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DTM MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (MENA)
PROFILE OF CHILDREN MIGRANTS FROM MENA

DTM
FLOW MONITORING
SURVEY RESULTS
(2017 TO 2018)

OVERVIEW

The flow monitoring surveys are part of the IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) data collection activities in West and Central Africa, Libya and Europe (Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo[1], the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania and Spain), that are conducted within the framework of IOM's research on populations on the move through Africa, the Mediterranean and Western Balkan. Data was collected between January 2017 and June 2018 in the above mentioned countries.

Children migrants on the move are interviewed by IOM field teams, among other migrants; the surveys collects information on migrants' profiles, including age, sex, areas of origin, levels of education and employment status before migration, key transit points on their route, cost of the journey, reasons for moving and intentions.

The present brief highlights some of the main characteristics of children migrants of nationalities from Middle East and North Africa region (from Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Sudan, Syria and Tunisia) interviewed mainly in Libya and Europe over 2017 and 2018.

Further information about the questionnaire, sampling and survey implementation can be found on DTM Methodological Framework.
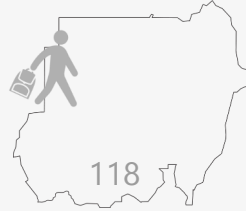
[1]This designation is without prejudice to position on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

KEY FIGURES

332 children from **Middle East and North African nationalities were interviewed across**
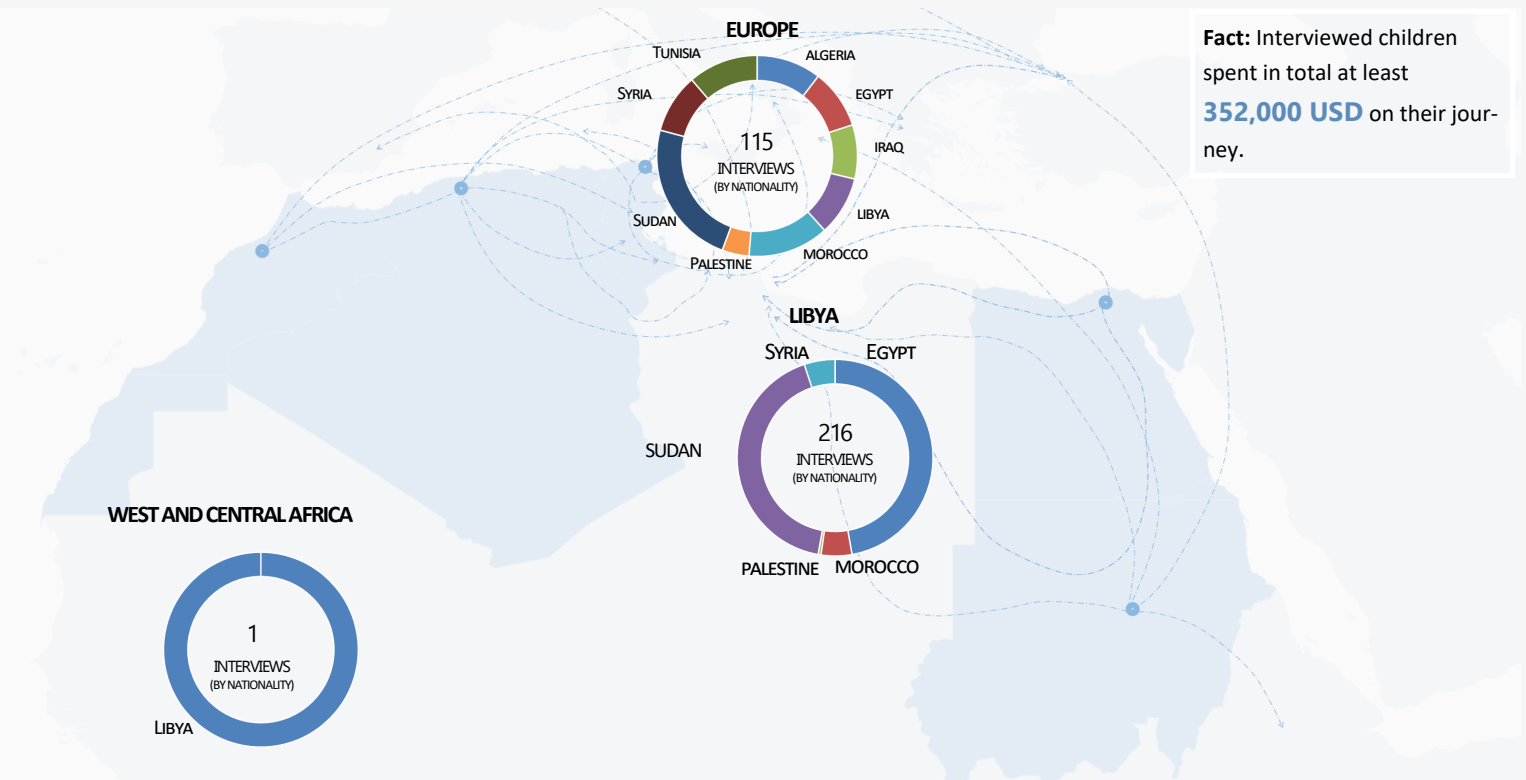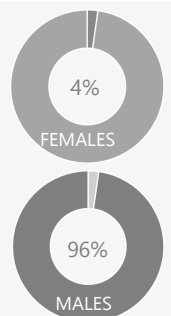**3** regions and
12 countries.

