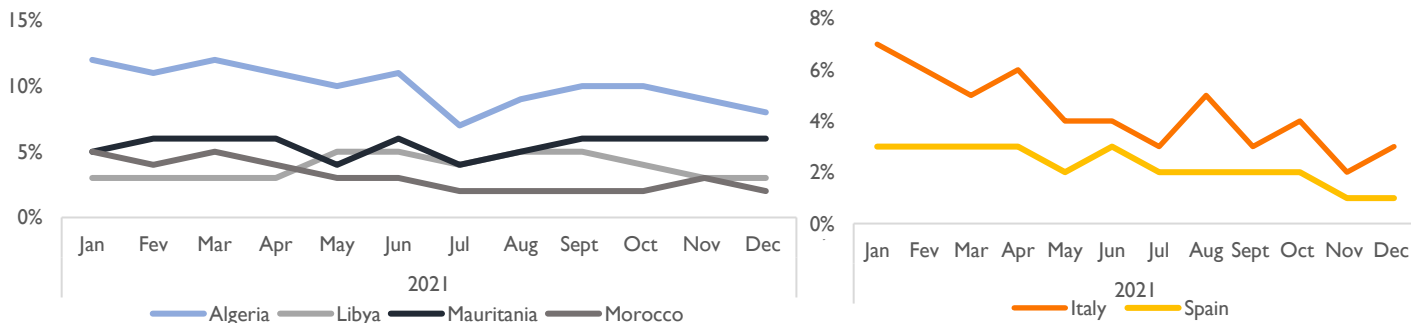
DESTINATION OF FLOWS 2021

The data collected at the FMP in **Gao, Timbuktu** and **Menaka** allowed for the identification of migrants traveling to Algeria. These regions are localities where migrants headed for Algeria usually begin their journey, likewise the migrants who return from Algeria pass there as well.



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EVOLUTION OF THE INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS: JANUARY – DECEMBER 2021



The number of migrants who wish to go to Europe via Mauritania has remained constant. For those who wish to go through Morocco have experienced a slight decrease. The number of migrants wanting to pass through Libya remain constant. Those passing through Algeria decreased.

The number of migrants wishing to go to Spain remain constant and those wishing to go to Italy have increased.

However, it should be noted that these figures indicate migrants' intentions 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 N'Tahaka gold mining site, Adrar (Algeria) and Bordj-Bou-Arreidj (Algeria).

Mobility trends: During the reporting period, the daily average (140) observed at the Wabaria FMP increased by 59 per cent. Overall, total of flows increased by 65 per cent. Similarly, incoming flows and outgoing flows increased respectively by 82 per cent and 42 per cent in December. This increase could be attributed to the attractive activities of traditional gold mining in the North.

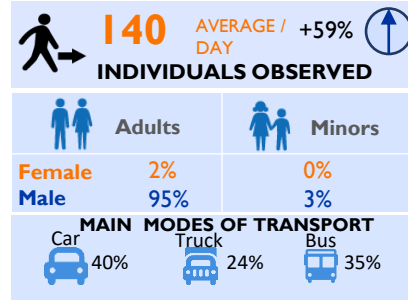
Types of flows: Among observed individuals, 48 per cent made a cross-border movement. Conversely, 52 per cent of were traveling internally.

Provenance and destination: In December, the main cities of origin of travelers observed at the FMP in Wabaria were: Tillaberi (43%, Niger), Gao (27%, Mali) and Bamako (27%, Mali). Their main destinations were Gao (66%, Mali), N'tahaka (26%, Mali) and Adrar (5%, Algeria).

Traveler profiles: Travelers observed were mostly adult men (95%), two per cent were adult women and three per cent minors. Of those registered in December in Wabaria, 73 people with vulnerabilities were observed. Almost all (97%) were unaccompanied minors.

During the data collection period, the travellers observed at the Wabaria FMP were mainly nationals of Niger (56%), Guinea-Conakry (8%), Côte d'Ivoire (5%), Burkina Faso (5%), and Sudan (4%).

