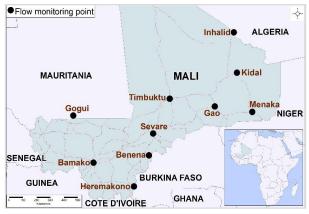
FLOW MONITORING POINTS

Period: 1 to 31 January 2018

IOM works with national and local authorities in order to gain better understanding of population movements throughout **West and Central Africa. Flow Monitoring Points** (FMPs) allow IOM to quantify and qualify migration flows, trends, and routes, at entry, transit or exit points (such as border crossing posts, bus stations, rest areas, police checkpoints and reception centres). In **Mali**, starting in July 2016, several flow monitoring points have been progressively set in important locations such as Gao, Timbuktu, Kidal, Menaka, Mopti, Kayes, Segou, Sikasso, and Bamako, to monitor daily movements of migrants heading to West and North African countries.



The average daily number of individuals observed at the Flow Monitoring Points increased by 11% compared to the previous month.

Nationals from Mali, Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal and Gambia accounted for 78% of all the migrants recorded at the flow monitoring points.

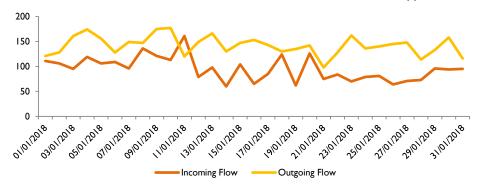
> Algeria, Mauritania, Niger and Burkina Faso are the next major transit countries for migrants after their stopover in Mali.

DEFINITIONS USED

Incoming flows: refers to individuals who arrive at a Flow Monitoring Point with the intention of traveling further into Mali.

Outgoing flows: refers to individuals who arrive at a Flow Monitoring Point with the intention of traveling towards the outer borders of Mali.

EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JANUARY 2018(*)



(*) To avoid double counting, migrants recorded at Bamako, Sevare, Wabaria, and Inhalid, which are transit points, are not included in this total. Only those recorded at entry and exit points are considered.

PROFILE OF PERSONS OBSERVED AT THE FLOW MONITORING POINTS (*)

+11% 1

Variations calculated from previous month's data

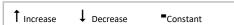
AVERAGE / DAY
OBSERVED INVIDUALS



Female | 2% - 5% ↑

Male 76% ↓ 7%

ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	43%	+2%
Guinea-Conakry	16%	-
Côte d'Ivoire	10%	-
Senegal	5%	-1%
Niger	4%	-2%
Others	22%	+1%









PERSONS LIVING WITH A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY

0,8% pregnant women

FLDERLY PERSONS

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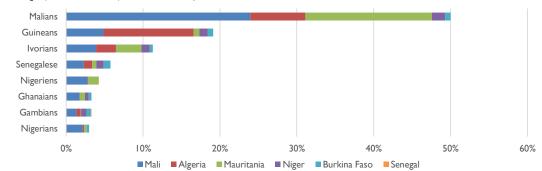
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MEANS OF TRANSPORT *

COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION OF MAIN OBSERVED NATIONALITIES

(As percentage of the total number of individuals observed)











INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

Most migrants are believed to travel through the capital city, Bamako, to the strategically located towns of Gao and Timbuktu, as well as strategically located borders including 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 irregular migrants for its access to routes leading to the Mediterranean.

The majority of outgoing migrants identified at the Gao and Timbuktu FMPs continue their journey through Algeria (primarily through the Algerian towns of Tamanrasset and Bordj). Migrants transiting through 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 unsuccessfully crossed the Sahara desert and those returning to countries such as Guinea, Senegal and other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

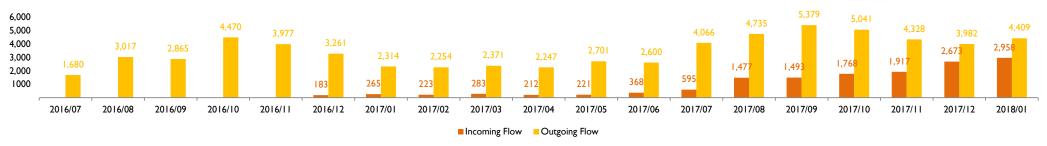
2,958 Incoming individuals recorded at Mali FMPs (*)

