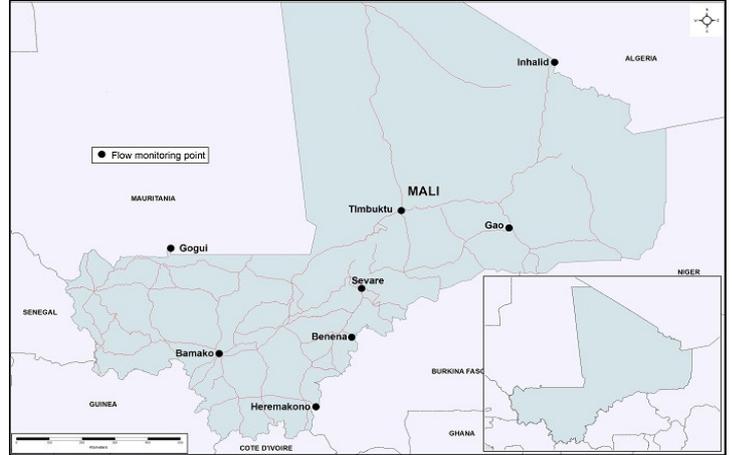


Data collected at each point (location) is triangulated with key informants and cross-referenced by DTM's experts. However, considering that migrants adjust their routes according to opportunities and obstacles they encounter along their journey, their intended transit and destination locations are often subject to change. This renders the systematic assessment of their mobility throughout West and North Africa more complex. Therefore, data collected in destination locations may not always accurately reflect flows detected in transit locations. All data included in this report is based on estimations. IOM expressly disclaims all warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, including, but not limited to, the appropriateness, quality, reliability, timeliness, accuracy or completeness of the data included in this report.



Photo credit : Migrants travelling in a truck in Gao © IOM Mali 2017



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MAIN FINDINGS DURING AUGUST 2017

1,477 Incoming individuals recorded at Mali FMPs *

4,735 Outgoing individuals recorded at Mali FMPs *

9 active FMPs in Mali

Assessment type : 7/7 days



* Migrants recorded at Bamako, Sevare, Wabaria, and Inhalid, which are transit points, are not included in this total as those migrants will only be transiting through those FMP and will be counted when identified on entry or exit FMP.

Since June 2016, IOM has been tracking the movement of migrants in Mali. Migrants, mostly from sub-Saharan countries and West Africa in particular, travel long distances often facing harsh conditions and spending significant amounts of money to reach their final destination.

The vast majority of recorded migrants at flow monitoring points (FMPs) were young men (direct observation). Among the migrants, several persons under the age of 18 were identified. Some travel accompanied by adult legal guardians while others travel alone (unaccompanied and separated children).

86% of identified migrants at the flow monitoring points were citizens of the following five countries: Guinea, Mali, Gambia, Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire.

The majority of the migrants surveyed indicated their intention to travel to Algeria and Libya while 37% said they want to go to Europe, mainly to Spain and Italy.

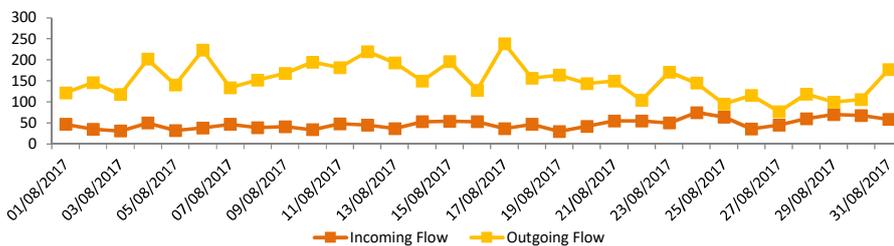
Due to the increasing number of police checks in Burkina Faso and Niger, the number of migrants observed in Benena has decreased significantly since the beginning of the year.

At the beginning of August, three new flow monitoring points were established in Bamako, Heremakono and Inhalid.

INDIVIDUALS RECORDED AT MALI FLOW MONITORING POINTS

Recorded flows at all active Mali FMPs in August 2017

Total number of recorded incoming and outgoing individuals at Mali FMPs between 1 and 31 August 2017

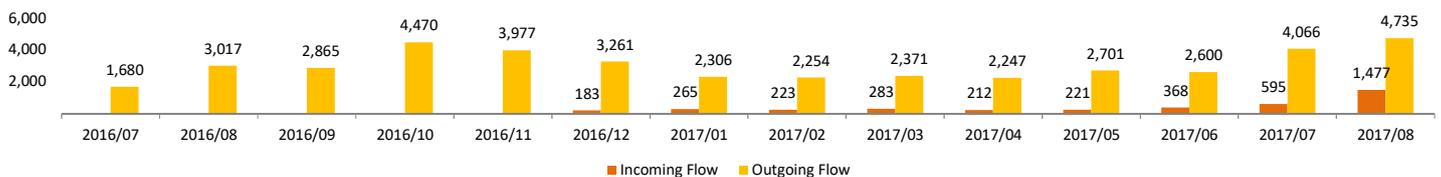


Most migrants are believed to travel through the capital city, Bamako, to the strategically located town of Gao and Timbuktu, and borders including Benena, Gogui, and Heremakono, before heading towards Algeria, Niger, Libya, Mauritania or Morocco. Part of them will finally travel on to Europe.