TRAVELER PROFILES

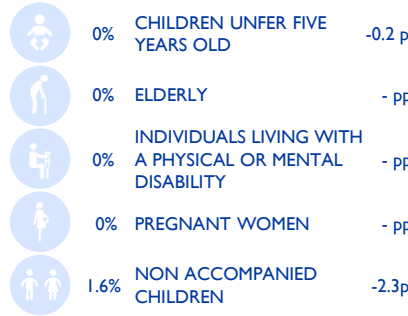


DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

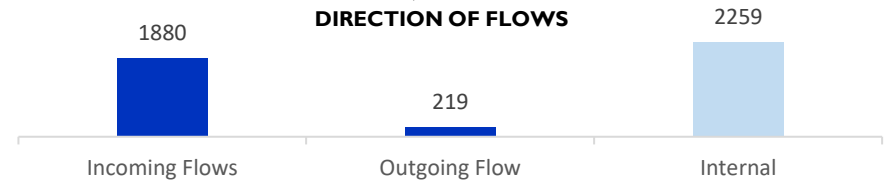
ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Origin of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	57%
Niger	43%

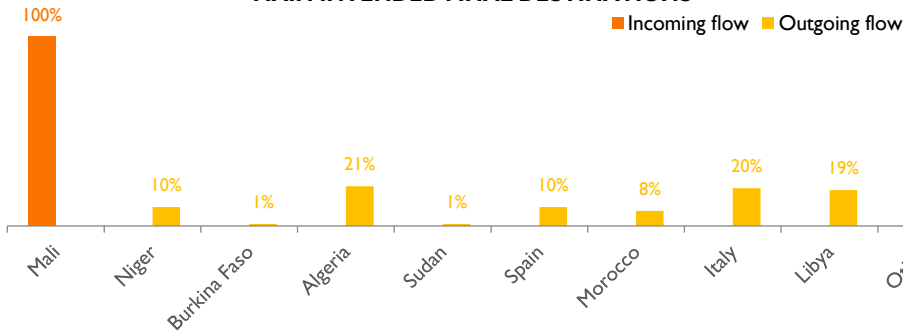
Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	95%
Algeria	5%



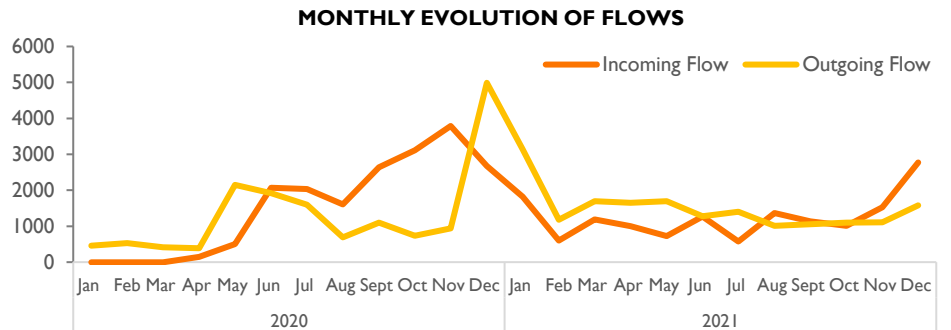
REGISTERED FLOWS



MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



DAILY MOVEMENTS



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 travelers going mainly to and from Gao, Niamey (Niger), Tillaberi (Niger), Bordj-Bou-Argeridj (Algeria) and Adrar (Algeria).

Mobility trends: In December, the daily average (52) of individuals transiting at the Place Kidal FMP, increased by eight per cent compared to the previous month. Overall, the total of flows increased by 13 per cent. This increase observed during the month of December particularly affected outgoing flows, which increased by 32 per cent. On the other hand, a 10 per cent drop in inflows was noted. Compared to the same period in 2020, outgoing flows have doubled in December 2021.

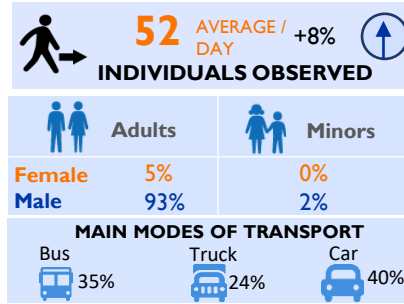
Type of flow: Among the individuals observed, 36 per cent of flows entered in Mali, while 64 per cent left in Mali.

Provenance and destination: Gao (64%, Mali), Niamey (29%, Niger) and Bordj-Bou-Argeridj (7%, Algeria), were the main cities of origin of travelers observed at the Place Kidal FMP during December. The main destinations were the cities of Bordj-Bou-Argeridj (38%, Algeria), Gao (36%, Mali), and Adrar (26%, Algeria). Private vehicles or modified 4x4 cars (40%), buses (35%) and trucks (24%), were the main means of transport used by passengers during this period.