4.409 Outgoing individuals recorded at Mali FMPs (*)

7.367 Individuals observed in total at Mali FMPs

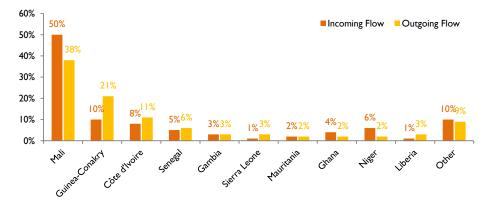
10 Active FMPs in Mali

TOTAL NUMBER OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING INDIVIDUALS AT MALI FMPS BETWEEN 1 JULY 2016 AND 31 JANUARY 2018(**)



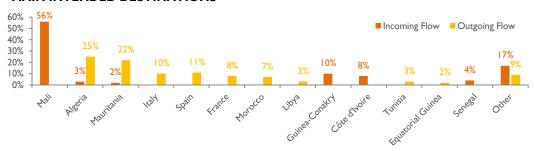
(**) The data collection on incoming flows at FMPs started in December 2016. Due to the new FMP set-up since the start of June 2017, any significant deviation observed in the figures provided from that date might not be seen as a significant increase in migratory flows but as an increase in data collected.

MAIN NATIONALITIES OF MIGRANTS



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

MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



The percentage of outgoing migrants who reported Libya as their intended final destination decreased significantly from 12% in September and October 2017, to 3% in January 2018. At the same time, the percentage of Algeria as intended final destination increased from 19% to 25%.

European countries represent 30% of declared intended final destinations by outgoing migrants.

For incoming flows, countries such as Mali, Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Niger, and Gambia are the primary intended final destinations. However, these figures should be viewed with caution because they indicate migrants' intentions rather than confirmed arrivals.

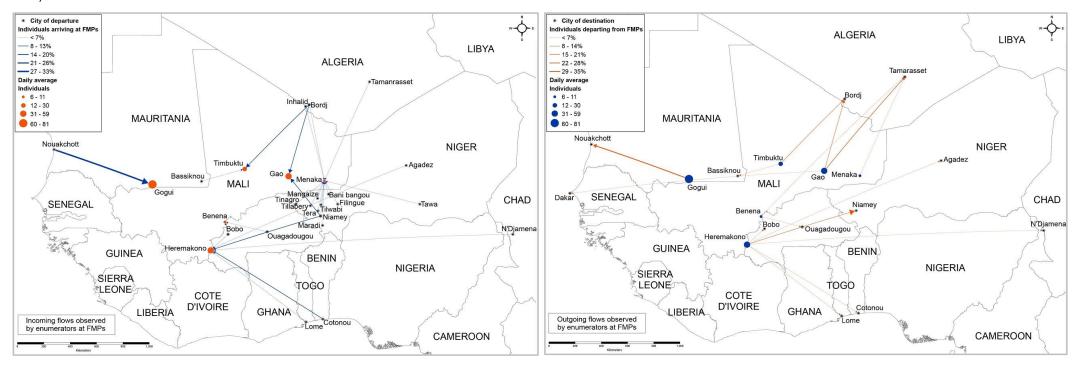






Because of the difficulties in accessing entry and exit points in the Kidal region, and because data from the Inhalid FMP alone does not accurately reflect migratory flows in the Kidal region, data collected at the Inhalid FMP was not taken into consideration. To determine incoming and outcoming flows to and from Algeria, DTM used the data collected at the Gao, Timbuktu, and Ménaka FMPs, where migrants headed for Algeria usually begin their journey.

As a result, the figures presented in pages one through three of this report do not include the numbers collected from the Inhalid FMP, nor do they incorporate the numbers from the Bamako, Sevare and Wabaria FMPs, which are transit points and not points of entry or exit.



