



IOM works with national and local authorities 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). Since July 2016, several flow monitoring points have been progressively set up in important locations in Mali, 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.



In March 2019, the average daily number of individuals observed at the Flow Monitoring Points decreased by 4 per cent compared to the previous month.

Nationals from Mali, Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria and Senegal accounted for 74 per cent of all the migrants recorded at the flow monitoring points.

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

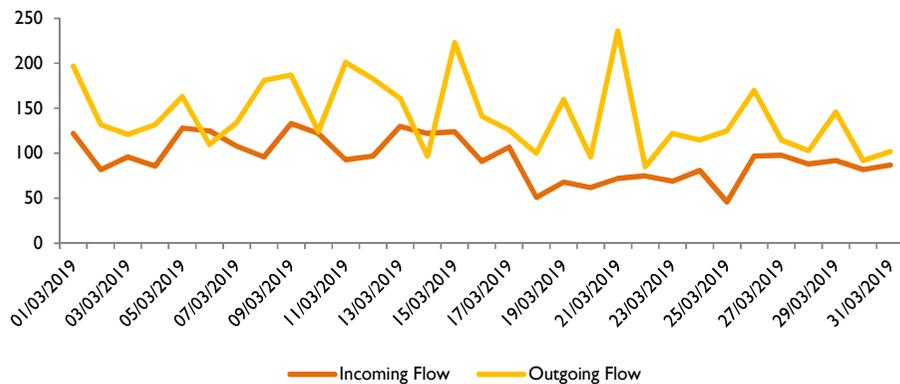
Economic migration, including but not limited to long-term migration of more than 6 months (93% of flows) and seasonal migration (6% of flows), is the main observed type of movement

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.

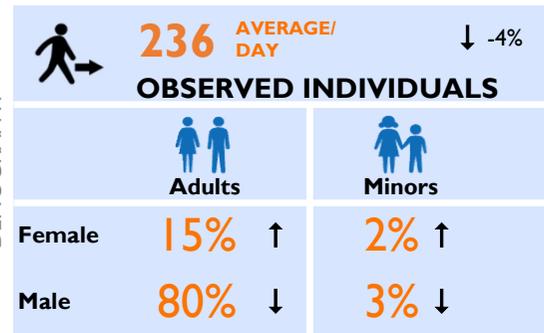
EVOLUTION OF FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED IN MARCH 2019(*)



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

TRAVELERS' PROFILE

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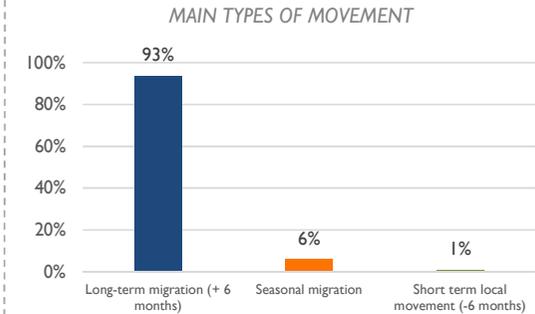
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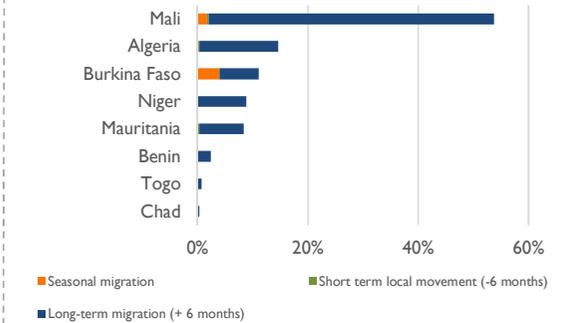
ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS

MAIN NATIONALITIES	%	VARIATION
Mali	43%	-3%
Guinea-Conakry	14%	-
Côte d'Ivoire	7%	-
Nigeria	5%	+1%
Senegal	5%	-
Other	26%	+2%

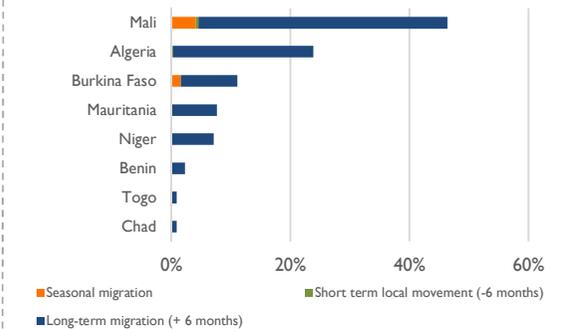
DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	40%	+1%
Algeria	24%	+2%
Mauritania	19%	-3%
Burkina Faso	9%	-1%
Other	8%	+1%



COUNTRY OF DEPARTURE OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT



NEXT DESTINATIONS OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT



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

Gao is an important transit point and is commonly favoured by 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.

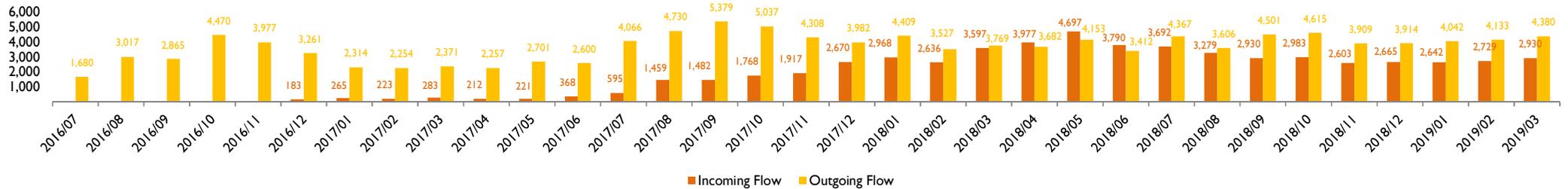
Mali is also a transit country for incoming migrants, notably those who were unable to cross the Sahara desert and those returning to countries such as Guinea, Senegal and other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

2,930 Incoming individuals recorded at Mali FMPs (*)
4,380 Outgoing individuals recorded at Mali FMPs (*)
7,310 Individuals observed in total at Mali FMPs

9 Active FMPs in Mali

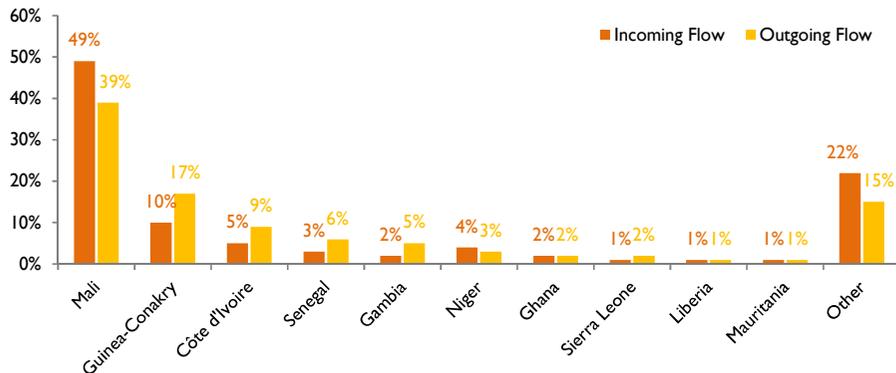
Following the replacement of FMP agents at Inhalid, this FMP was not fully functional during January, February and March 2019 and will not be included in this report.