113
EGYPTIAN CHILDREN

118
SUDANESE CHILDREN

101
CHILDREN FROM OTHER MENA NATIONALITIES

EUROPE

TUNISIA · ALGERIA
SYRIA · EGYPT
· IRAQ
· LIBYA
SUDAN · MOROCCO
PALESTINE

115
INTERVIEWS
(BY NATIONALITY)

Fact: Interviewed children spent in total at least **352,000 USD** on their journey.

LIBYA

SYRIA · EGYPT

SUDAN

216
INTERVIEWS
(BY NATIONALITY)

PALESTINE · MOROCCO

WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

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INTERVIEWS
(BY NATIONALITY)

LIBYA

AGE GROUPS

14 | 7%

15 | 8%

16 | 24%

17 | 60%

SEX GROUPS

4%
FEMALES

96%
MALES

FEEDBACK: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: DTMROMENA@IOM.INT

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PROFILE OF CHILDREN MIGRANTS (AGE 14-17)

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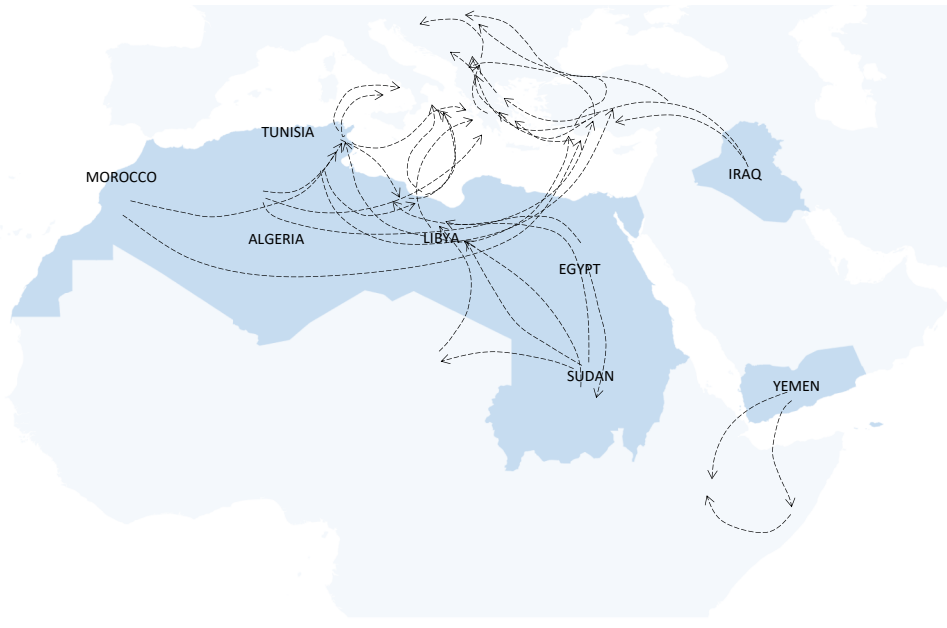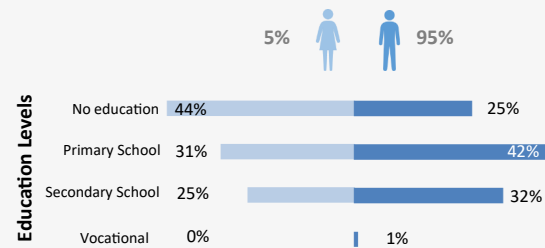
332 children (aged 14-17) interviewed across