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Wabaria, located at the entrance of Gao, is predominantly a crossing point for migrants travelling to Gao, coming from the South and the Centre of Mali or who have transited through those areas.

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.

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

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

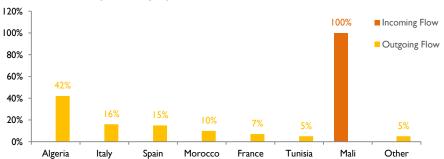
All incoming migrants mentioned their countries of origin as their intended final destination.

During the reporting period, 958 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow: 4; Outgoing flow: 954)

EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JANUARY 2018



MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



PROFILE OF PERSONS OBSERVED AT THE FLOW MONITORING POINTS

0% =

Variations calculated from previous month's data

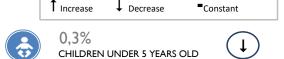
OBSERVED INVIDUALS



Female 3% ↓ 0%

Male 90% ↓ 7%

ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	36%	+11%
Guinea-Conakry	35%	-9%
Côte d'Ivoire	12%	+4%
Senegal	4%	-3%
Gambia	2%	-1%
Others	11%	-2%









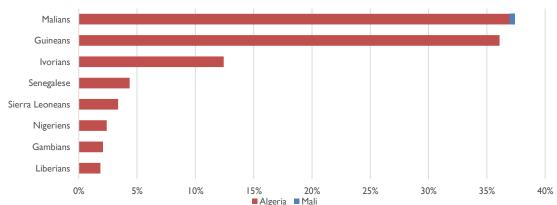




MEANS OF TRANSPORT *

COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION OF MAIN OBSERVED NATIONALITIES

(As percentage of the total number of individuals observed)







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PLACE KIDAL

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

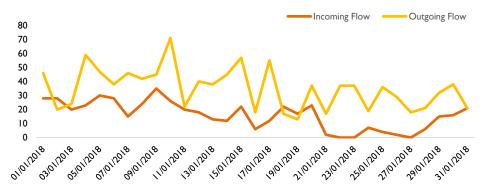
At this Flow Monitoring Point, the data collectors identify migrants who have spent a number of days in Gao in transit before traveling to predominantly North African and European countries. Migrants departing from Place Kidal travel mainly on board private vehicles and trucks.

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.

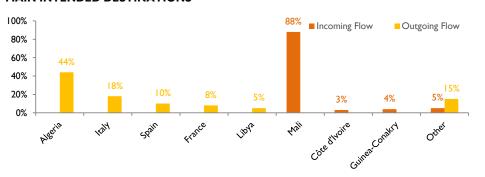
Most outgoing migrants mentioned Algeria as their final destination, followed by Italy, Spain, and France.

During the reporting period, 1,580 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow: 495; Outgoing flow: 1,085)

EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JANUARY 2018



MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



PROFILE OF PERSONS OBSERVED AT THE FLOW MONITORING POINT

Variations calculated from previous month's data

+31% 1 AVERAGE / DAY



OBSERVED INVIDUALS

Female

Male

ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	48%	+9%
Guinea-Conakry	26%	-5%
Côte d'Ivoire	10%	-1%
Senegal	4%	-4%
Sierra Leone	3%	-
Others	9%	+1%

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0.3%

CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD





0.0% ELDERLY PERSONS





0.0%

PERSONS LIVING WITH A MENTAL OF PHYSICAL DISABILITY



0.0% PREGNANT WOMEN



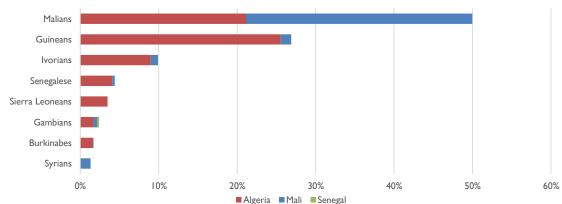
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TRUCK **BUS** **59% PRIVATE VEHICLES**

MEANS OF TRANSPORT *

COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION OF MAIN OBSERVED NATIONALITIES







TIMBUKTU

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The Timbuktu Flow Monitoring Point is primarily a migrant exit point for outgoing flows from Timbuktu.