Traveler profiles: Adult men (93%) accounted for the majority of migrants observed, while five per cent were adult women and two per cent were minors. Of those with vulnerabilities, almost all were unaccompanied minors (91%).

The travelers observed at Place Kidal were mainly from Mali (33%), Guinea-Conakry (19%), Côte d'Ivoire (12%) and Senegal (9%).

TRAVELER PROFILES



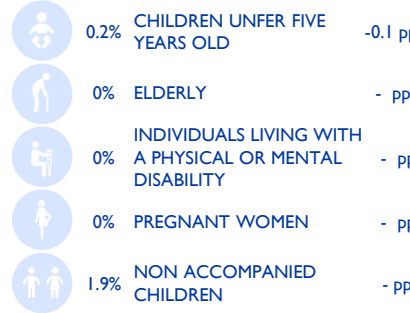
ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Origin of flows	
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Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
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Mali	36%

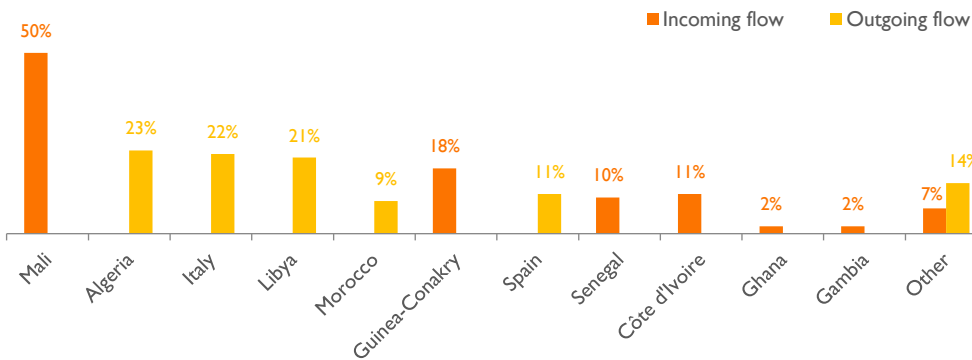
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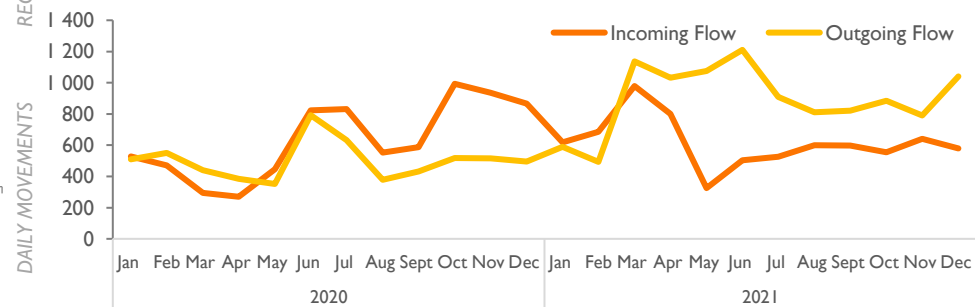
MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



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 are travelling to and from Mopti, and Bordj-Bou-Arredidj (Algeria). Some pass through Timbuktu and continue to countries of North Africa and Europe.

Mobility trends: In December, 79 people on average were observed per day at the FMP in Timbuktu. This reflects a decrease of five per cent from the previous month.

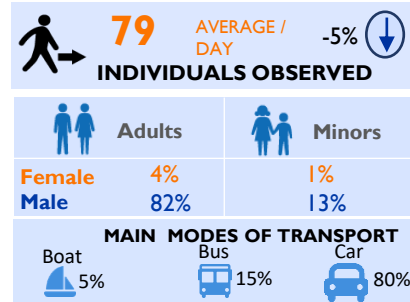
Types of flows: Among the individuals observed, 27 per cent carried out a cross-border movement. Conversely, 73 per cent of travelers made an internal trip, mainly transits. Among its travelers, 41 per cent intended to go to Algeria.

Provenance and destination: The main cities of departure for travelers in Timbuktu were Mopti (59%, Mali) and Bordj-Bou-Arredidj (18%, Algeria). The vast majority of observed travelers were destined for Timbuktu (90%, Mali), as a strategic transit for migrants traveling toward the North as well as for cases of forced and voluntary return in need of assistance.

Traveler profiles: The vast majority (82%) of observed travelers were adult males, while four per cent were adult females and 14 per cent were minors.

