

**TRAVELERS' PROFILE** 

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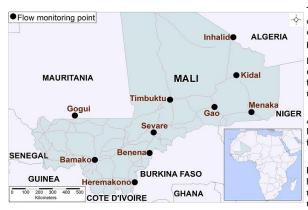
Reporting period : 1 to 30 June 2018

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**JUNE 2018** 

**IOM** works with national and local authorities in order to gain a 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, exit, and transit 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 up in important locations such as Gao, Timbuktu, Kidal, Menaka, Mopti, Kayes, Segou, Sikasso, and Bamako, to monitor the daily movements of migrants heading to West and North African countries.

MALI



The average daily number of individuals observed at the Flow Monitoring Points decreased by 16% compared to the previous month. Nationals from Mali, Guinea, Côte

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d'Ivoire, Senegal and Gambia accounted for 82% 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.

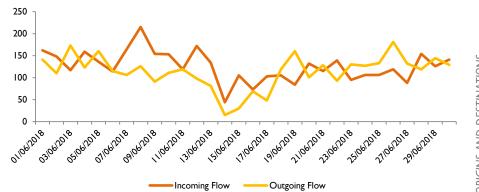
Economic migration, including but not limited to long-term migration of more than 6 months (77% of flows) and short term movement (13% of flows), is the main observed type of migration.

#### **DEFINITIONS USED**

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

Outgoing flows: refers to migrants 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 JUNE 2018(\*)**



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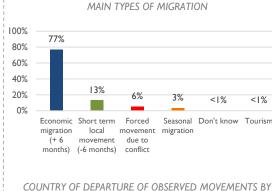
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**OBSERVED INDIVIDUALS** Adults Minors 12% <mark>2%</mark> ↓ Female -3% ↓ 83% 1 Male 2.7% CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD -0.2% 0.5% ELDERLY PERSONS +0.2% PERSONS LIVING WITH A 0.4% +0.2% MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY 0.6% PREGNANT WOMEN +0.2%

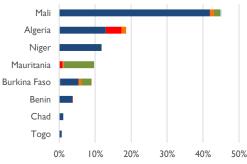
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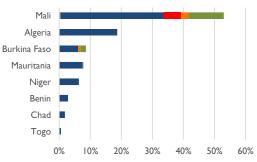
ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	54%	-1%
Guinea-Conakry	14%	-1%
Côte d'Ivoire	7%	+1%
Senegal	4%	-
Gambia	3%	+1%
Other	18%	-
DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	52%	-1%
Mauritania	17%	-1%
Algeria	16%	+2%
Niger	5%	-1%
Other	10%	+1%







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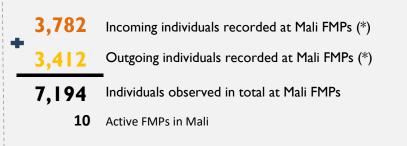
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Most migrants are believed to travel through the capital city, Bamako, to the strategically located towns of Gao and Timbuktu, as well as strategically located borders including Benena, Gogui, and Heremakono, before heading towards Algeria, Niger,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

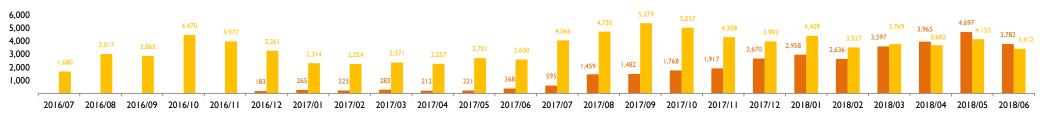
Gao is an important transit point, and is commonly favoured by irregular migrants for its access to routes leading to the Mediterranean.

The majority of outgoing migrants identified at the Gao and Timbuktu FMPs continue through Algeria (primarily through the Algerian towns of Tamanrasset and Bordj). Migrants transiting through Benena and Heremakono travel on to Burkina Faso, while those transiting through Gogui travel on to Mauritania.

Mali is also a transit country for incoming migrants, notably those who were unable to cross the Sahara desert and those returning to countries such as Guinea, Senegal and other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.