Gao is an important transit point and is commonly preferred by irregular migrants because of its access to routes leading to the Mediterranean.

Recorded flows at Mali flow monitoring points since the beginning of the project

Total number of incoming and outgoing individuals at Mali FMPs between 1 July 2016 and 31 August 2017(*)



(*) The data collection on incoming flows at FMPs started in December 2016. Due to the new FMP set-up since the start of June 2017, any significant deviation observed in the figures provided from that date might not be seen as a significant increase in migratory flows but as an increase in data collected.

Modes of Transport

Main mode of transport for arriving migrants in Mali: BUS

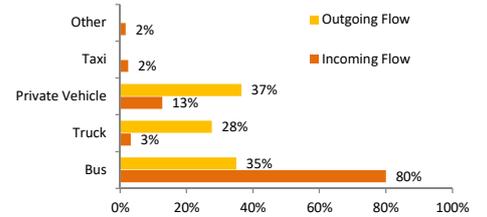


The vast majority of identified migrants arrived in Mali in transit buses.

Main mode of transport for departing migrants from Mali: TRUCK, BUS

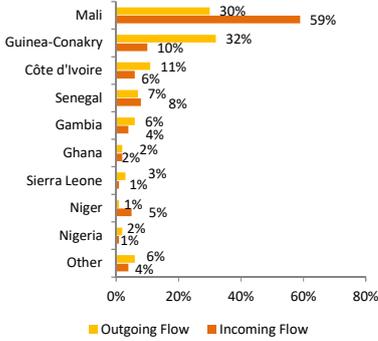


Migrants departing from Gao are mainly using trucks while migrants identified at other flow monitoring points are mostly using buses.



DEMOGRAPHY, MIGRATION ROUTES AND NATIONALITIES FOR MIGRANTS CROSSING MALI

Main nationalities of migrants



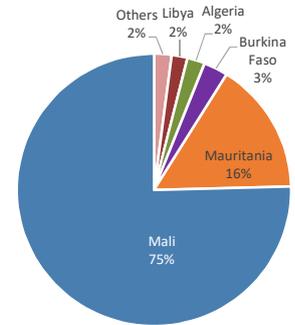
For both incoming and outgoing flows, the vast majority of identified migrants (86%) are citizens of the following five countries: Guinea, Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal and Gambia.

The proportion of Guinean, Malians and Ivorians nationals in outgoing flows has increased and now constitutes a majority of the flow, compared to previous years in which Senegalese and Gambians were the dominant nationalities.

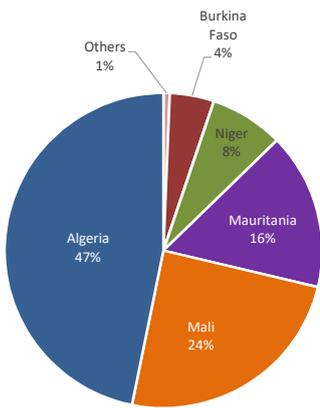
Main last transit locations

For outgoing flows, most of the migrants interviewed at FMPs reported having transited through the capital, Bamako, by bus.

For incoming flows, migrants recorded had previously transited Mauritania and Burkina Faso.



Main next transit locations



Algeria, Mauritania, Niger and Burkina Faso are the main transit countries for migrants after Mali.

The majority of outgoing migrants identified at Gao and Timbuktu FMPs continue their journey through Algeria (mainly in Tamanrasset and Bordj). Migrants transiting the Benena, Heremakono, and Gogui FMPs typically travel through Burkina Faso and Mauritania, respectively.

Mali also constitutes a transit country for incoming migrants, notably those who had failed to cross the Sahara desert or who decide to return to countries such as Guinea, Senegal or other sub-Saharan destinations.

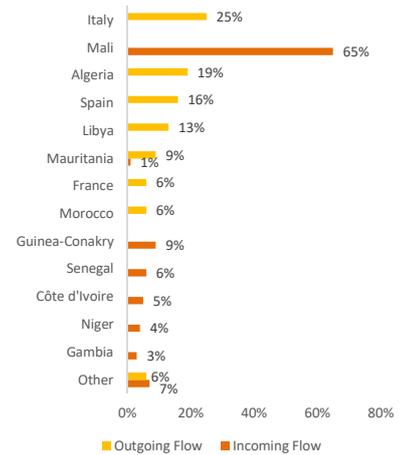
Main intended destinations

In outgoing flows, most migrants mentioned Italy as their final destination, followed by Algeria, Libya, Spain, Mauritania, France, and Morocco.

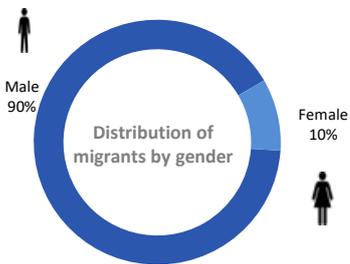
The European continent alone represents 37% of declared intended final destinations.

For incoming flows, countries such as Mali, Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Niger, and Gambia are mentioned as intended final destinations.

However, these figures should be viewed with caution because they indicate migrants' intentions rather than confirmed arrivals.