During the reporting period, many of the migrants identified at the Timbuktu FMP were nationals of Guinea-Conakry (38%), Mali (23%), Gambia (9%), Sierra Leone (6%), and Liberia (5%).

TRAVELER PROFILES



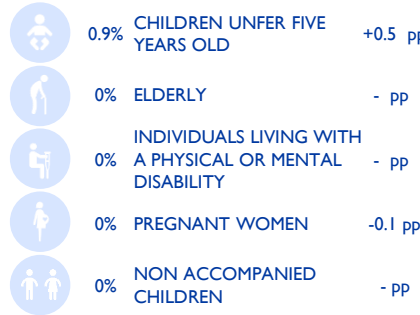
DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Origin of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	82%
Algeria	18%

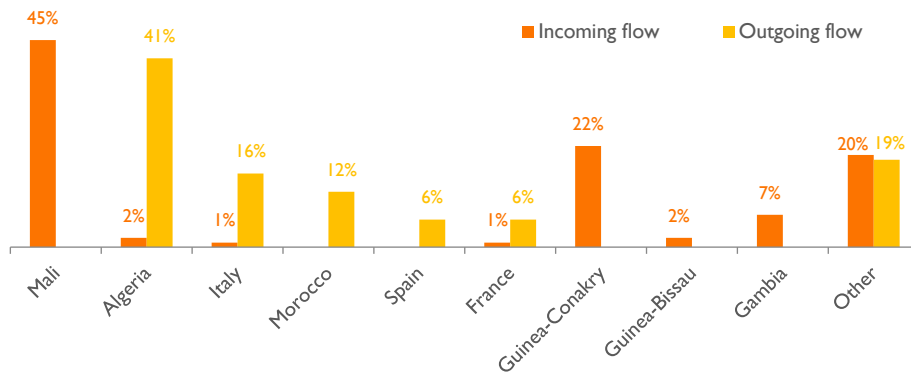
Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	91%
Algeria	9%

VULNERABILITIES

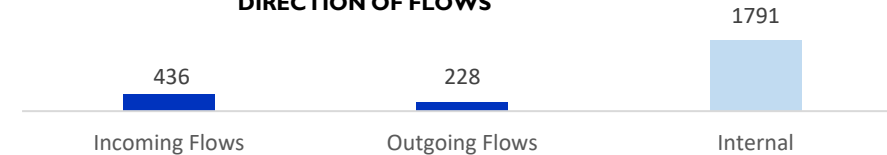


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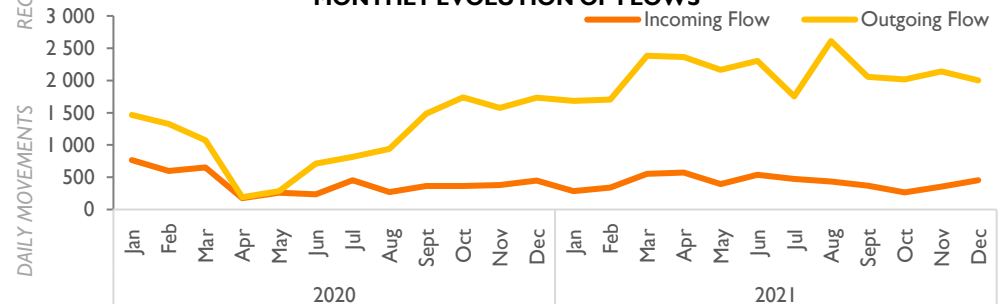
MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



DIRECTION OF FLOWS



MONTHLY EVOLUTION OF FLOWS



MENAKA

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

Mobility trends: Thirteen people on average were observed per day at the Menaka FMP in December. This corresponds to an increase of eight per cent from the previous month.

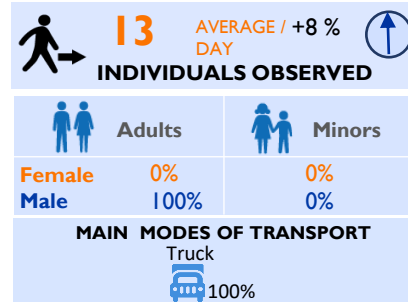
Types of flows: The majority of individuals observed made a cross-border movement, including 43 per cent incoming flow into Mali and 57 per cent outgoing flow from Mali.

Provenance and destination: The main cities of origin of travelers observed in December, were Menaka (57%, Mali), Hallilil (19%, Algeria) and Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (15%, Algeria). Their main destination was Menaka (43%, Mali), Hallilil (22%, Algeria) and Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (21%, Algeria).