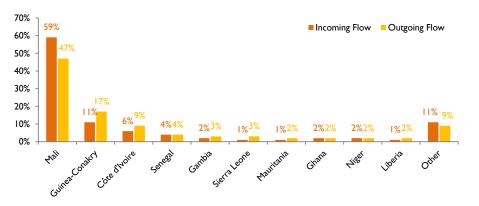
### TOTAL NUMBER OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING INDIVIDUALS AT MALI FMPS BETWEEN 1 JULY 2016 AND 30 JUNE 2018 (\*\*)





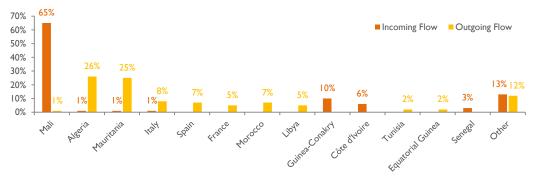
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#### MAIN NATIONALITIES OF MIGRANTS



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 prevalent nationalities.

### MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



European countries represent 21% of declared intended final destinations by outgoing migrants.

Since March 2017, the FMPs have counted a large number of incoming migrants who were expelled from Algeria. For incoming flows, countries such as Mali, Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Niger, and Gambia are the primary intended final destinations. However, it should be noted that these figures indicate migrants' intentions rather than confirmed destinations.



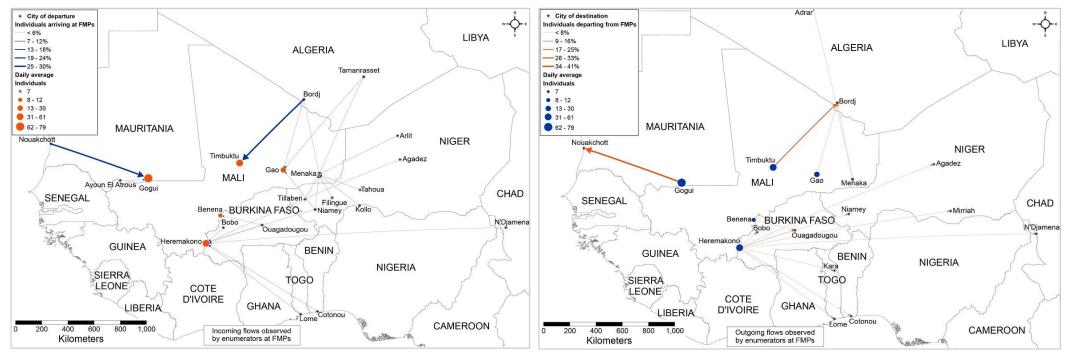
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Because of the difficulties in accessing entry and exit points in the Kidal region, and because data from the Inhalid FMP alone does not accurately reflect migration flows in the Kidal region, data collected at the Inhalid FMP was not taken into consideration. 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

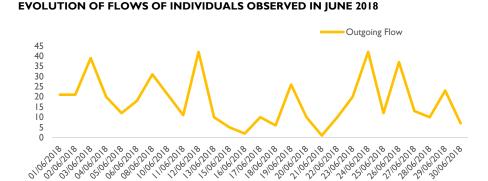
Wabaria, located at the entrance of the city of Gao, is predominantly a crossing point for migrants travelling to Gao, coming from the South and the Centre of Mali or who have transited through those areas.

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.

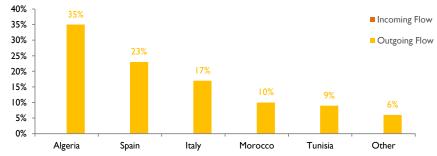
During the reporting period, the vast majority of identified migrants transiting through the Wabaria FMP were nationals of Mali, Guinea-Conakry, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, and Gambia.

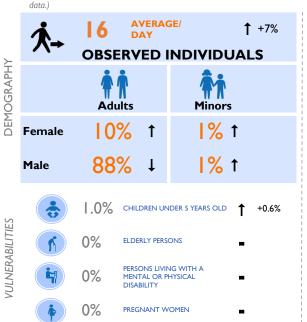
Most outgoing migrants reported Algeria as their final destination, followed by Spain, Italy, Morocco, and Tunisia.

During the reporting period, 480 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow : 0; Outgoing flow : 480).