Gender



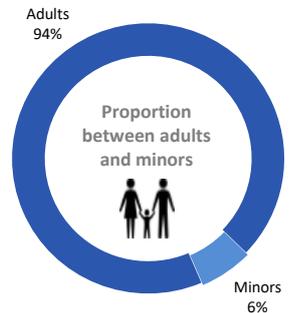
Direct observations show that women represent a small proportion of identified migrants at flow monitoring points.

The proportion of women has increased by 2% compared to last month.

Age

Among the migrants, several minors (under 18 years old) were identified. Some travel accompanied by legal guardians while others travel alone.

The proportion of minors has decreased by 2% since last month.



FLOW MONITORING POINT 1: WABARIA

7 Incoming individuals recorded at FMP *

2,477 Outgoing individuals recorded at FMP *

FMP TYPE: TRANSIT POINT

ASSESSMENT TYPE : 7/7 DAYS



Main mode of transport for arriving migrants in Wabaria: BUS



Main modes of transport for departing migrants from Wabaria: BUS



* As a transit point, migrants recorded at Wabaria FMP are not counted in the total of incoming and outgoing individuals for Mali.

Wabaria is predominantly a transit point for migrants travelling to Gao, coming from the south and the center of Mali or who have transited through the south and center of Mali.

At this flow monitoring point, data collectors identify migrants who wish to travel to North African and European countries. Most of them transit through Bamako to reach Gao where they spend a couple of days before continuing their journey.

7 incoming migrants, returning from Algeria, were recorded in Wabaria during the period.

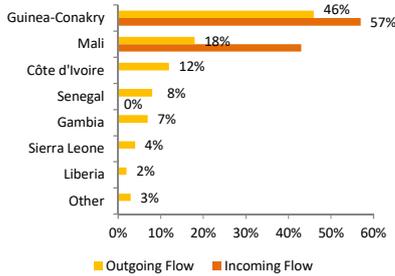
Gender ratio of migrants: 95% male and 5% female.

Among identified migrants at this FMP, 92% were adults while 8% were minors.

Total number of recorded incoming and outgoing individuals in Wabaria, Gao region between 1 August 2017 and 31 August 2017



Main nationalities of migrants

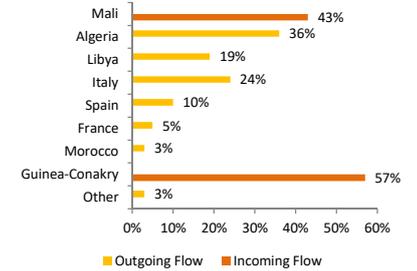


During the reporting period, the vast majority of identified migrants transiting Wabaria FMP were citizens of Guinea-Conakry, Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Gambia, and Sierra Leone.

Main intended destinations

Most outgoing migrants mentioned Algeria as their final destination, followed by Italy, Libya, Spain, France and Morocco.

All incoming migrants mentioned their countries of origin as their intended final destination.



FLOW MONITORING POINT 2: PLACE KIDAL

0 Incoming individuals recorded at FMP

2,378 Outgoing individuals recorded at FMP

FMP TYPE: BUS STATION

ASSESSMENT TYPE : 7/7 DAYS



Main mode of transport for arriving migrants in Place Kidal: N/A

Main modes of transport for departing migrants from Place Kidal: TRUCK



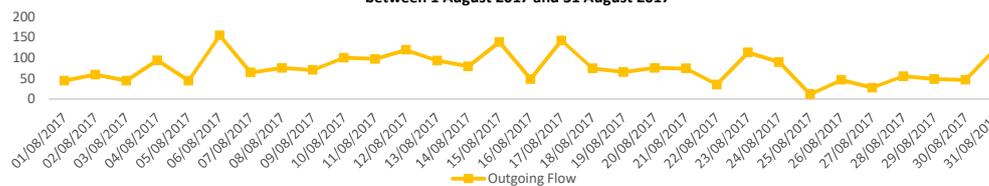
Place Kidal is mainly a migrant exit point for outgoing flows from Gao.

At this flow monitoring point, the data collectors identify migrants who have spent a number of days in Gao in transit before traveling to predominantly North African and European countries.

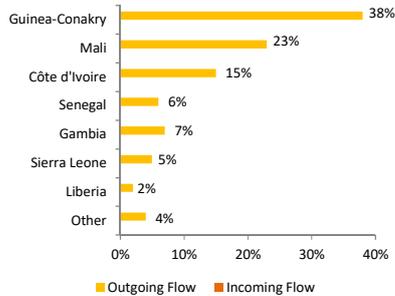
Gender ratio of migrants: 94% male and 6% female.

Among identified migrants at this FMP, 92% were adults while 8% were minors.

Total number of incoming and outgoing individuals in Place Kidal, Gao region between 1 August 2017 and 31 August 2017



Main nationalities of migrants

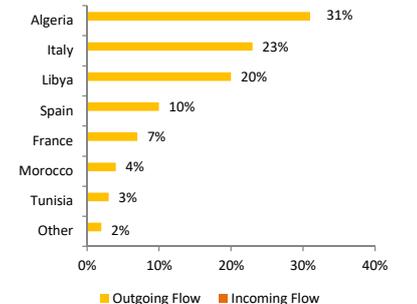


During the reporting period, the vast majority of migrants identified at Place Kidal FMP were nationals of Guinea-Conakry, Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal and Gambia.