12 countries, of which:

- **115** in Europe
- **216** in Libya
- **1** in WCA

178 interviews in 2017

154 interviews in 2018

5% | 95%

Education Levels

	Female	Male
No education	44%	25%
Primary School	31%	42%
Secondary School	25%	32%
Vocational	0%	1%

ROUTES

MAIN ITINERARIES

Departure countries
34% Egypt
7% Libya
8% Morocco
33% Sudan

Transit countries
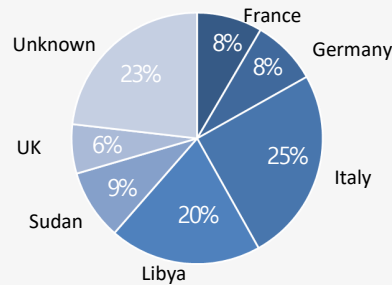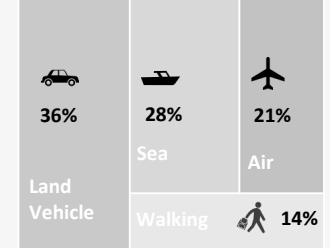24% Chad
17% Libya
17% Tunisia
23% Turkey

Location of Interview
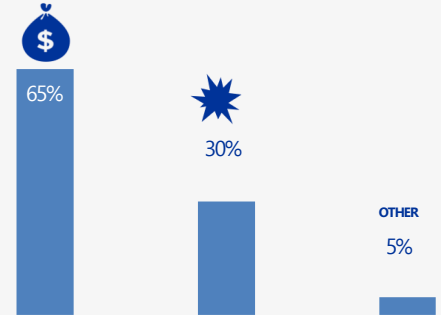21% Italy
65% Libya
6% Macedonia

INTENDED DESTINATION

- France 8%
- Germany 8%
- Italy 25%
- Libya 20%
- Sudan 9%
- UK 6%
- Unknown 23%

MAIN MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

- **36%** Land Vehicle
- **28%** Sea
- **21%** Air
- **14%** Walking

REASONS & INTENTIONS FOR TRAVELLING

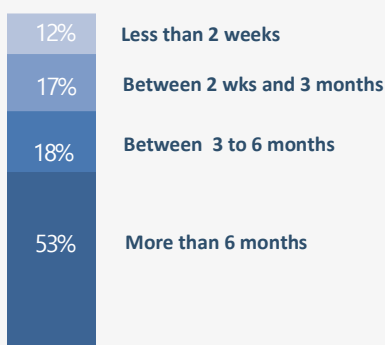### MAIN REASONS FOR LEAVING

65%
30%
OTHER 5%

65% of child migrants travelled for economic reasons, 30% due to targeted violence or persecuiton, 5% for other reasons.

### MAIN REASONS FOR CHOOSING INTENDED DESTINATION

- 48% Appealing socio-economic conditions
- 23% Other
- 18% Family/relatives
- 7% Ease of access to asylum
- 2% Safety
- 2% Only Choice