Traveler profiles: Almost all of the travelers observed during this period at the FMP in Menaka were adult men.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Menaka were nationals of Mali (37%), Niger (19%), Nigeria (11%) and Ghana (9%).

TRAVELER PROFILES

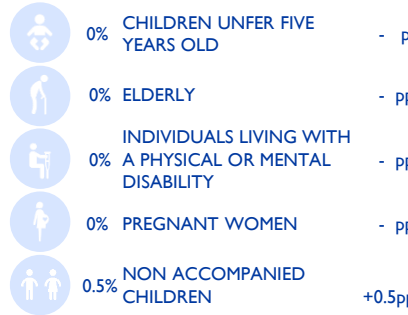


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ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

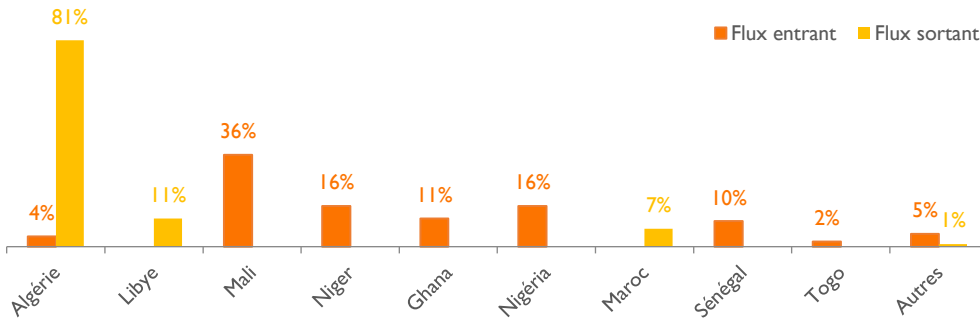
Origin of flows	
Country	% of flows
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Algeria	43%

VULNERABILITIES



Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Algeria	57%
Mali	43%

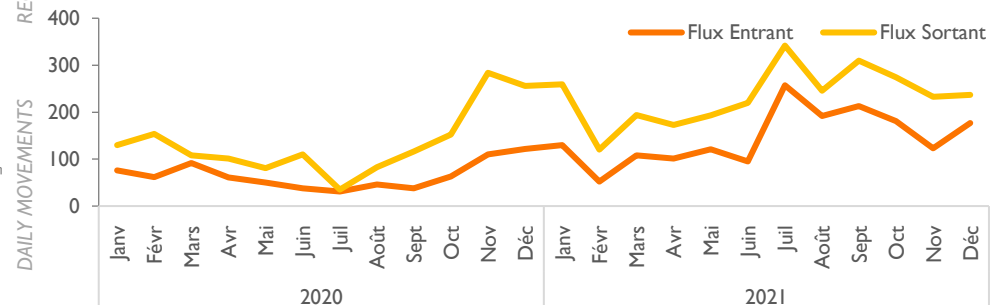
MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



DIRECTION OF FLOWS



MONTHLY EVOLUTION OF FLOWS



GOGUI

PRESENTATION OF FMP: In June 2017, the Flow Monitoring Point Gogui, located on the border post between Mali and Mauritania was set up. The migrants identified in this FMP were traveling mainly to Mauritania and Morocco. Enumerators at this FMP also record migrants who are returning to Mali from Mauritania or transiting through Mauritania and Mali to reach their home countries. Travelers crossing Gogui primarily travel between Bamako (Mali) and Nouakchott (Mauritania).

Mobility trends: In December, 74 individuals on average were observed per day at the Gogui FMP. This corresponds to a slight decrease (4%) compared to the previous month. In general, the total of trends between November and December remain constant. However, some variations are noted according to the type of flows, including a slight decrease in outflows (4%) and a slight increase in inflows (3%).

Types of flows: During this period, almost all of the individuals observed at Gogui were cross-border movements (54% entered in the country, while 46% left the country).

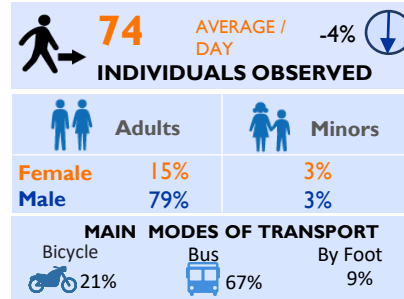
Provenance and destination: In December, the main cities of origin of travelers observed at the Gogui point were Nouakchott (54%, Mauritania) and Bamako (46%, Mali). They moved mainly toward Bamako (54%, Mali) and Nouakchott (46%, Mauritania).