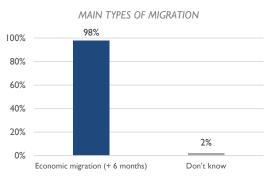




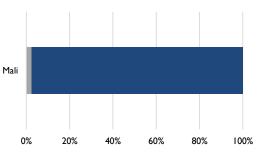
ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	36%	-3%
Guinea-Conakry	33%	+1%
Côte d'Ivoire	18%	+5%
Senegal	4%	+1%
Gambia	3%	-
Other	6%	-4%
DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Algeria	100%	-
Mali	0%	-
Other	0%	-

#### TRAVELERS' PROFILE

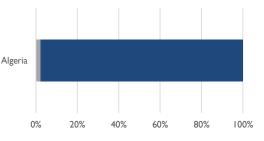
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## **PLACE KIDAL**

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. Incoming migrants who transit through Algeria and return to Mali or to their countries of origin are also identified at this FMP.

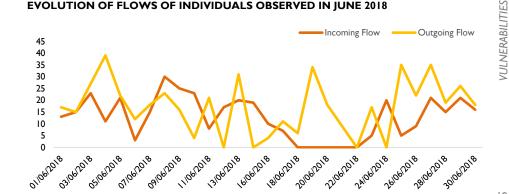
Migrants departing from Place Kidal travel mainly on board private vehicles and trucks.

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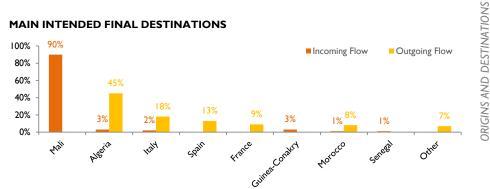
During the reporting period, the vast majority of migrants identified at Place Kidal FMP were nationals of Mali, Guinea-Conakry, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, and Burkina Faso.

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

During the reporting period, 871 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow : 372; Outgoing flow : 499).



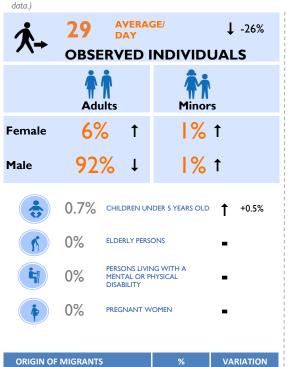
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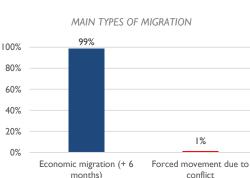
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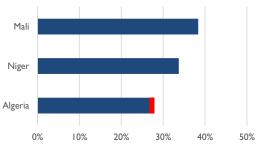
Mali	63%	-3%
Guinea-Conakry	21%	+6%
Côte d'Ivoire	10%	+4%
Senegal	2%	-1%
Burkina Faso	2%	-
Other	2%	-6%
DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Algeria	60%	+19%
Mali	40%	-19%
Other	0%	-



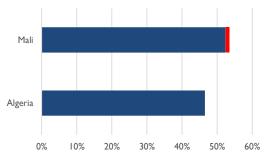
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## TIMBUKTU

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Adults

2%

97%

0.3%

0.5%

0.1%

0.1%

**ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS** 

**DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS** 

Guinea-Conakry

Sierra Leone

Côte d'Ivoire

Senegal

Other

Mali

Algeria

Other

Mali

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Female

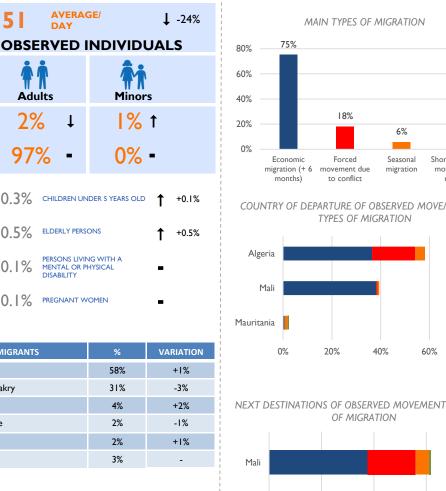
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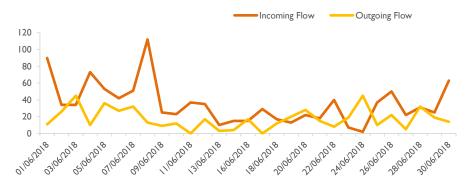
The Timbuktu Flow Monitoring Point is primarily a migrant exit point for outgoing flows from Timbuktu.