Main intended destinations

Most outgoing migrants mentioned Algeria as their final destination, followed by Italy, Libya, Spain, France, and Morocco.

No incoming migrants were identified during the reporting period.



FLOW MONITORING POINT 3: BENENA

170 Incoming individuals recorded at FMP

148 Outgoing individuals recorded at FMP

FMP TYPE: BORDER POINT

ASSESSMENT TYPE : 7/7 DAYS



Main mode of transport for arriving migrants in Benena: BUS



Main modes of transport for departing migrants from Benena: BUS



Benena flow monitoring point is located at a border post between Mali and Burkina Faso, in Segou region.

At this flow monitoring point, the data collectors identify outgoing flows of migrants who intend to travel to West African, North African and European countries after having transited Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger.

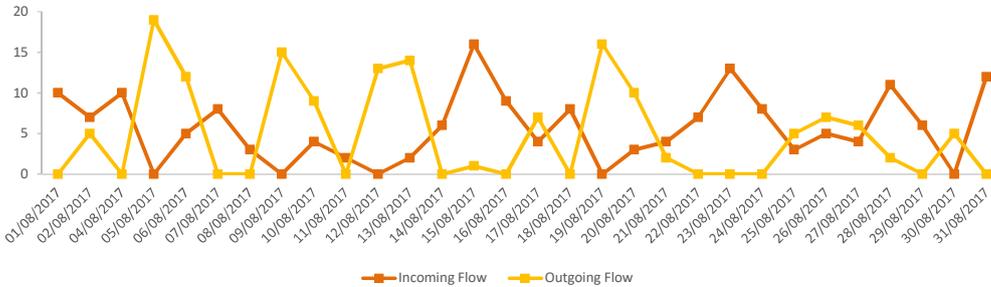
Incoming migrants are also identified after having transited Burkina Faso.

Due to the increasing number of police checks in Burkina Faso and Niger, the number of migrants observed in Benena has decreased significantly since the beginning of the year.

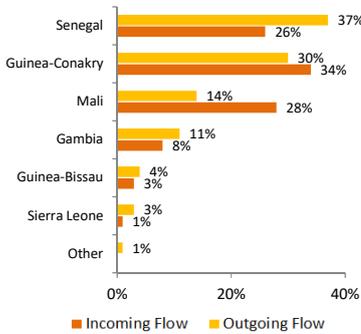
Gender ratio of migrants: 99% male and 1% female.

Among identified migrants at this FMP, 88% were adults while 12% were minors.

Total number of incoming and outgoing individuals in Benena, Segou region between 1 August 2017 and 31 August 2017



Main nationalities of migrants



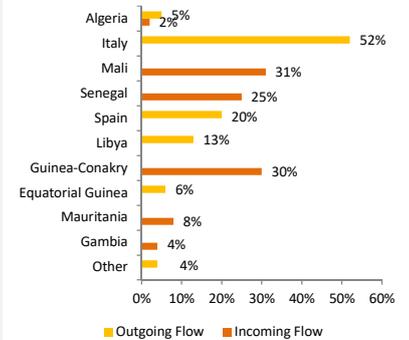
During the reporting period, the vast majority of migrants identified at Benena FMP were nationals of Senegal, Guinea-Conakry, Mali, and Gambia.

Other nationalities observed at Benena FMP include Guinea Bissau and Sierra Leone.

Main intended destinations

Italy, Spain and Libya, are the most mentioned intended destinations by outgoing migrants.

This FMP also records a large flow of incoming migrants including migrants who have failed to cross the desert and who return, for example, to Senegal, Guinea, and Mali. However, some migrants stated their intention to travel to Mauritania for job opportunities.



FLOW MONITORING POINT 4: GOGUI

974 Incoming individuals recorded at FMP

923 Outgoing individuals recorded at FMP

FMP TYPE: BORDER POINT

ASSESSMENT TYPE : 7/7 DAYS



Main mode of transport for arriving migrants in Gogui: BUS



Main modes of transport for departing migrants from Gogui: BUS



Gogui flow monitoring point is located at the border post between Mali and Mauritania.

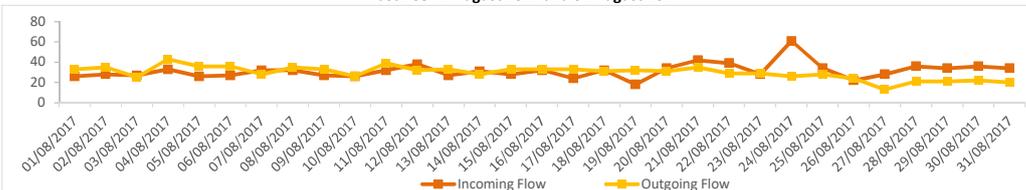
At this flow monitoring point, the data collectors identify outgoing flows of migrants who travel to Mauritania and Morocco. Some of them say they want to gather enough savings to continue their journey to Europe.

Incoming migrants going to Mali or to their countries of origin are also identified after having transited Mauritania.