Traveler profiles: Among travelers observed, 79 per cent were adult men, while 15 per cent were adult women and six per cent were minors. People with vulnerabilities (85 individuals) were observed, the majority of whom (94%) were children under five years of age.

During the month of December, 150 (forced) return migrants from Mauritania were observed in Gogui. They are mostly Malians.

The vast majority of travelers observed in Gogui were Malians (90%). Ivorians (4%) were also identified during the month.

TRAVELER PROFILES



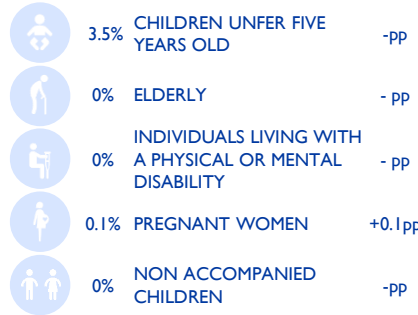
DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Origin of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mauritania	54%
Mali	46%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	54%
Mauritania	46%

VULNERABILITIES

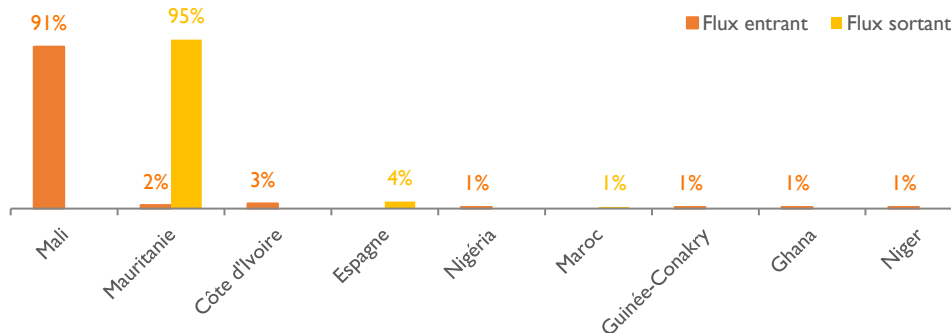


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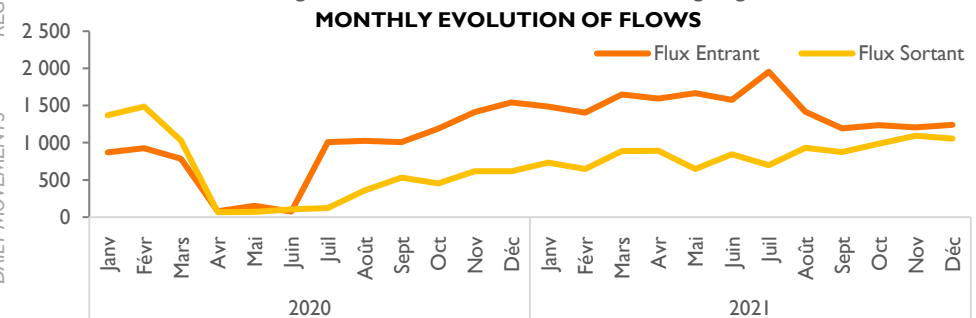
DIRECTION OF FLOWS



MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



DAILY MOVEMENTS REGISTERED FLOWS



BENENA

PRESENTATION OF FMP: In August 2016, a Flow Monitoring Point located in Benena, border between Mali and Burkina Faso, in the Segou region, has been set up. Travelers observed at this FMP travel mainly between Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) and Bamako (Mali), transiting through Benena on the way.

Mobility trends: In December, 329 individuals were observed daily at the FMP in Benena. This corresponds to a slight decrease of five per cent compared to the previous month.

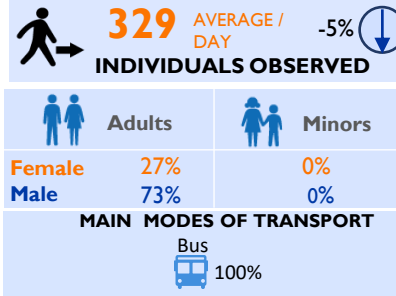
Types of flows: All observed individuals at the Benena monitoring point during this month were cross-border (53% entered to the country, while 47% left the country).