TOTAL NUMBER OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING INDIVIDUALS AT MALI FMPs BETWEEN 1 JULY 2016 AND 31 MARCH 2019 (**)



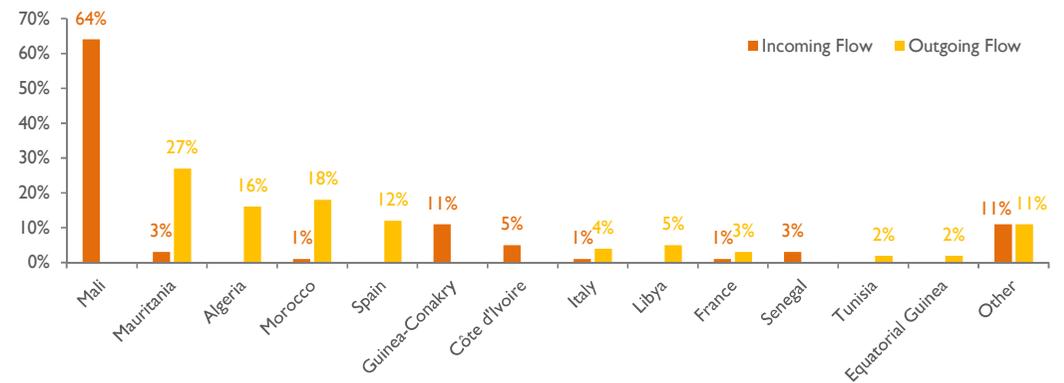
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 (**) The data collection on incoming flows at FMPs started in December 2016. Due to the new FMP set up since the start of June 2017, any significant deviation observed in the figures provided from that date should not be interpreted as a significant 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 the majority of the flows, compared to previous years in which Senegalese and Gambians were the prevalent nationalities.

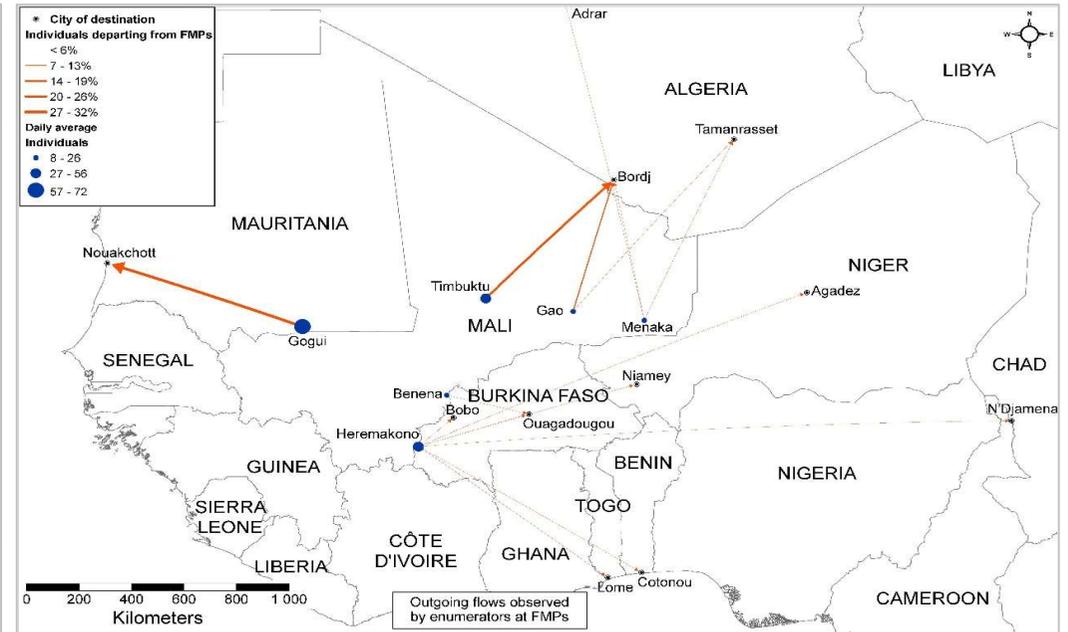
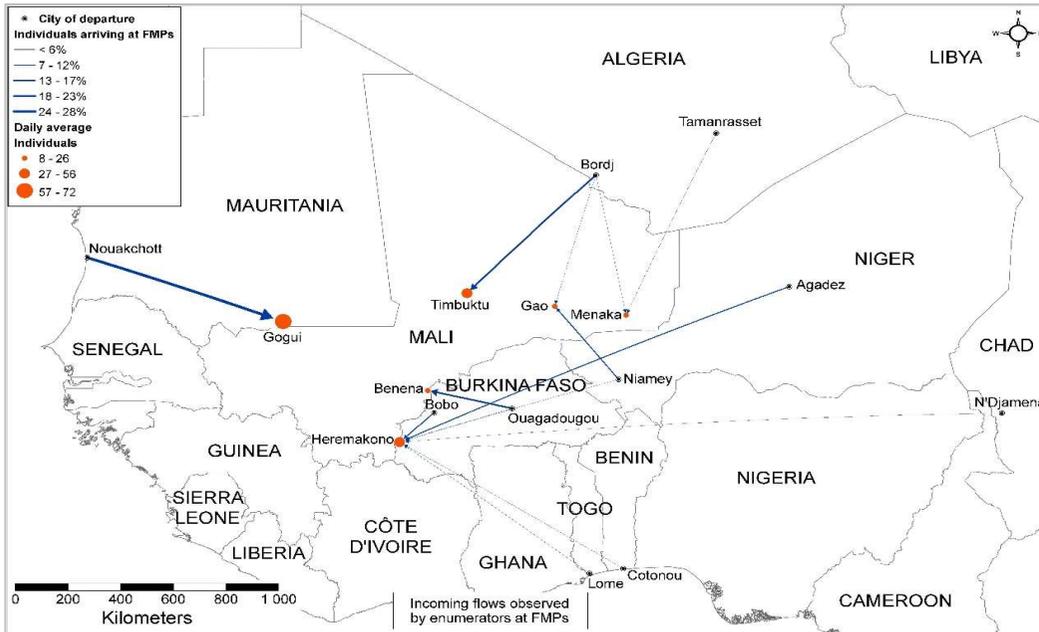
MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



European countries represent 20 per cent of declared intended final destinations of outgoing migrants.

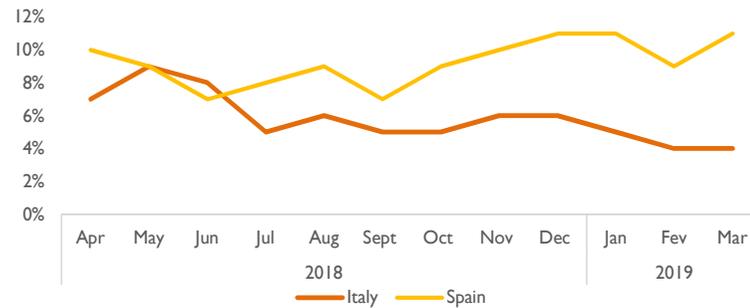
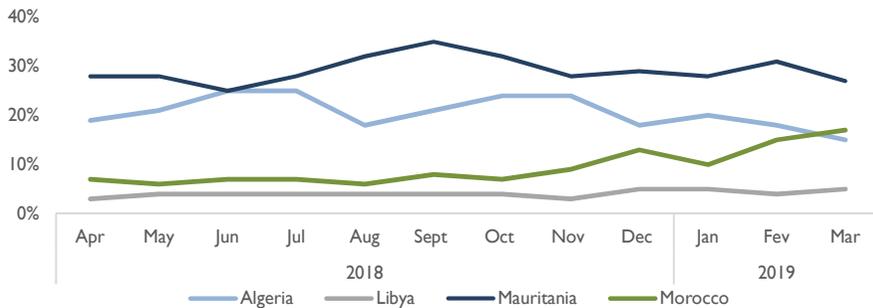
Because of the difficulties in accessing entry and exit points in the Kidal region, and because data from the Inhalid FMP alone does not accurately reflect migration flows in the Kidal region, data collected at the Inhalid FMP was not taken into consideration. To determine incoming and outgoing flows 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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EVOLUTION OF INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS BETWEEN 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019



The increase in number of migrants attempting to reach Europe through Morocco rather than through Libya shows a shift from the Central Mediterranean route to the Western Mediterranean route.