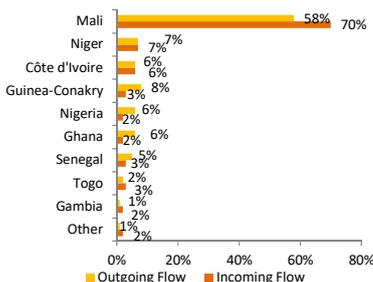
Gender ratio of migrants: 85% male and 15% female.

Among identified migrants at this FMP, 92% were adults while 8% were minors.

Total number of incoming and outgoing individuals in Gogui, Kayes region between 1 August 2017 and 31 August 2017



Main nationalities of migrants



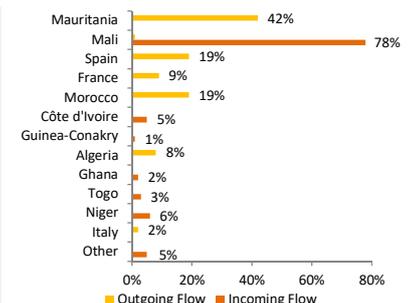
During the reporting period, the vast majority of migrants identified at Gogui FMP were Malians.

Citizens of other countries, including Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Guinea, Gambia and Niger, were also recorded.

Main intended destinations

Mauritania, Spain, and Morocco, are the most mentioned intended final destinations by outgoing migrants.

This FMP also records a large flow of incoming migrants who return temporarily or definitely to their countries of origin, including those who were expelled from Mauritania.



FLOW MONITORING POINT 5: TIMBUKTU

72 Incoming individuals recorded at FMP

605 Outgoing individuals recorded at FMP

FMP TYPE: **BUS STATION**

ASSESSMENT TYPE : **7/7 DAYS**

Main mode of transport for arriving migrants in Timbuktu: PRIVATE VEHICLE

Main modes of transport for departing migrants from Timbuktu: PRIVATE VEHICLE

Timbuktu flow monitoring point is primarily a migrant exit point for outgoing flows from Timbuktu.

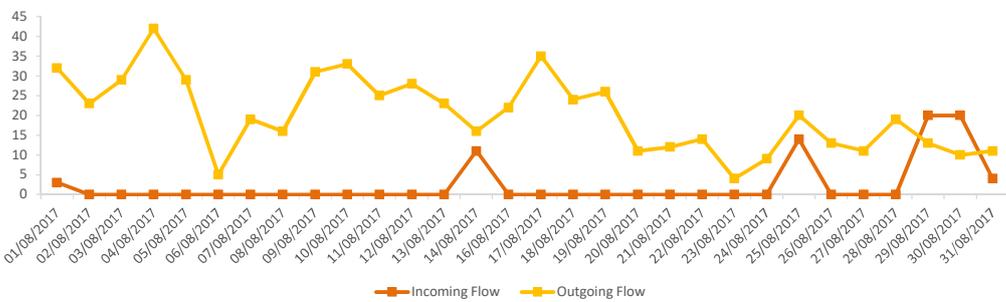
At this flow monitoring point, the data collectors identify migrants who transit Timbuktu town before traveling to predominantly North African and European countries.

Incoming migrants going to Mali or to their countries of origin are also identified after having transited Algeria.

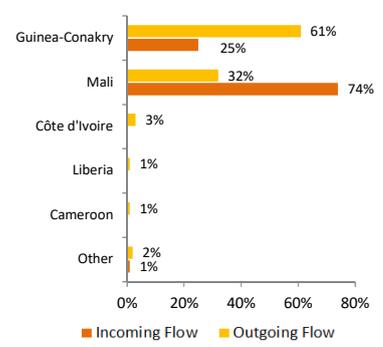
Gender ratio of migrants: 96% male and 4% female.

Among identified migrants on this FMP, 97% were adults while 3% were minors.

Total number of incoming and outgoing individuals in Timbuktu, Timbuktu region between 1 August 2017 and 31 August 2017



Main nationalities of migrants



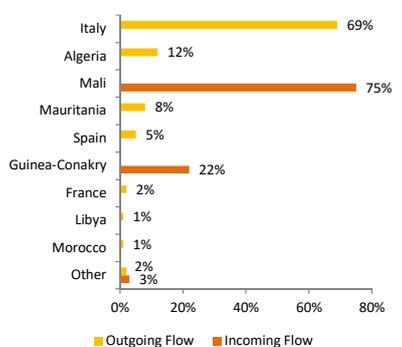
During the reporting period, the vast majority of migrants identified at Timbuktu FMP were nationals of Guinea-Conakry and Mali.

Main intended destinations

Italy, Algeria, Mauritania, and Spain, are the most mentioned intended final destinations by outgoing migrants.

This FMP also records incoming migrants who return temporarily or definitely to Mali or to their countries of origin.

The migrants mainly transit Lere to reach or to return to Mauritania.



FLOW MONITORING POINT 6: SEVARE

6 Incoming individuals recorded at FMP*

2,711 Outgoing individuals recorded at FMP*

FMP TYPE: **TRANSIT POINT**

ASSESSMENT TYPE : **7/7 DAYS**

Main mode of transport for arriving migrants in Sevare: BUS

Main modes of transport for departing migrants from Sevare: BUS

Sevare flow monitoring point is a transit point located in Sevare town.