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

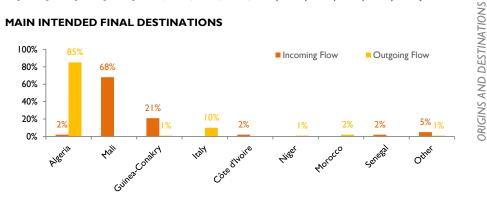
Incoming migrants who transit through Algeria and return to Mali or to their countries of origin are also identified at this FMP. Some identified migrants were also going to or returning from Mauritania, and usually transited through the town of Lere.

Most outgoing migrants reported either Algeria or Italy as their intended final destination.

During the reporting period, 1,536 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow : 1,025; Outgoing flow : 511).



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VARIATION

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+8%

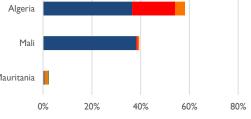
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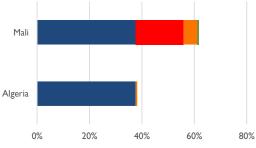
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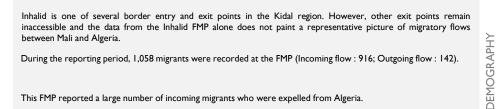
### **EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JUNE 2018**

before traveling to Algeria.

### INHALID

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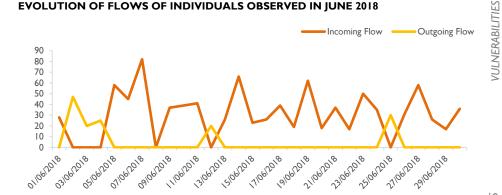


At this Flow Monitoring Point, the data collectors observe migrants who transit Gao, Timbuktu, and Menaka towns

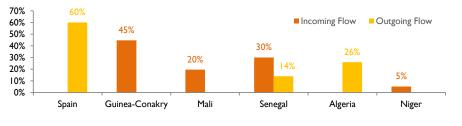
The Inhalid Flow Monitoring Point is a transit point located in the Kidal region, on the road to Algeria.

During the reporting period, 1,058 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow : 916; Outgoing flow : 142).

This FMP reported a large number of incoming migrants who were expelled from Algeria.



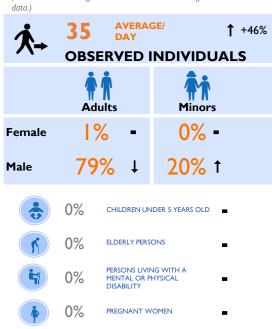
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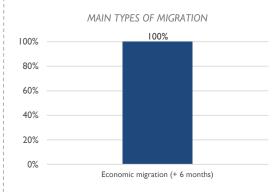
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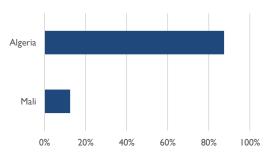
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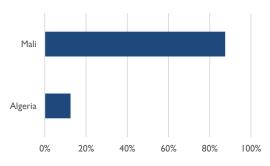
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	Guinea-Conakry	42%	+3%
	Senegal	32%	+17%
	Mali	20%	-10%
2	Niger	6%	-8%
	Côte d'Ivoire	0%	-3%
	Other	1%	+2%
	DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
	Mali	88%	+85%
,	Algeria	12%	-85%
	Other	0%	-



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## **MENAKA**

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

**EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JUNE 2018** 

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13106/2018

Libya

16/06/2018

18106/2018

According to information received by data collectors, some migrants, following the reinforcement of security measures 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.

Incoming Flow

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Outgoing Flow

28/06/2018

Incoming Flow Outgoing Flow

1%

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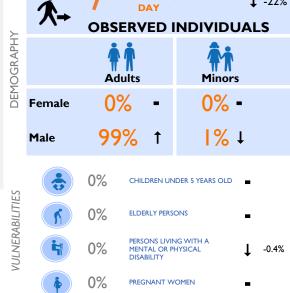
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Other

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

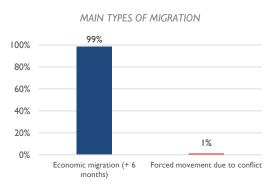
During the reporting period, 218 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow : 91; Outgoing flow : 127).