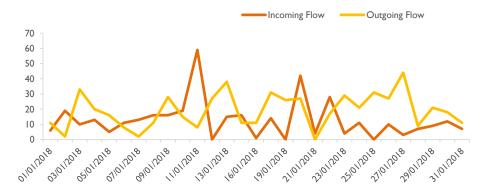
At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors observe migrants who travel through Timbuktu before going on to North Africa and Europe.

Incoming migrants who transit through Algeria and return to Mali or to their countries of origin are also sometimes identified at this FMP. Some identified migrants were also going to or returning from Mauritania, and usually transited through the town of Lere.

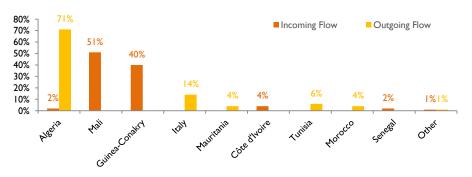
Most outgoing migrants mentioned Algeria, Italy, and Mauritania as their intended final destination.

During the reporting period, 923 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow: 370; Outgoing flow: 553)

EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JANUARY 2018



MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



PROFILE OF PERSONS OBSERVED AT THE FLOW MONITORING POINT

Variations calculated from previous month's data

+36% 1 AVERAGE / DAY **OBSERVED INVIDUALS**

Male 9	5% -	0%	-
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Côte d'Ivoire

Senegal

Others

	adults		minors 🎁	
Female	5%	1	0%	1
Male	95%	-	0%	-
ORIGIN OF I	VIGRANTS		%	VARIATIO
Guinea-Con	Guinea-Conakry		52%	+6%
Mali			34%	-14%
Liberia		6%	+5%	

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		1,0% CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD	1
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		0,0% PERSONS LIVING WITH A MENTAL OR	•

PHYSICAL DISABILITY

PREGNANT WOMEN

0.0%

Decrease

pp: percent point



MEANS OF TRANSPORT *

COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION OF MAIN OBSERVED NATIONALITIES

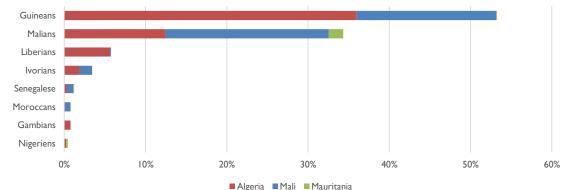
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+2%

3%

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4%





INHALID

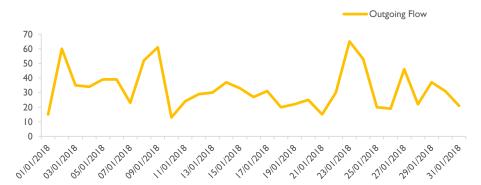
The Inhalid Flow Monitoring Point is a transit point located in Kidal region, on the road to Algeria.

At this Flow Monitoring Point, the data collectors observe migrants who transit Gao, Timbuktu, and Menaka towns before traveling to Algeria.

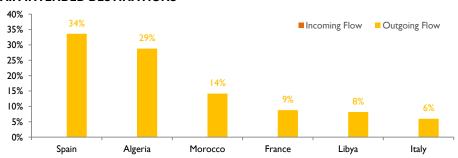
Inhalid is one of several border entry and exit points in the Kidal region. However, other exit points remain inaccessible and data from the Inhalid FMP alone does not paint a representative picture of migratory flows between Mali and Algeria.