At the same time, we observe an increase in the number of migrants intending to travel to Spain while the number of those wishing to go to Italy remains constant.

However, it should be noted that these figures indicate migrants' intentions rather than confirmed destinations.



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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.

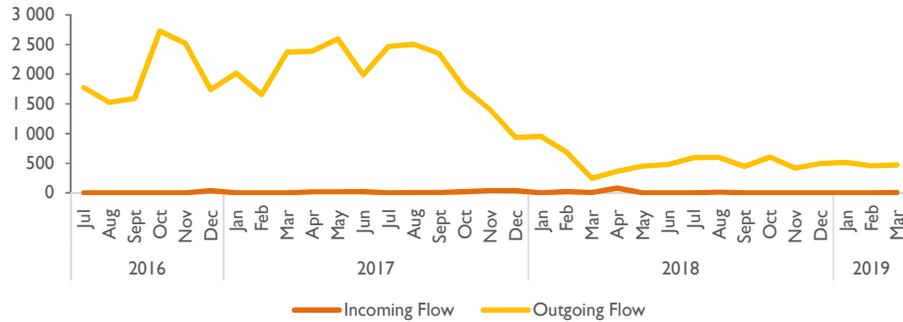
At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors identify migrants who wish to travel to North African and European countries. Most of them transit through Bamako to reach Gao, where they spend a couple of days before continuing their journey.

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

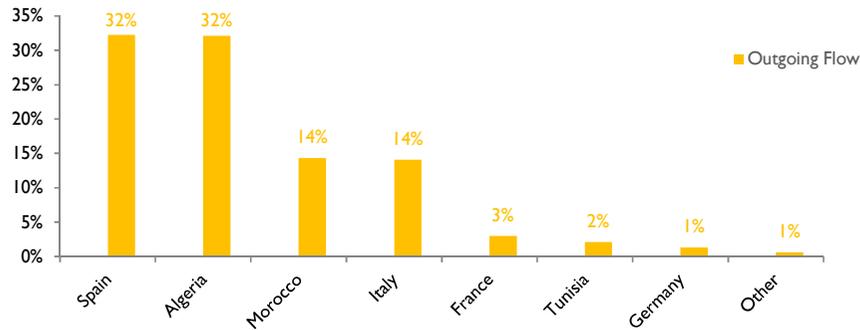
Most outgoing migrants reported Spain as their final destination, followed by Algeria, Morocco, Italy, and France.

During the reporting period, 473 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 5; Outgoing flow : 468).

MONTHLY FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED SINCE THE FMP WAS INSTALLED

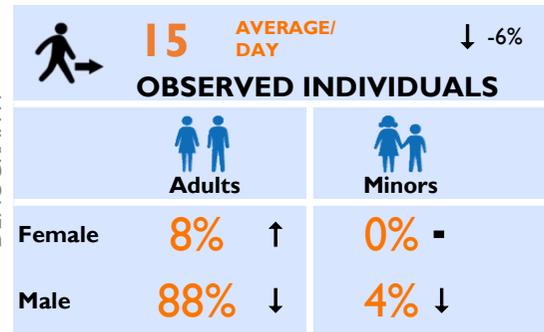


MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



TRAVELERS' PROFILE

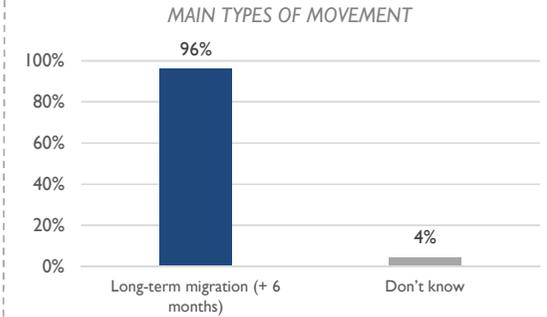
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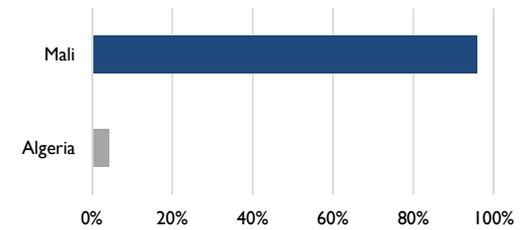
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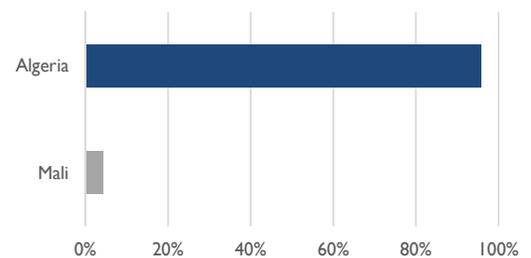
ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS



COUNTRY OF DEPARTURE OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT



NEXT DESTINATIONS OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT



MAIN NATIONALITIES	%	VARIATION
Guinea-Conakry	25%	+2%
Mali	19%	-11%
Côte d'Ivoire	17%	+4%
Senegal	9%	+2%
Cameroon	6%	+2%
Other	24%	+1%

DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Algeria	99%	-1%
Mali	1%	+1%
Other	0%	-



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

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 Mali, Guinea-Conakry, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, and Gambia.

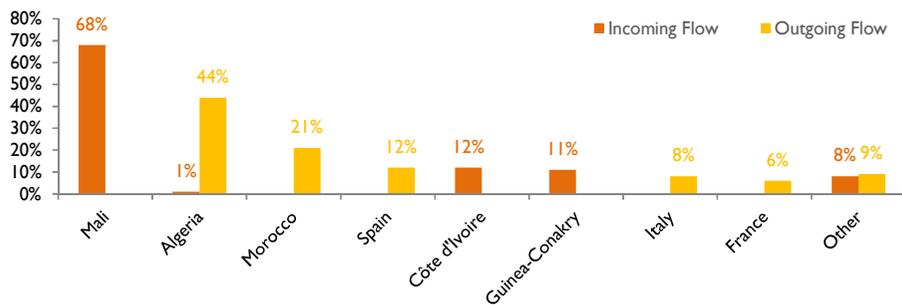
Most outgoing migrants reported Algeria as their final destination, followed by Morocco, Spain, Italy and France.

During the reporting period, 808 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 276; Outgoing flow : 532).