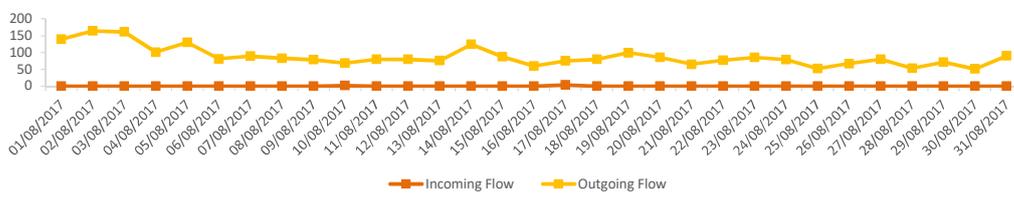
At this flow monitoring point, the data collectors identify migrants who travel mainly to Gao and Timbuktu.

Gender ratio of migrants: 99% male and 1% female.

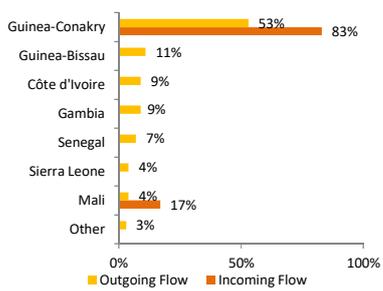
Among identified migrants on this FMP, almost 100% were adults while less than 1% were minors.

* As a transit point, migrants recorded at Sevare FMP are not counted in the total of incoming and outgoing individuals for Mali.

Total number of incoming and outgoing individuals in Sevare, Mopti region between 1 August 2017 and 31 August 2017



Main nationalities of migrants



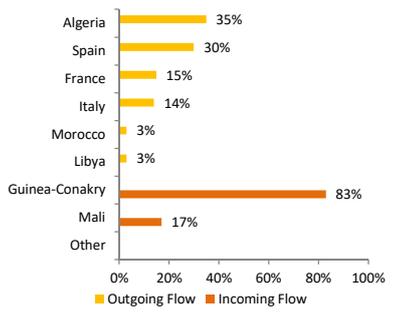
During the reporting period, the vast majority of migrants identified at Sevare FMP were Guineans.

Citizens of other countries, including Guinea-Bissau, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, and Senegal, were also recorded.

Main intended destinations

Algeria and Spain are the most mentioned intended final destinations by outgoing migrants.

Incoming migrants recorded at Sevare reported they had been expelled from Algeria.



FLOW MONITORING POINT 7: INHALID

48 Incoming individuals recorded at FMP*

1,367 Outgoing individuals recorded at FMP*

FMP TYPE: TRANSIT POINT

ASSESSMENT TYPE : 7/7 DAYS



Main mode of transport for arriving migrants in Inhalid: PRIVATE VEHICLE



Main modes of transport for departing migrants from Inhalid: PRIVATE VEHICLE



* Migrants recorded at Inhalid FMP are not counted in the total of incoming and outgoing individuals for Mali.

Inhalid flow monitoring point is a transit point located in Kidal region, on the road to Algeria.

At this flow monitoring point, the data collectors identify migrants who transit Gao and Timbuktu towns before traveling to Algeria.

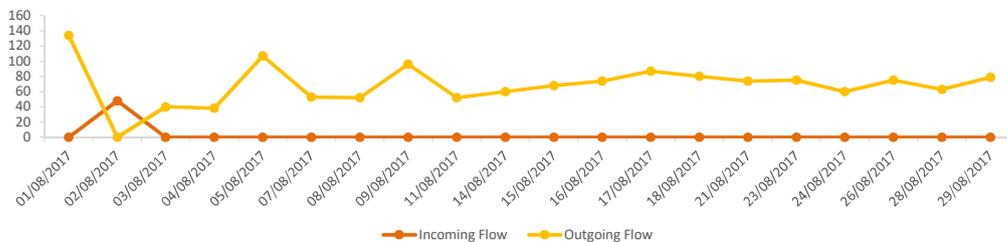
This flow monitoring point also records migrants coming from Algeria who return to Mali or to their countries of origin after failing to cross the Sahara desert.

Inhalid is one of several exit points at the border between Mali and Algeria, of which the others remain inaccessible. Using figures solely from Inhalid would, therefore, paint an incomplete picture of flows between Mali and Algeria.

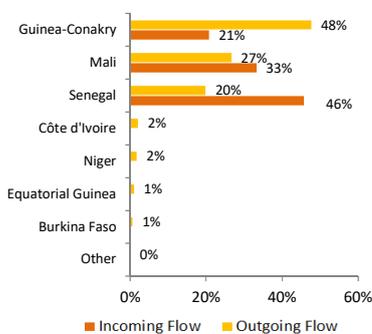
Gender ratio of migrants: 95% male and 5% female.

Among identified migrants on this FMP, 82% were adults while 18% were minors.

Total number of incoming and outgoing individuals in Inhalid, Kidal region between 1 August 2017 and 31 August 2017



Main nationalities of migrants

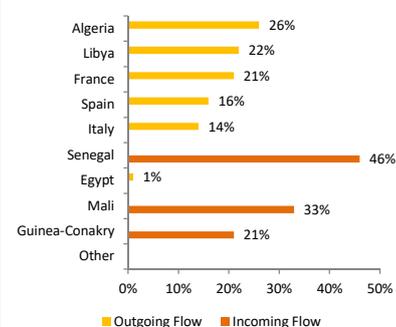


During the reporting period, the vast majority of migrants identified at Inhalid FMP were nationals of Guinea-Conakry, Mali and Senegal.