During the reporting period, 1,008 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow: 0; Outgoing flow: 1,008)

EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JANUARY 2018



MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



PROFILE OF PERSONS OBSERVED AT THE FLOW MONITORING POINT

Variations calculated from previous month's data

Female

AVERAGE / DAY

-30% J

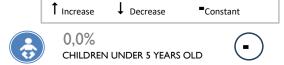


OBSERVED INVIDUALS



Male

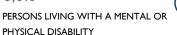
ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	27%	-2%
Guinea-Conakry	25%	+2%
Senegal	24%	-1%
Niger	15%	+4%
Burkina Faso	7%	+3%
Others	2%	-6%













0.0% PREGNANT WOMEN

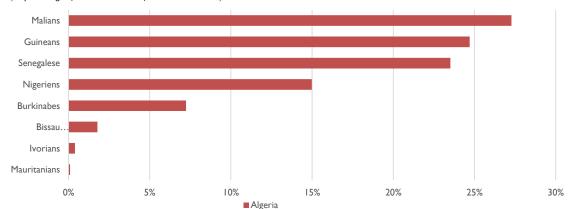


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MEANS OF TRANSPORT *

COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION OF MAIN OBSERVED NATIONALITIES







MENAKA

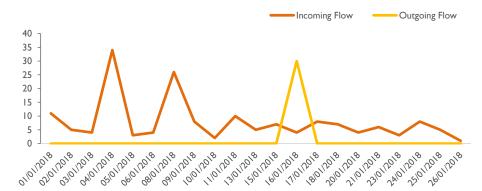
The Menaka Flow Monitoring Point is located in the city of Menaka, in Menaka region.

According to information received by data collectors, some migrants, following the reinforcement of security measure in Niger, cross the Menaka border from Niger into Mali in order to get to Algeria. Should this information be confirmed, this would constitute a new trend.

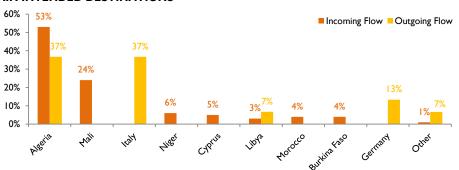
The vast majority of migrants identified at Menaka were Niger nationals, followed by Malians and natinals of Burkina Faso.

During the reporting period, 1,008 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow: 0; Outgoing flow: 1,008)

EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JANUARY 2018



MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



PROFILE OF PERSONS OBSERVED AT THE FLOW MONITORING POINT

Variations calculated from previous month's data

6 -33% ■

AVERAGE / DAY

OBSERVED INVIDUALS



Female 5% - 5%

Male **82%** - **8%**

ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Niger	56%	-24%
Mali	18%	+6%
Burkina Faso	10%	+5%
Guinea-Conakry	7%	+7%
Ghana	4%	+4%
Others	5%	+2%

1 Increase	↓ Decrease	■ Constant
0,0% CHILDREN	N UNDER 5 YEARS	S OLD





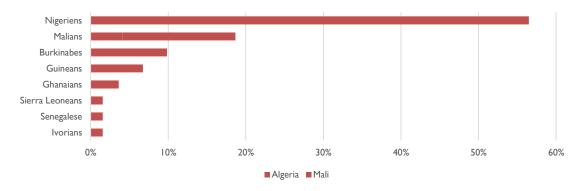
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MEANS OF TRANSPORT *

COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION OF MAIN OBSERVED NATIONALITIES

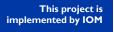
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SEVARE

The Sevare Flow Monitoring Point is a transit point located in Sevare town.

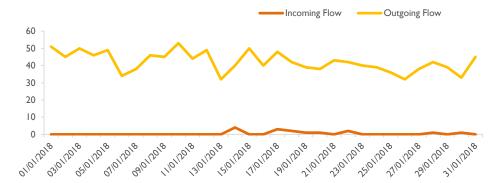
At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors observe migrants traveling to Gao and Timbuktu.

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.

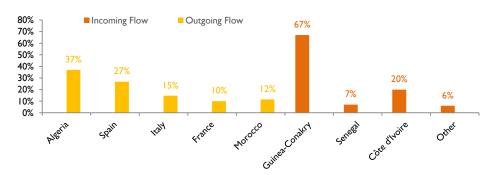
Most outgoing migrants mentioned Algeria, Spain, Italy, France, and Morocco as their intended final destination.