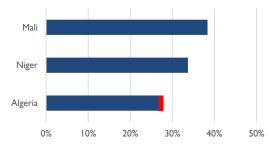
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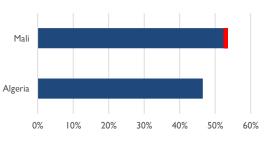
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Burkina Faso	7%	-
Togo	4%	+1%
Ghana	3%	-1%
Other	2%	-7%
DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Algeria	54%	-15%
Mali	46%	+15%
Other	0%	-



COUNTRY OF DEPARTURE OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPES OF MIGRATION



NEXT DESTINATIONS OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPES OF MIGRATION





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01/06/2018

80%

60%

40%

20%

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Algeria

03/06/2018

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74%

07/06/2018

MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS

48%

09/06/2018

35%

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12%

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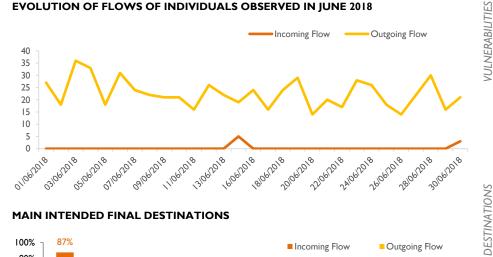
The Sevare Flow Monitoring Point is a transit point located in Sevare town.

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

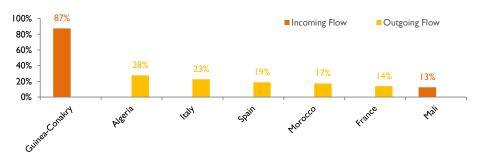
During the reporting period, the vast majority of migrants identified at the Sevare FMP were Guinean nationals. Nationals of other countries, including Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, and Gambia, were also recorded.

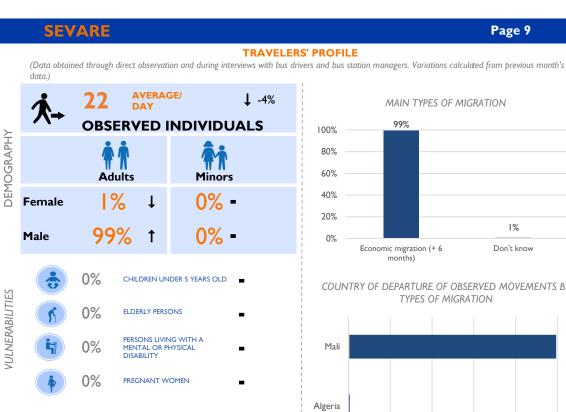
Most outgoing migrants reported Algeria as their final destination, followed by Italy, Spain, and Morocco.

During the reporting period, 661 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow : 8; Outgoing flow : 653).

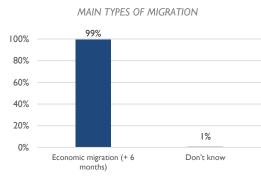


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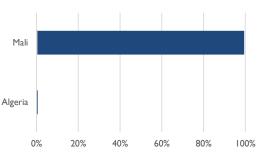




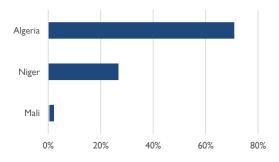
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	Guinea-Conakry	36%	-7%
S	Mali	20%	+1%
NOI	Côte d'Ivoire	15%	-
VAT	Senegal	11%	+2%
STII	Gambia	8%	+2%
DE	Other	10%	+2%
ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS			
SNIS	DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
DRIG	Algeria	75%	-1%
0	Niger	23%	-
	Mali	2%	+1%
	Other	0%	-



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#### **TRAVELERS' PROFILE** (Data obtained through direct observation and during interviews with bus drivers and bus station managers. Variations calcula ted from previous month's

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

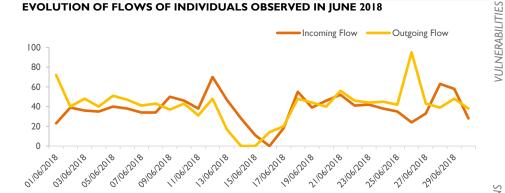
At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors identify outgoing flows of migrants traveling to Mauritania or Morocco. Some of them say they want to gather enough savings to continue their journey to Europe. Many women go to Mauritania, sometimes accompanied by their babies, to work as housekeepers.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