Provenance and destination: The main origin of flows registered in Benena during the reporting period were Ouagadougou (53%, Burkina Faso) and Bamako (47%, Mali). They were destined for Bamako (53%, Mali) and Ouagadougou (47%, Burkina Faso).

Traveler profiles: Among the travelers observed, 73 per cent were adult men, while 27 per cent were adult women.

During the reporting period, most migrants that were observed at Benena were nationals of Burkina Faso (53%), Nigeria (13%) and Togo (10%). The flows of seasonal migrants from Burkina Faso is very important in Benena. They generally come to Mali for agricultural activities or traditional gold mining, and very often return to Burkina Faso.

TRAVELER PROFILES



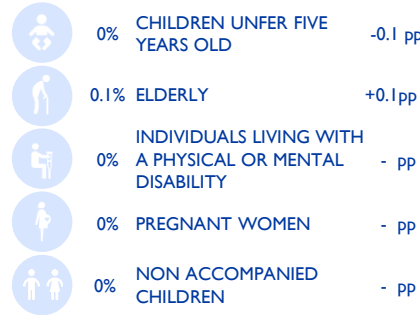
ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Origin of flows	
Country	% of flows
Burkina Faso	53%
Mali	47%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	53%
Burkina Faso	47%

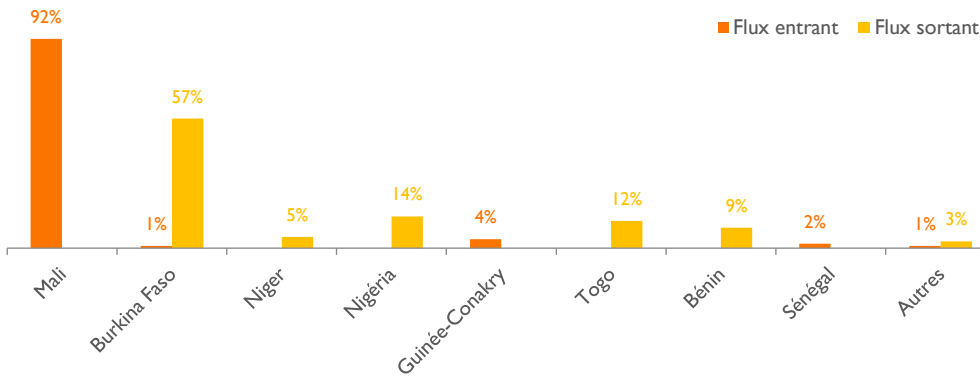
DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

VULNERABILITIES



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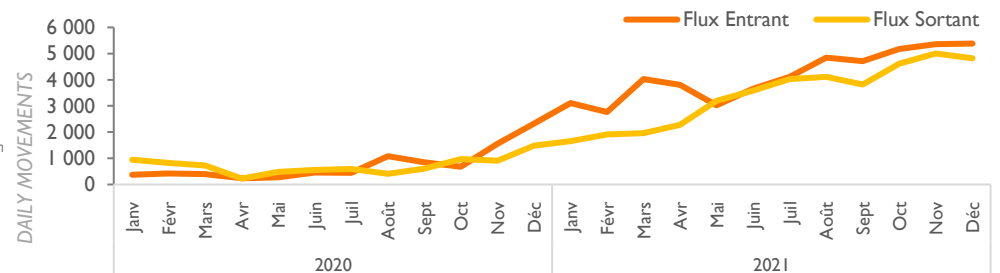
MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



DIRECTION OF FLOWS



MONTHLY EVOLUTION OF FLOWS



HEREMAKONO

PRESENTATION OF FMP: In August 2017, a Flow Monitoring Point Heremakono, located on the border between Mali and Burkina Faso in the Sikasso region, has been set up. IOM enumerators register travelers mainly to and from Bobo-Dioulasso (Burkina Faso), Sikasso (Mali), Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) and Bamako (Mali).

Mobility trends: On average, 665 people were observed per day in Heremakono during December. This corresponds to an increase of 16 per cent compared to last month. Incoming flows and outgoing flows increased respectively by 27 per cent and 9 per cent. In Heremakono, the number of Burkinabes and Nigeriens increased respectively by 21 and 51 per cent in December. This increase is due to the large number of seasonal migrants, mostly Burkinabe, observed on this monitoring point, destined to the gold mining regions in the South.