During the reporting period, 1,323 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow: 15; Outgoing flow: 1,308)

EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JANUARY 2018



MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



PROFILE OF PERSONS OBSERVED AT THE FLOW MONITORING POINT

Variations calculated from previous month's data

-12% ↓

AVERAGE / DAY

OBSERVED INVIDUALS



Female

Male

ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Guinea-Conakry	38%	+1%
Côte d'Ivoire	16%	+1%
Mali	12%	+1%
Senegal	11%	-2%
Guinea-Bissau	8%	-1%
Others	15%	_

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0,0% CHILDREN	I UNDER 5 YEARS	OLD •





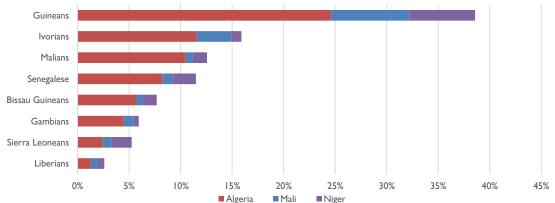
PREGNANT WOMEN pp: percent point



MEANS OF TRANSPORT *

COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION OF MAIN OBSERVED NATIONALITIES

(As percentage of the total number of individuals observed)





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GOGUI

The Gogui Flow Monitoring Point is located at the border post between Mali and Mauritania.

At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors identify outgoing flows of migrants traveling to Mauritania or Morocco. Some of them say they want to gather enough savings to continue their journey to Europe. Many women go to Mauritania, sometimes accompanied by their babies, to work as housekeepers. This explains the high number of women and children under five.

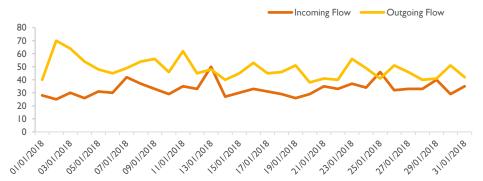
A large number of incoming migrants who had transited through Mauritania or were deported from Mauritania and were returning to Mali or to their countries of origin were also identified at this FMP. Most expelled individuals obtain a pass and return to Mauritania.

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

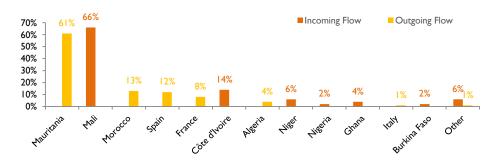
Most outgoing migrants mentioned Mauritania, Morocco, Spain, and Algeria as their intended final destination.

During the reporting period, 2,518 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow: 1,021; Outgoing flow: 1,497)

EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JANUARY 2018



MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



PROFILE OF PERSONS OBSERVED AT THE FLOW MONITORING POINT

Variations calculated from previous month's data

+4% 1 AVERAGE / DAY **OBSERVED INVIDUALS**



Female

ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	64%	+3%
Côte d'Ivoire	14%	+1%
Niger	6%	-1%
Ghana	3%	-1%
Senegal	3%	-
Others	10%	-2%

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3,9% CHILDREN	I UNDER 5 YEARS	OLD 1





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T	PREGNANT WOMEN	

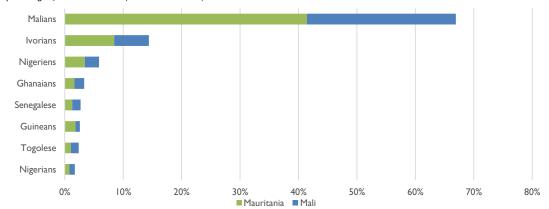
TRUCK



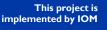
MEANS OF TRANSPORT *

PRIVATE VEHICLES

COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION OF MAIN OBSERVED NATIONALITIES









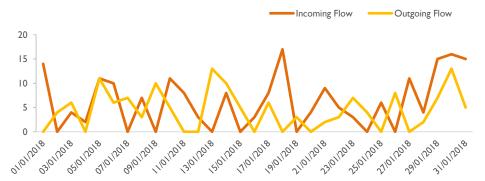
The Benena Flow Monitoring Point is located at a border post between Mali and Burkina Faso, in the Segou region.