Main intended destinations

Algeria, Libya, France, Spain, and Italy, are the most mentioned intended final destinations by outgoing migrants.

This FMP also records incoming migrants who return temporarily or definitely to Mali or to their countries of origin.



FLOW MONITORING POINT 8: HEREMAKONO

261 Incoming individuals recorded at FMP

681 Outgoing individuals recorded at FMP

FMP TYPE: BORDER POINT

ASSESSMENT TYPE : 7/7 DAYS



Main mode of transport for arriving migrants in Sevare: BUS



Main modes of transport for departing migrants from Sevare: BUS



Heremakono flow monitoring point is located at a border post between Mali and Burkina Faso, in Sikasso region.

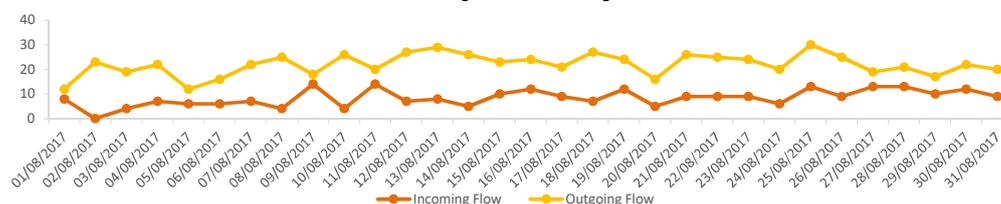
At this flow monitoring point, the data collectors identify outgoing flows of migrants who intend to travel to West African, North African and European countries after having transited Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger.

Incoming migrants are also identified after having transited Burkina Faso.

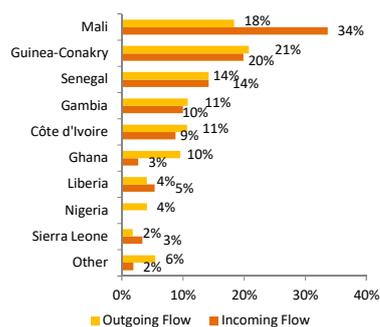
Gender ratio of migrants: 85% male and 15% female.

Among identified migrants on this FMP, 100% were adults while 0% were minors.

Total number of incoming and outgoing individuals in Heremakono, Sikasso region between 1 August 2017 and 31 August 2017



Main nationalities of migrants

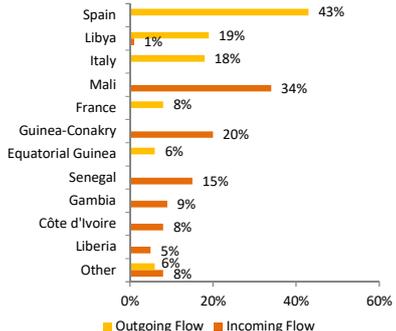


During the reporting period, the vast majority of migrants identified at Heremakono FMP were citizens of Mali, Guinea, Senegal, Gambia, and Côte d'Ivoire.

Main intended destinations

Spain, Libya, and Italy, are the most mentioned intended final destinations by outgoing migrants.

The majority of identified incoming migrants mentioned their countries of origin as their intended final destination.



FLOW MONITORING POINT 9: BAMAKO

234 Incoming individuals recorded at FMP

2,010 Outgoing individuals recorded at FMP

FMP TYPE: TRANSIT POINT

ASSESSMENT TYPE : 7/7 DAYS

FMP

Main mode of transport for arriving migrants in Bamako: BUS



Main modes of transport for departing migrants from Bamako: BUS



* As a transit point, migrants recorded at Bamako FMP are not counted in the total of incoming and outgoing individuals for Mali.

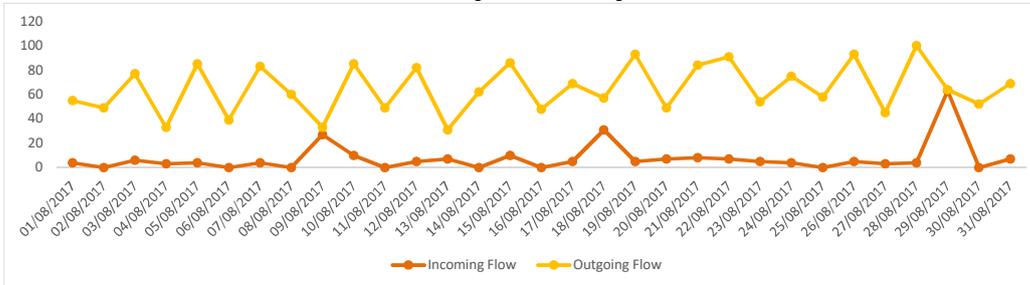
Bamako city is a major transit place for migrants travelling to West and North African countries.

In Bamako, migrant flows are recorded at bus stations where data collectors mainly identify migrants who travel to Gao or Timbuktu. Other migrants continue their journey to reach neighbouring countries such as Mauritania and Burkina Faso.