MONTHLY FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED SINCE THE FMP WAS INSTALLED

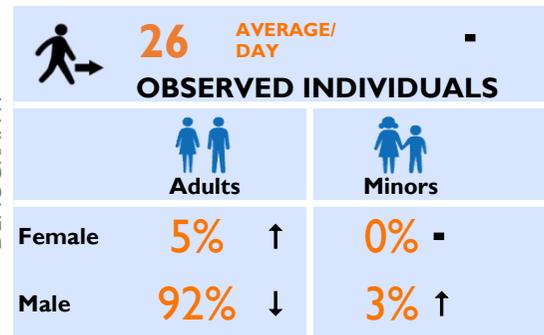


MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



TRAVELERS' PROFILE

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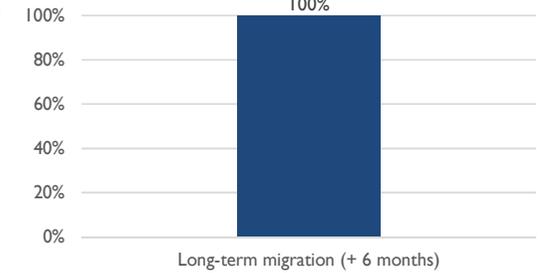
VULNERABILITIES

MAIN NATIONALITIES	%	VARIATION
Mali	40%	-7%
Guinea-Conakry	15%	-2%
Côte d'Ivoire	13%	+1%
Senegal	7%	+1%
Gambia	5%	+2%
Other	20%	+5%

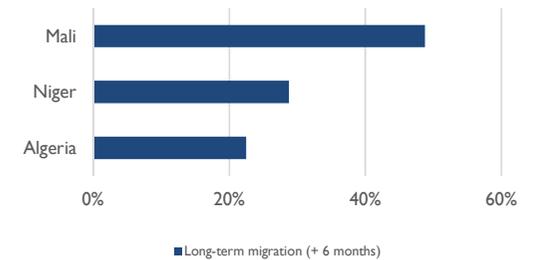
ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS

DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Algeria	66%	+5%
Mali	34%	-5%
Other	0%	-

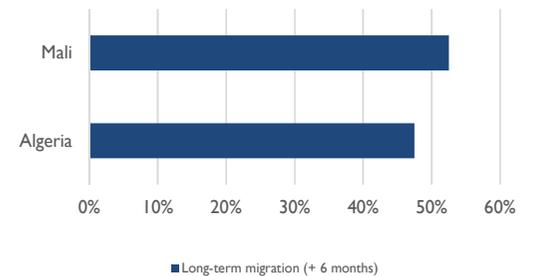
MAIN TYPES OF MOVEMENT



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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.

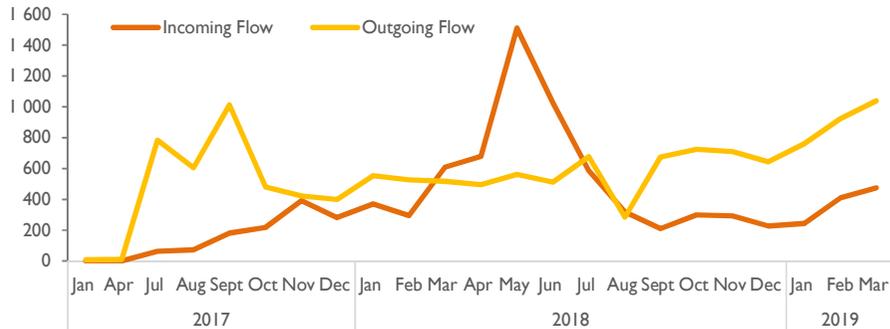
Incoming migrants who transit through Algeria and return to Mali or their countries of origin are also identified at this FMP. Some identified migrants were also going to or returning from Mauritania.

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

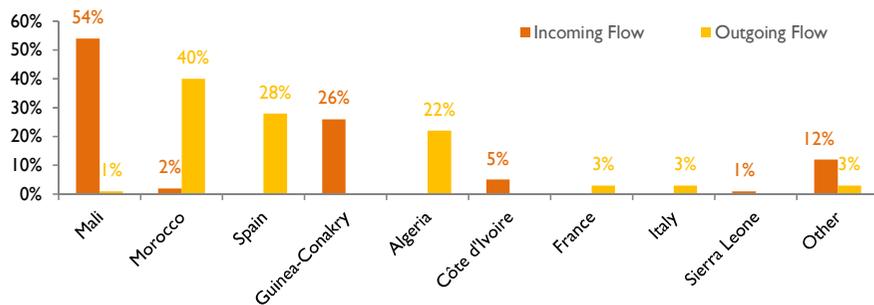
Most outgoing migrants reported either Morocco, Spain or Algeria as their intended final destination.

During the reporting period, 1,513 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 474; Outgoing flow : 1,039).

MONTHLY FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED SINCE THE FMP WAS INSTALLED

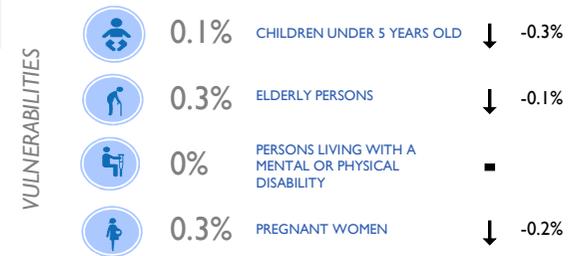
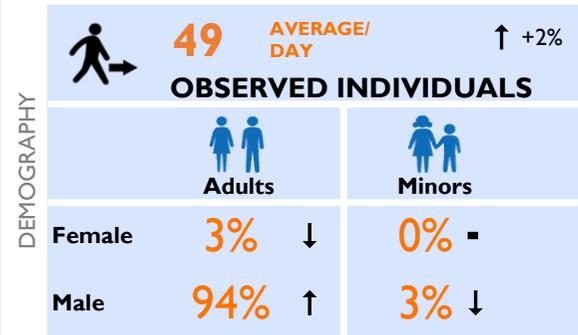


MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



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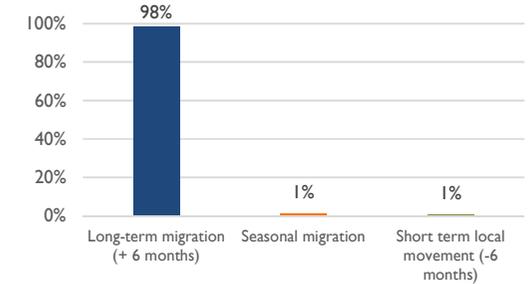
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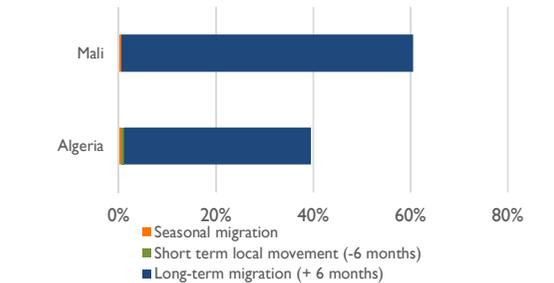
Main Nationalities	%	Variation
Guinea-Conakry	40%	-
Mali	31%	-2%
Gambia	6%	-
Senegal	5%	+1%
Côte d'Ivoire	5%	+2%
Other	13%	-1%

Destinations of Migrants	%	Variation
Mali	31%	+1%
Algeria	69%	+2%
Other	0%	-3%

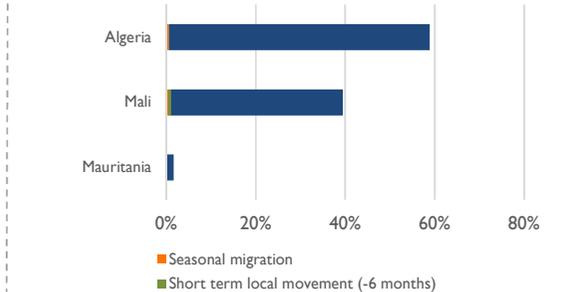
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The Menaka Flow Monitoring Point is located in the city of Menaka, in the Menaka region.