At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors observe outgoing flows of migrants who intend to travel to West African, North African and European countries after having transited through Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, as well as incoming migrants entering Mali after having transited through Burkina Faso.

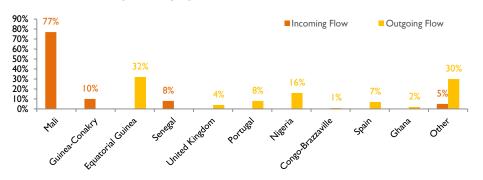
Due to the increasing number of police checks in Burkina Faso and Niger, the number of migrants observed in Benena has decreased significantly since the beginning of the year.

During the reporting period, 334 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow: 194; Outgoing flow: 140)

EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JANUARY 2018



MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



PROFILE OF PERSONS OBSERVED AT THE FLOW MONITORING POINT

Variations calculated from previous month's data

+38% ↑

AVERAGE / DAY

OBSERVED INVIDUALS



Female 30% ↑ 7%

Male 55% ↓ 8%

ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Nigeria	30%	+15%
Guinea-Conakry	17%	-11%
Senegal	16%	-3%
Mali	16%	-6%
Ghana	7%	+4%
Others	14%	+1%

1 Increase	↓ Decrease	■ Constant
0,9% CHILDREN	n under 5 years	OLD 1





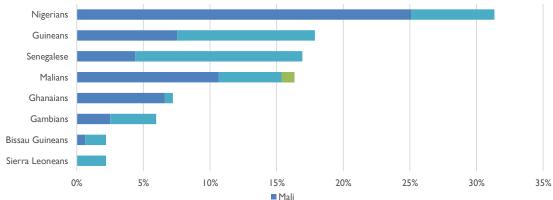
PREGNANT WOMEN

pp: percent point

				All the flows
	0%	99%	1%	*
	TRUCK	BUS	PRIVATE VEHICLES	

MEANS OF TRANSPORT *

COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION OF MAIN OBSERVED NATIONALITIES









HEREMAKONO

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The Heremakono Flow Monitoring Point is located at a border post between Mali and Burkina Faso, in Sikasso region.

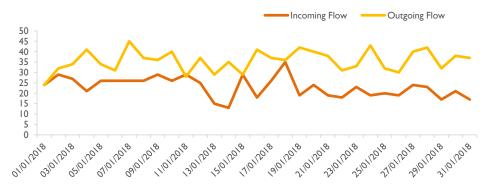
At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors observe outgoing flows of migrants who intend to travel to West African, North African and European countries after having transited Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger.

Most outgoing migrants mentioned Italy, Spain, and Algeria as their intended final destination.

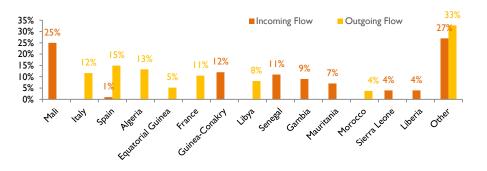
The majority of incoming migrants were returning to their country of origin.

During the reporting period, 1,817 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow: 713; Outgoing flow: 1,104)

EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JANUARY 2018



MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



PROFILE OF PERSONS OBSERVED AT THE FLOW MONITORING POINT

0% =

Variations calculated from previous month's data

AVERAGE / DAY **OBSERVED INVIDUALS**



Female

12% t Male

ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	21%	+1%
Senegal	11%	-
Guinea-Conakry	10%	-2%
Côte d'Ivoire	9%	-1%
Gambia	9%	-
Others	40%	+2%

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	6, 1 % CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD	1
N	1,3% elderly persons	1
	0.0%	

PERSONS LIVING WITH A MENTAL PHYSICAL DISABILITY 2,3%

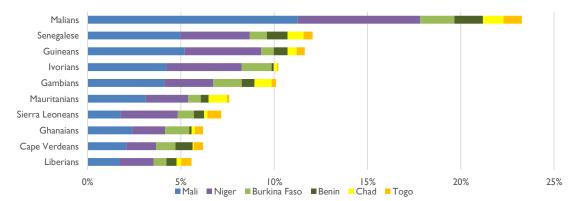
> PREGNANT WOMEN pp: percent point



MEANS OF TRANSPORT *

COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION OF MAIN OBSERVED NATIONALITIES

(As percentage of the total number of individuals observed)





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BAMAKO

The capital city of Bamako is a major transit point for migrants travelling to West and North African countries.