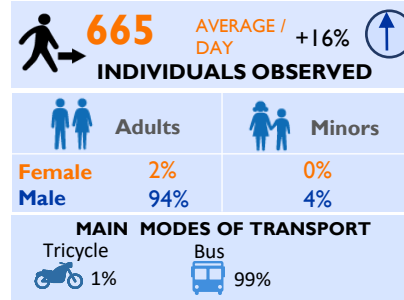
Types of flows: The individuals observed in Heremakono were carrying out a cross-border movement, including 67 per cent of incoming flows into Mali and 33 per cent outgoing flows from Mali.

Provenance and destination: In December, Bobo-Dioulasso (41%, Burkina Faso), Bamako (25%, Mali) and Ouagadougou (25%, Burkina Faso), were the main cities of origin by travelers. Their main destination was Bamako (42%, Mali), Bobo-Dioulasso (25%, Burkina Faso) and Sikasso (25%, Mali).

Traveler profiles: The majority of travelers were adult men (94%), compared with two per cent adult women and four per cent minors. Among travelers, 848 people with vulnerabilities were identified, the majority of whom were unaccompanied minors (89%).

During this reporting period, Burkinabe (94%) were the main travelers observed in Heremakono FMP.

TRAVELER PROFILES



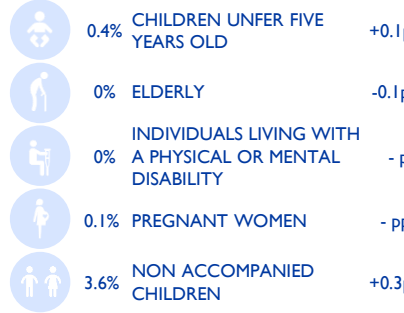
DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

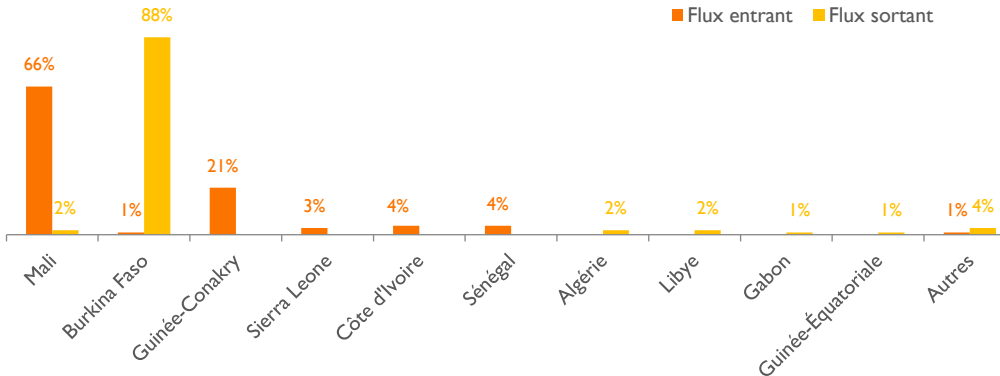
Origin of flows	
Country	% of flows
Burkina Faso	66%
Mali	33%
Other	1%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	67%
Burkina Faso	31%
Niger	1%
Other	1%

VULNERABILITIES



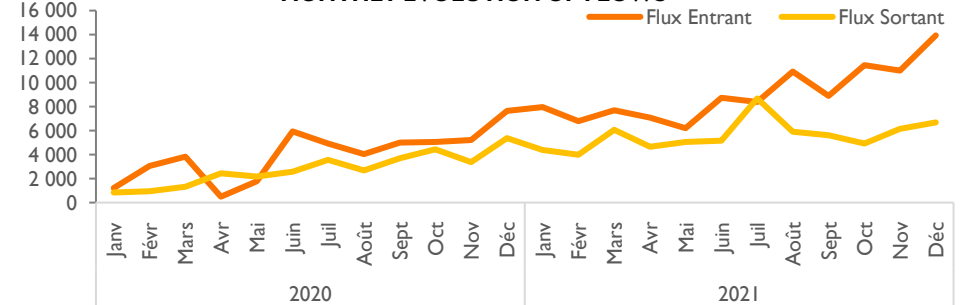
MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



DIRECTION OF FLOWS



MONTHLY EVOLUTION OF FLOWS



REGISTERED FLOWS

DAILY MOVEMENTS

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 travelers 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 travelers themselves. The FMR gathers data on the number of travelers crossing FMPs, as well as the provenance, next destination, vulnerabilities and means of transport of travelers.

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.

LIMITATIONS : 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 a departure in Mali and 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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