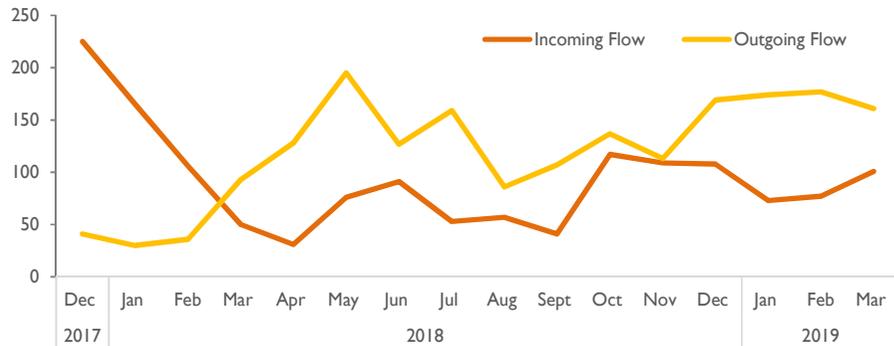
According to information received by data collectors, some migrants, following the reinforcement of security measures in Niger, cross the Menaka border from Niger into Mali in order to get to Algeria. Should this information be confirmed, it will constitute a new trend.

During the reporting period, the vast majority of migrants identified at Menaka were Malians, followed by nationals of Niger, Burkina Faso, Nigeria and Ghana.

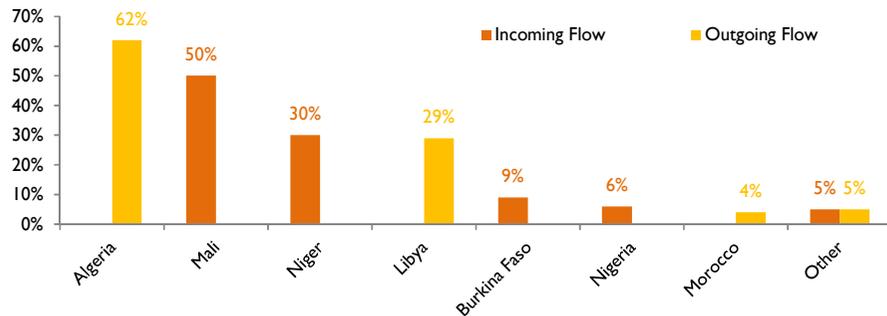
Most outgoing migrants reported either Algeria, Libya or Morocco as their intended final destination.

During the reporting period, 262 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 101; Outgoing flow : 161).

MONTHLY FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED SINCE THE FMP WAS INSTALLED

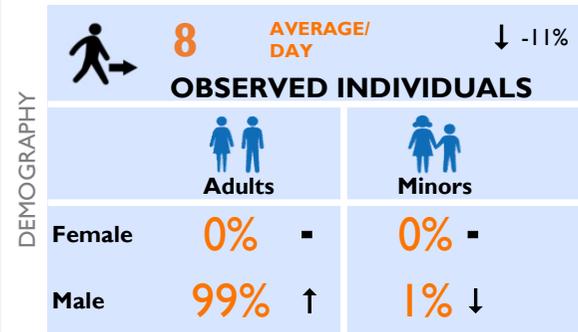


MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



TRAVELERS' PROFILE

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VULNERABILITIES

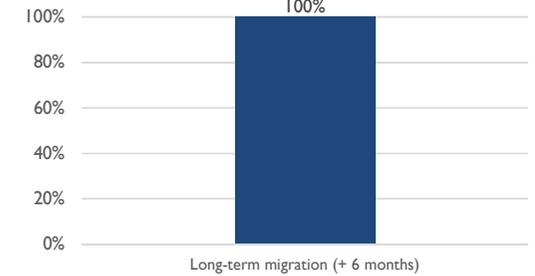


ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS

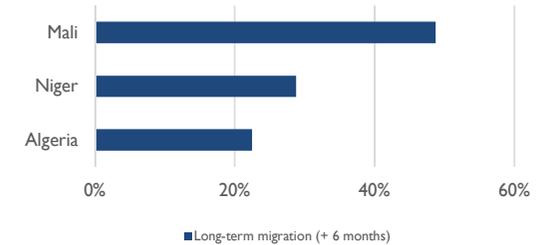
Main Nationalities	%	Variation
Mali	46%	+3%
Niger	31%	+1%
Burkina Faso	8%	-
Nigeria	6%	-1%
Ghana	3%	-4%
Other	6%	+1%

Destination of Migrants	%	Variation
Algeria	61%	-9%
Mali	39%	+9%
Other	0%	-

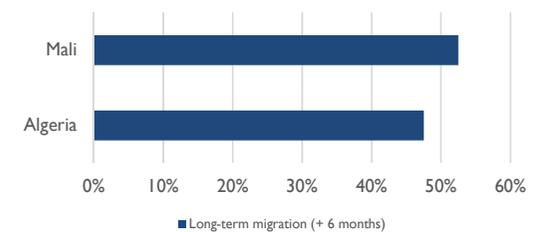
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The Sevare Flow Monitoring Point is a transit point located in Sevare town.

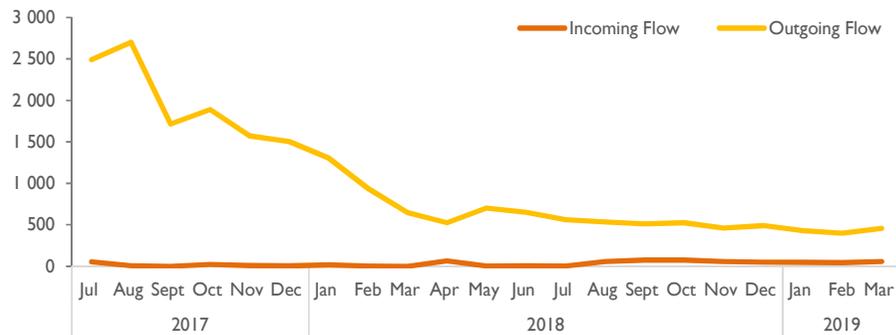
At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors observe migrants traveling to Gao and Timbuktu.

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

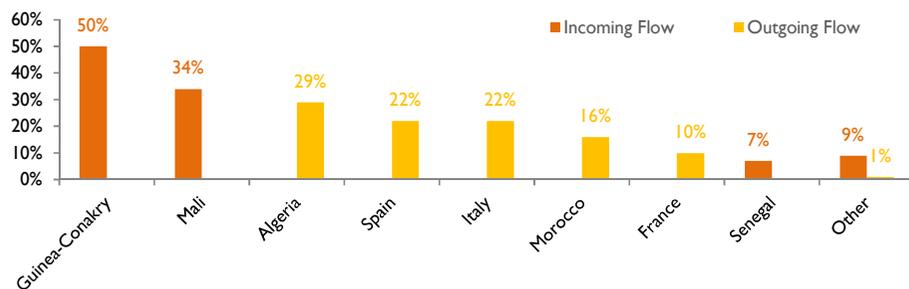
Most outgoing migrants reported Algeria as their final destination, followed by Spain, Italy, Morocco, and France.

During the reporting period, 514 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 56; Outgoing flow : 458).