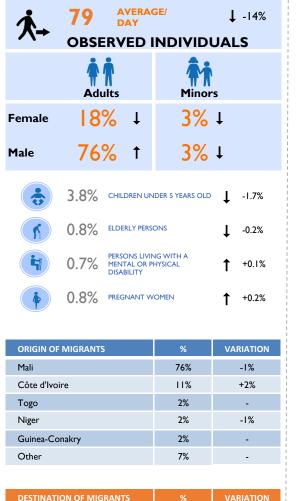
Most outgoing migrants reported either Mauritania, Morocco, Spain, and France as their intended final destination.

During the reporting period, 2,361 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow : 1,141; Outgoing flow : 1,220).



#### MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS





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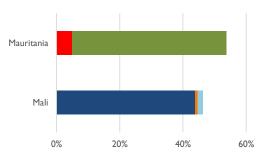
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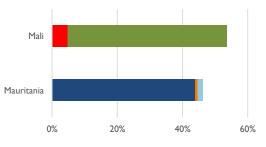
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+4%

MAIN TYPES OF MIGRATION 60% 49% 44% 40% 20% 5% 2% 1% 0% Short term Economic Forced Seasonal Tourism local migration (+ migration movement movement (- 6 months) due to 6 months) conflict COUNTRY OF DEPARTURE OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPES OF MIGRATION



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Mauritania

Mali

Other



## **BENENA**

DEMOGRAPHY

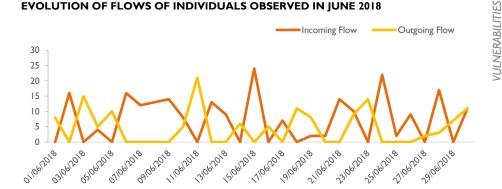
#### **TRAVELERS' PROFILE** (Data obtained through direct observation and during interviews with bus drivers and bus station managers. Variations calculated from previous month's

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.

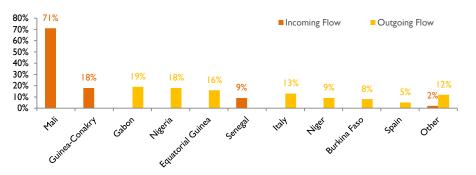
During the reporting period, 365 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow : 225; Outgoing flow : 140).

The information collected at this FMP shows a notable number of migrants, including many women and girls, who report traveling to Mali to work in the mining regions, as well as in other sectors.



**EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN JUNE 2018** 

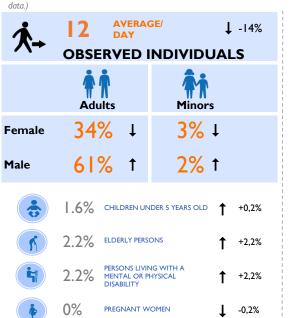
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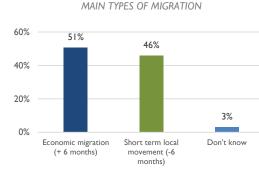
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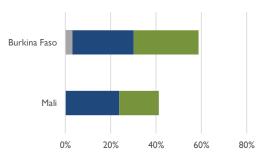
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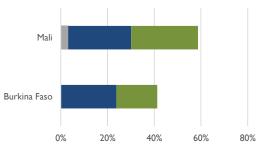
ORIGIN OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Nigeria	31%	-2%
Guinea-Conakry	21%	+5%
Mali	19%	+6%
Senegal	10%	-3%
Niger	6%	+1%
Other	13%	-7%
DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	62%	+7%
Burkina Faso	38%	-7%
Other	0%	-
		-7% -



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## **HEREMAKONO**

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#### **TRAVELERS' PROFILE** (Data obtained through direct observation and during interviews with bus drivers and bus station managers. Variations calcula ted from previous month's

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

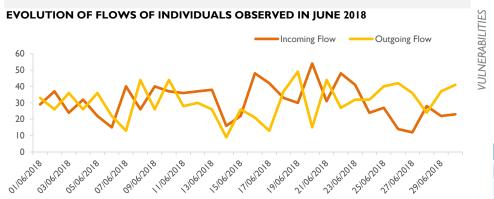
At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors observe outgoing flows of migrants who intend to travel to West African, North African and European countries after having transited through Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger.