In Bamako, migrant flows are recorded at bus stations where data collectors primarily observe migrants travelling to Gao or Timbuktu, as well as to border areas on their way to neighbouring countries such as Mauritania and Burkina Faso.

Most outgoing migrants mentioned Italy, Spain and Algeria as their intended final destination.

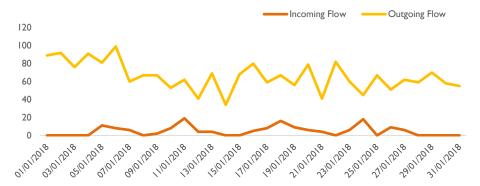
Most incoming migrants were traveling to Guinea and Mali.

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

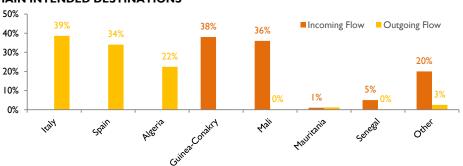
According to the information received from data collectors, migrants from Côte d'Ivoire transit through Sikasso, from where they travel to Mopti, bypassing Bamako. This explains the low number of Ivorian nationals observed at the Bamako FMPs. In addition, Malian nationals traveling to Northern Mali hide their intentions, making it difficult to assess the number of Malians migrating out of the country.

During the reporting period, 2,189 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow: 149; Outgoing flow: 2,040)

EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JANUARY 2018



MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



PROFILE OF PERSONS OBSERVED AT THE FLOW MONITORING POINT

0% -

Variations calculated from previous month's data

AVERAGE / DAY

OBSERVED INVIDUALS



Female

Male

ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Guinea-Conakry	56%	-4%
Gambia	14%	-4%
Mali	11%	+3%
Senegal	5%	+1%
Côte d'Ivoire	3%	+1%
Others	11%	+3%

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CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD





0.0% ELDERLY PERSONS





0.0%



PHYSICAL DISABILITY 0.0%





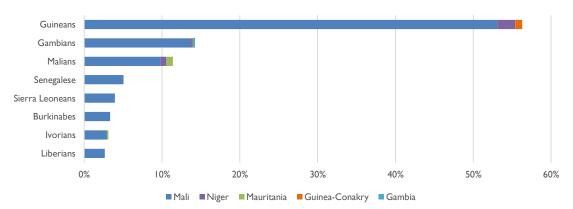


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MEANS OF TRANSPORT *

COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION OF MAIN OBSERVED NATIONALITIES







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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.

METHODOLOGY Flows Monitoring of Populations (FMP) is an investigative work that aims to highlight areas that are particularly vulnerable to cross-border and intraregional migration. Areas of high mobility are identified across the country. DTM teams then work at the local level to identify strategic transit points. Trained agent collect data from key informants at the flow monitoring point: they may be bus station staff, police or customs officials, bus drivers or migrants themselves. A basic questionnaire mixed with direct observations allows to collect disaggregated data by gender and nationality. In Mali, nine data collection points are active in the regions of Gao, Timbuktu, Kidal, Menaka, Mopti, Sikasso, Segou, Kayes and the district of Bamako. Daily data collection is performed in the FMPs.

LIMITATIONS The data used in this analysis are estimates and represent only a part of the existing flows in Mali. The spatial and temporal coverage of these surveys is partial insofar as the flow monitoring activities do not cover some private bus stations existing in the various cities including Gao, Timbuktu, Kidal, Menaka, Mopti and Bamako. The data on the final destinations of migrants are obtained based on their declaration and must be taken with caution because they indicate only an intention. The data on the vulnerabilities are based on direct observations of the enumerators and must be taken only for information.

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