MONTHLY FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED SINCE THE FMP WAS INSTALLED

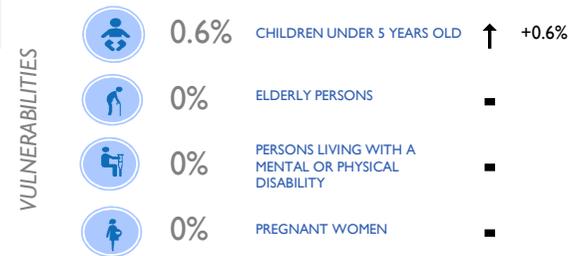
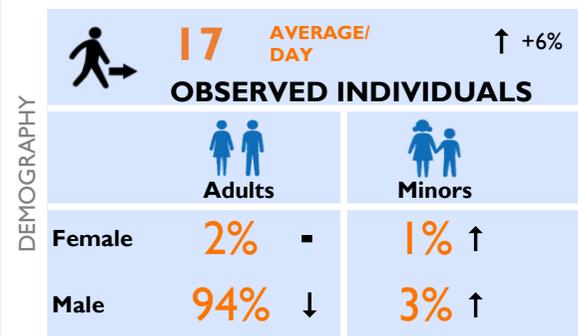


MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



TRAVELERS' PROFILE

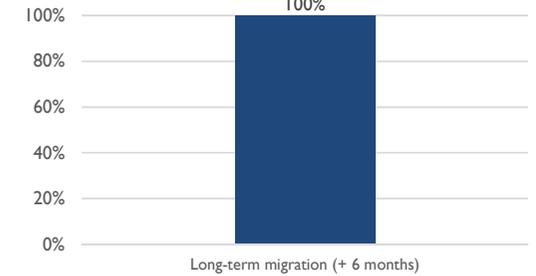
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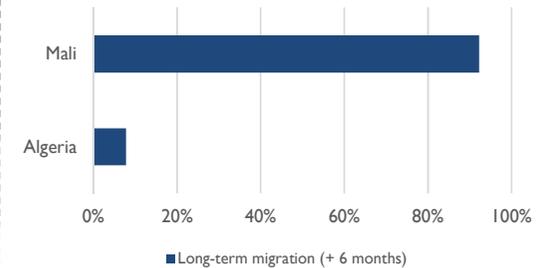
MAIN NATIONALITIES	%	VARIATION
Guinea-Conakry	37%	+2%
Mali	21%	-2%
Senegal	11%	+1%
Côte d'Ivoire	8%	-4%
Gambia	8%	+1%
Other	15%	+2%

DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Algeria	72%	+1%
Niger	17%	-2%
Mali	11%	+1%
Other	0%	-

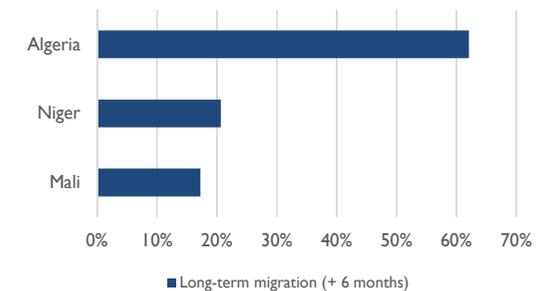
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The Gogui Flow Monitoring Point is located at the border post between Mali and Mauritania.

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.

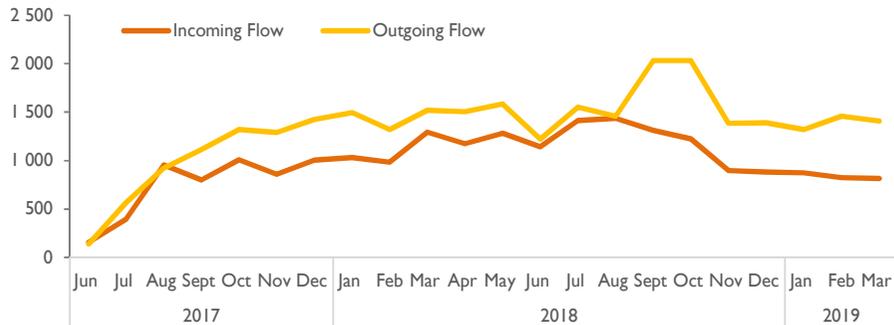
A large number of incoming migrants who had transited through Mauritania, or were deported from Mauritania and were returning to Mali or to their countries of origin, were also identified at this FMP. Most expelled individuals obtain a pass and return to Mauritania.

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

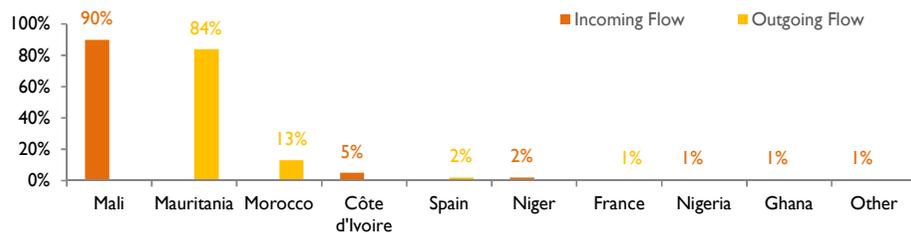
Most outgoing migrants reported either Mauritania, Morocco, Spain or France as their intended final destination.

During the reporting period, 2,224 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 815; Outgoing flow : 1,409).

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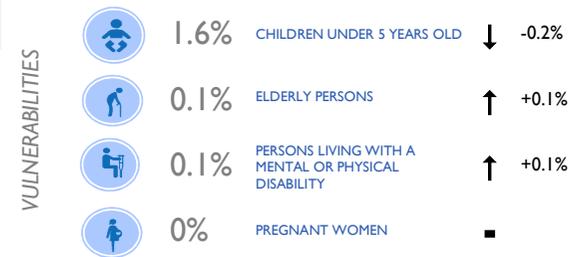
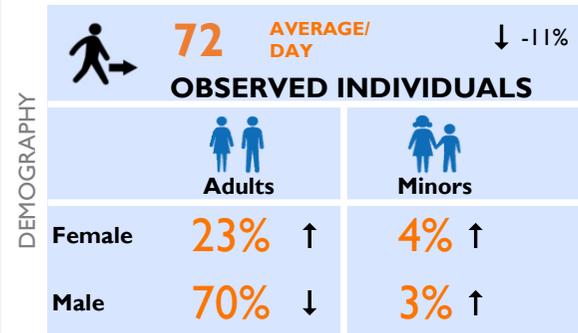


MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



TRAVELERS' PROFILE

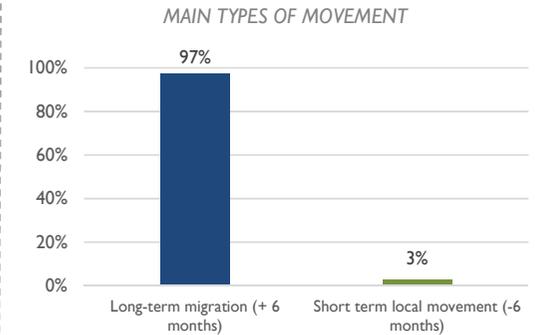
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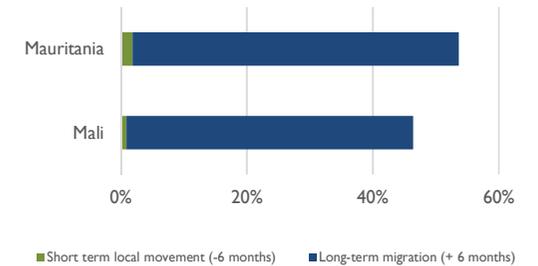
ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS

MAIN NATIONALITIES	%	VARIATION
Mali	77%	-3%
Côte d'Ivoire	11%	+1%
Niger	3%	+2%
Guinea-Conakry	2%	-
Senegal	2%	-
Other	5%	-

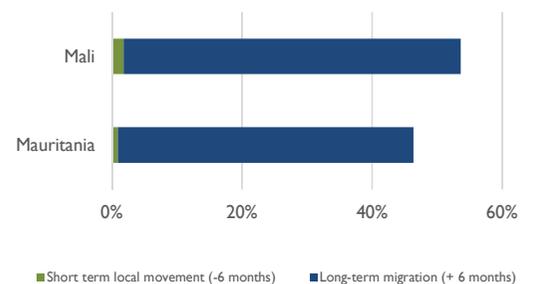
DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mauritania	63%	-3%
Mali	37%	+3%
Other	0%	-



COUNTRY OF DEPARTURE OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT



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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.