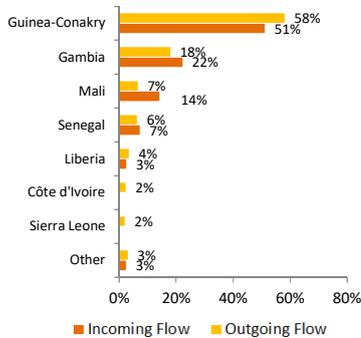
Gender ratio of migrants: 96% male and 4% female.

Among identified migrants on this FMP, 76% were adults while 24% were minors.

Total number of incoming and outgoing individuals in Bamako, Bamako district between 1 August 2017 and 31 August 2017



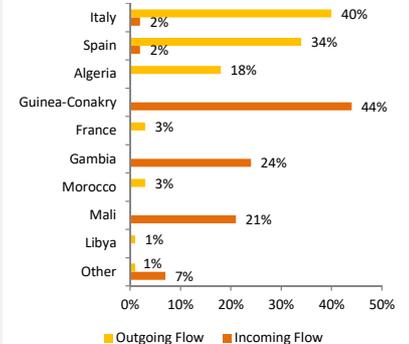
Main nationalities of migrants



During the reporting period, the vast majority of migrants identified at Bamako FMP were nationals of Guinea-Conakry, Gambia, Mali and Senegal.

The flow monitoring data collectors reported that the Ivorian migrants mainly transit Sikasso and continue towards Mopti. This explains their low number observed in Bamako.

Main intended destinations



Italy, Spain, and Algeria, are the most mentioned intended final destinations by outgoing migrants.

Most of the incoming migrants recorded mentioned Guinea, Gambia, and Mali, as their intended final destination.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

IOM has deployed trained and experienced staff in data collection and population flow monitoring to undertake field surveys with migrants along key migratory routes. The exercise profiles migrants, as well as records their intentions.

Sources include authorities, direct observations and interviews with migrants en route. Quantitative data on nationalities and places of origin and destination are based on information provided by migrants and convoy drivers at the flow monitoring points established by IOM and must be used as estimates or approximations.

Electronic tablets are used for mobile data collection. The data is sent daily through a 3G internet connection to IOM's server in Bamako. This reduces processing time by eliminating data entry errors, delivery time of paper forms and data entry time into the database, while providing a daily and rapid data analysis and report production.

Concurrently with data collection and profiling, IOM is also implementing information campaigns in northern and central Mali to support migrants in making informed decisions regarding their intention to migrate, providing assistance to migrants wanting to return to their country of origin, and offering referral services to vulnerable migrants that are victims of human trafficking or smuggling, or in need of general psychosocial support.

WHAT IS FLOW MONITORING?

Flow Monitoring is a component of IOM’s Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM). It has been developed to track migrant flows (groups or individuals) through data collections carried out at key points of origin, transit and/or destination. The purpose of Flow Monitoring is to provide regularly updated information on the scale and profiles of population movements (migrants, internally displaced persons, returnees, etc.) through specific locations. The information and analysis provided through the flow monitoring methodology also helps to better understand and define shortcomings and priorities in the provision of assistance along the displacement/ migratory routes. The purpose of Flow Monitoring is not to replace border monitoring or border surveillance. Data collected by IOM flow monitoring exercises does not replace government border controls and should not be interpreted as such.

A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MIGRATORY FLOWS, A REGIONAL INITIATIVE IN WEST AFRICA

Monitoring population movements in West and Central Africa represents an important regional initiative. It allows for a better understanding of intentions, trends, routes, risks as well as demographic and socio-economic profiles of migrants. It serves as a common source of data contributing to informed policymaking by authorities in countries of origin, transit and destination. IOM aims to install over thirty of these flow monitoring points throughout the West and Central African region to assist the operational challenges of migration; advance understanding of migration issues; encourage social and economic development through migration; and uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants.

HOW IS FLOW MONITORING SET UP IN FIELD ENVIRONMENTS?

Flow monitoring is composed of three tools. Assessment of areas with high mobility, regular monitoring of locations with high mobility, and in-depth surveys at these locations. These tools can be deployed simultaneously or separately.

FLOW MONITORING METHODOLOGY

1 ASSESSMENT OF AREAS OF HIGH MOBILITY
DTM experts in the field identify strategic locations for the establishment of monitoring locations/points from where data collection will take place. The identification of the flow monitoring points (FMPs) can be done either while conducting baseline assessments, through specific field assessment, or through consultation with key informants and/or desk review of secondary data.

2 REGULAR FLOW MONITORING IN PRE-DEFINED LOCATIONS
This tool consists of collecting information on the number and frequency of individuals transiting or moving through a particular location. Several techniques of flow monitoring and population movement tracking are available and are deployed depending on the context and volume of flows identified.

3 FLOW MONITORING SURVEYS
DTM teams carry out regular surveys with migrants at flow monitoring point locations (flow monitoring surveys FMS). The purpose of these surveys is to collect individualised data on the demographic and socio economic profile of migrants as well as collecting more specific information related to vulnerabilities, intentions, journeys and risks faced by migrants..

DATA QUALITY CONTROL

The methodology employs multi-layered data collection with various levels of granularity to allow for consistency checks. The team rigorously checks for data quality during the data collection, processing and analysis.

DATA PROTECTION

Personal data collected by IOM and the protection of such data is subject to IOM’s data protection principles.

A full methodological document is available on request.



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