Most outgoing migrants reported either Libya, Algeria, Italy, and Spain, as their intended final destination.

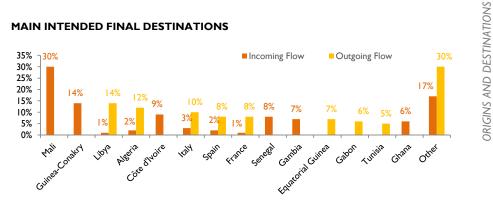
The majority of incoming migrants were returning to their countries of origin.

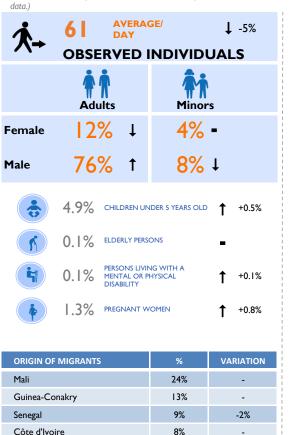
During the reporting period, 1,843 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow : 928; Outgoing flow : 915).

The information collected at this FMP shows a notable number of migrants, including many women and girls, who say they come to Mali to work, among others, in the mining regions.



#### MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS





7%

39%

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18%

15%

17%

+2%

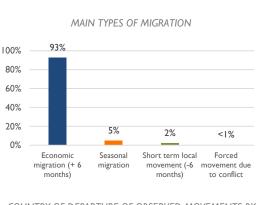
VARIATION

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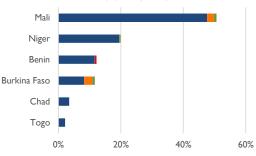
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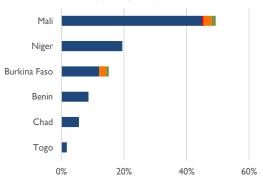
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Gambia

Other

Mali

Niger Burkina Faso

Other

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### **BAMAKO**

**DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS** 

Mali

Niger

Other

Mauritania

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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.

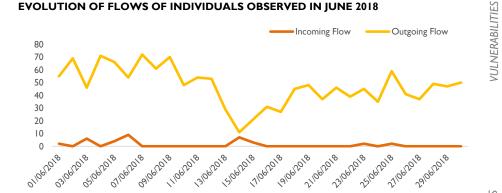
Most outgoing migrants reported either Italy, Spain, and Algeria as their intended final destination.

Most incoming migrants were traveling to Guinea and Mali.

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

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, 1,451 migrants were recorded at the FMP (Incoming flow : 35; Outgoing flow : 1,416).



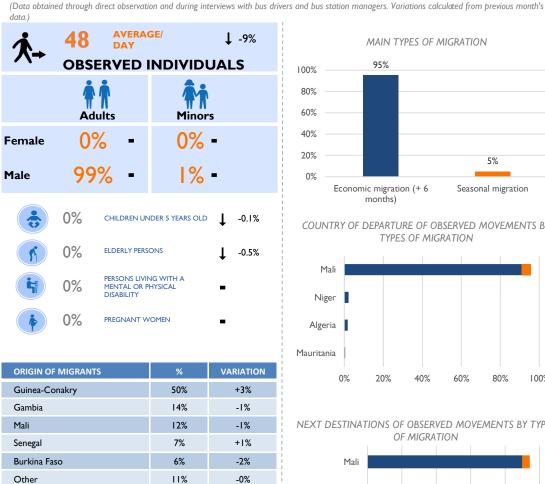
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### 95% 100% 80% 60% 40% 20% 5% 0% Economic migration (+ 6 Seasonal migration months)

MAIN TYPES OF MIGRATION

**TRAVELERS' PROFILE** 

VARIATION

+1%

+1%

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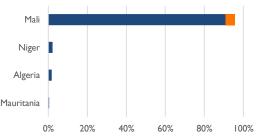
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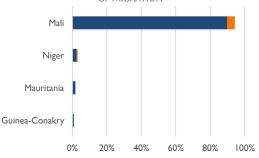
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### WHAT IS FLOW MONITORING?

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 collection 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/ migration 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 MIGRATION 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, and risks as well as demographic and socio-economic profiles of migrants. It serves as a common source of data contributing to inform 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 in reducing 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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