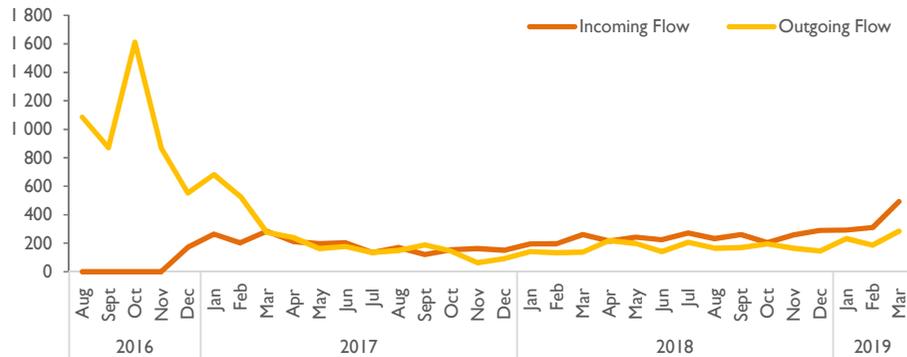
During the reporting period, the vast majority of migrants identified at Benena were Nigerians, followed by nationals of Mali, Togo, Senegal and Niger.

Most outgoing migrants reported either Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Togo, or Niger as their intended final destination.

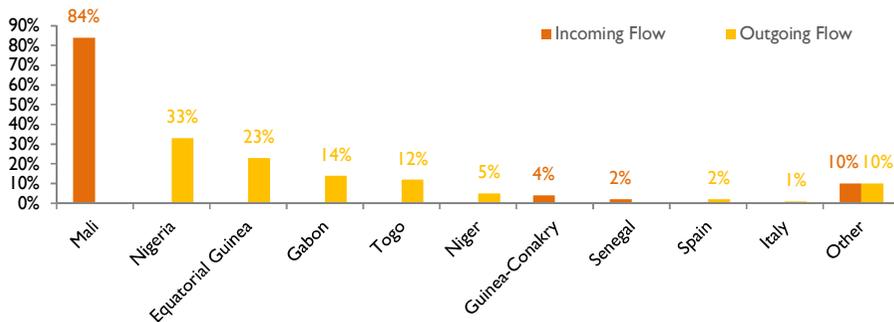
During the reporting period, 776 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 492; Outgoing flow : 284).

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

MONTHLY FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED SINCE THE FMP WAS INSTALLED

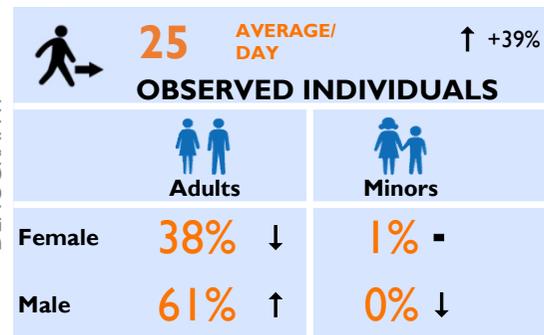


MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



TRAVELERS' PROFILE

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DEMOGRAPHY



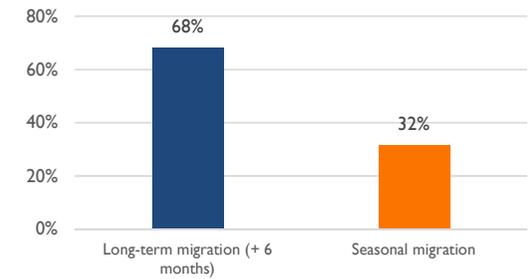
VULNERABILITIES

MAIN NATIONALITIES	%	VARIATION
Nigeria	38%	+7%
Mali	17%	+7%
Togo	17%	+2%
Senegal	6%	-
Niger	5%	+2%
Other	17%	-18%

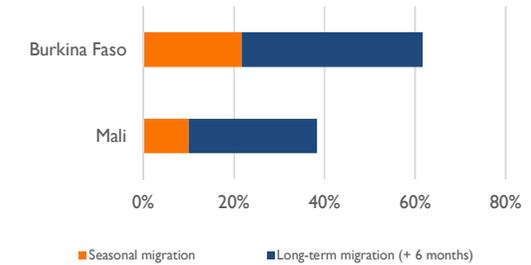
ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS

DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	63%	-2%
Burkina Faso	37%	+2%
Other	0%	-

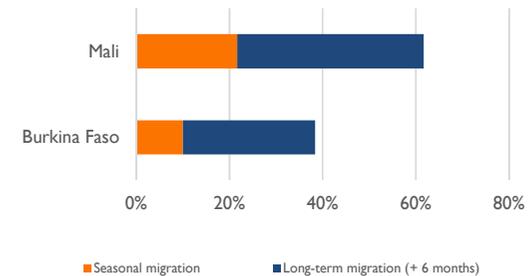
MAIN TYPES OF MOVEMENT



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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.

During the reporting period, the vast majority of migrants identified at Heremakono were nationals of Mali, Guinea, Senegal, Burkina Faso and Gambia.

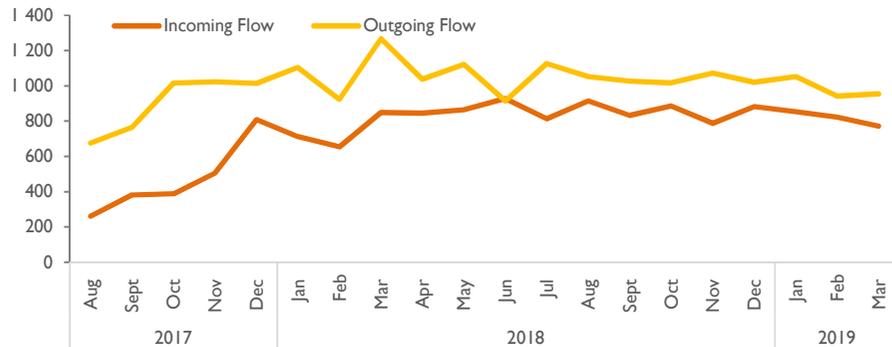
Most outgoing migrants reported either Libya, Spain, Algeria, Italy or France, as their intended final destination.

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

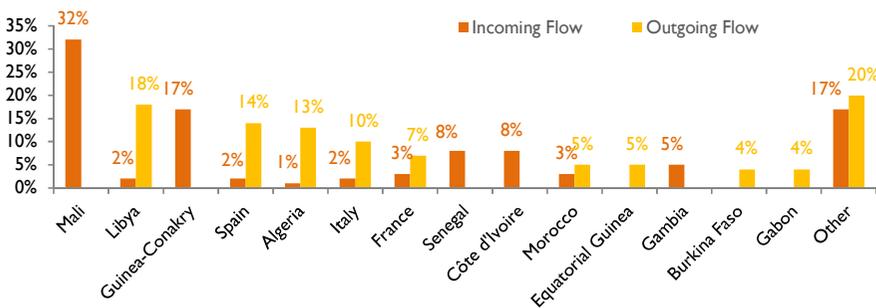
During the reporting period, 1,727 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 772; Outgoing flow : 955).

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

MONTHLY FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED SINCE THE FMP WAS INSTALLED

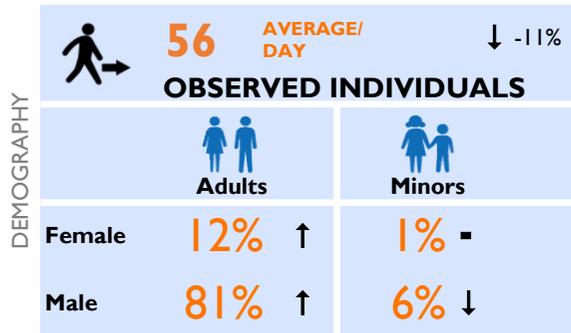


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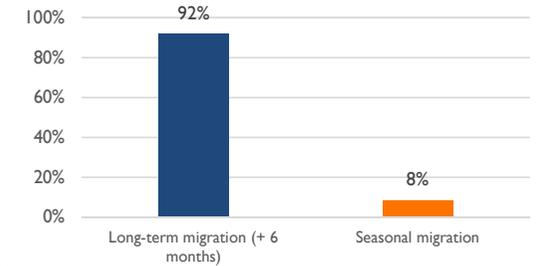


ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS

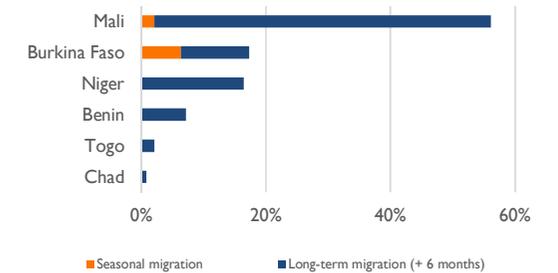
MAIN NATIONALITIES	%	VARIATION
Mali	23%	+3%
Guinea-Conakry	14%	-
Senegal	10%	+1%
Burkina Faso	8%	-6%
Gambia	8%	+2%
Other	37%	-

DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	45%	-2%
Burkina Faso	23%	-7%
Niger	21%	+3%
Other	11%	+6%

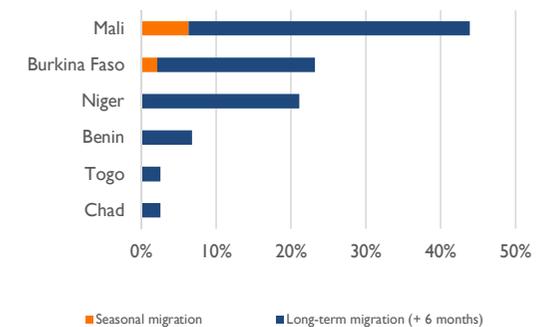
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The capital city of Bamako is a major transit point for migrants travelling to West and North African countries.

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.

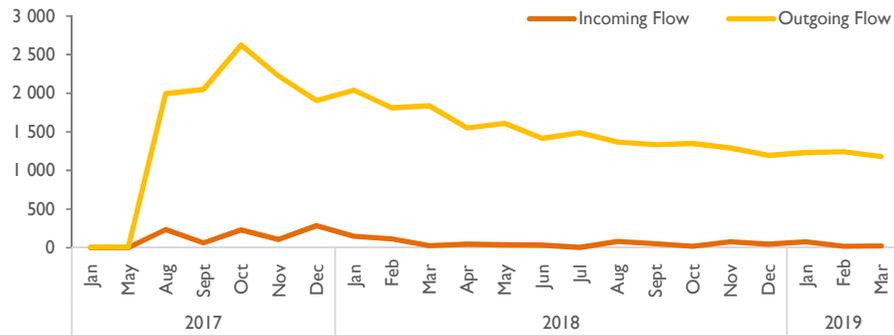
Most outgoing migrants reported either Algeria, Italy or Spain as their intended final destination.

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

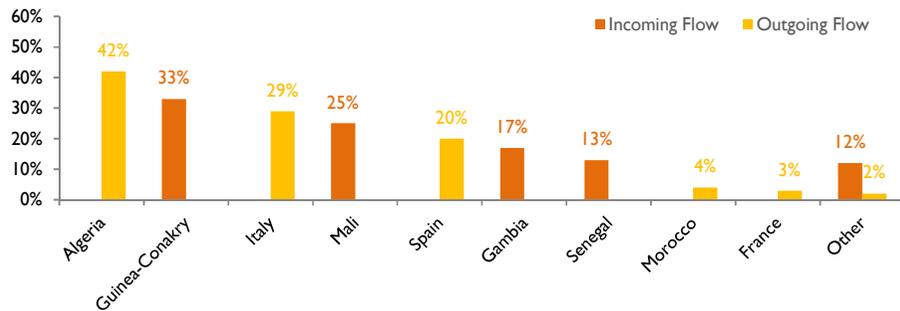
According to the information received from data collectors, migrants from Côte d'Ivoire transit through Sikasso, where they then travel to Mopti, bypassing Bamako. This explains the low number of Ivorian nationals observed at the Bamako FMPs. In addition, Malian nationals traveling to Northern Mali often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

During the reporting period, 1,207 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 24; Outgoing flow : 1,183).

MONTHLY FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED SINCE THE FMP WAS INSTALLED

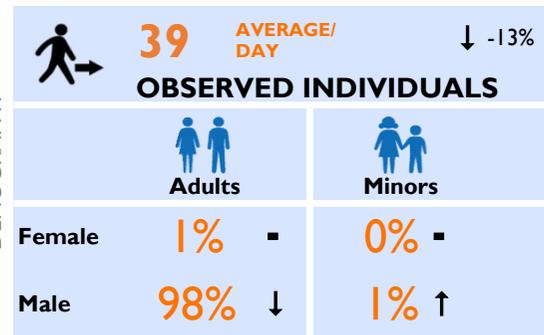


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VULNERABILITIES

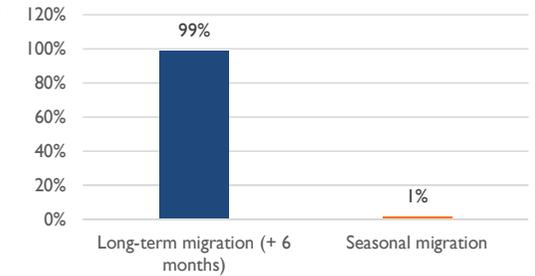
- 0% CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD
- 0% ELDERLY PERSONS
- 0% PERSONS LIVING WITH A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY
- 0% PREGNANT WOMEN

ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS

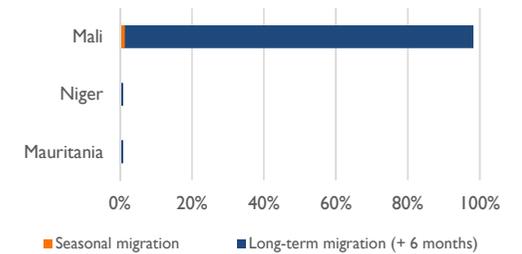
MAIN NATIONALITIES	%	VARIATION
Guinea-Conakry	40%	+2%
Mali	23%	+3%
Gambia	10%	-3%
Senegal	10%	-2%
Burkina Faso	6%	-
Other	11%	+0%

DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATION
Mali	92%	-2%
Mauritania	7%	+2%
Niger	1%	-
Other	0%	-

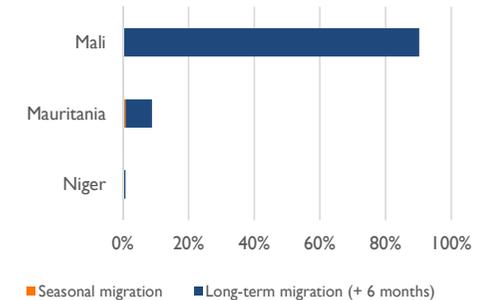
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WHAT IS FLOW MONITORING?

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 agents collect data from key informants at the flow monitoring point: the latter 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, ten 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 geographic 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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