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

LENGTH OF JOURNEY SO FAR

12%	Less than 2 weeks
17%	Between 2 wks and 3 months
18%	Between 3 to 6 months
53%	More than 6 months
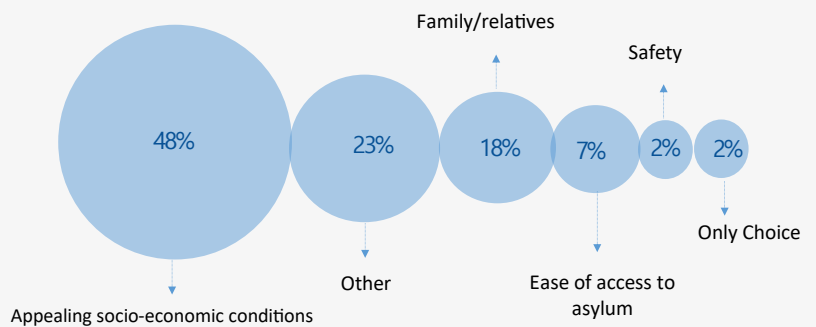
Data shows that 53% have been on the move for longer than 6 months.

COMPOSITION OF TRAVELERS

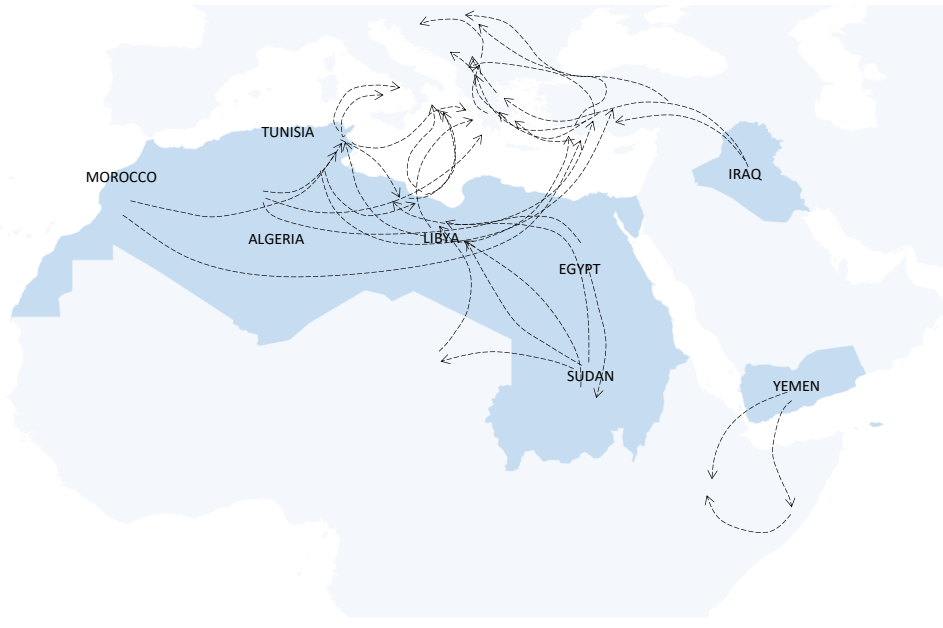**29%** Travel with family/relatives

- Alone 32%
- Group 68%
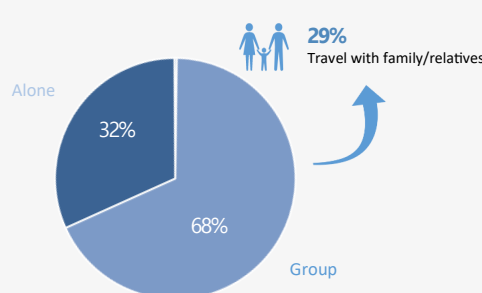
Amongst the **68%** migrants travelling in a group, 29% travel with family/relatives.

ESTIMATED COST OF JOURNEY AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW

- 43% Less than USD 1,000
- 42% Between USD 1,000 and 5,000
- 11% Unknown
- 4% More than USD 5,000

46% of migrants spent more than $1000 for their journey.

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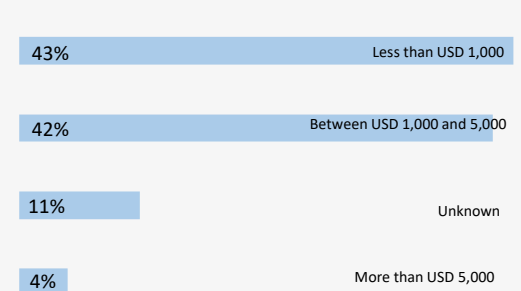
PROFILE OF YOUNG MIGRANTS (AGE 18-24)

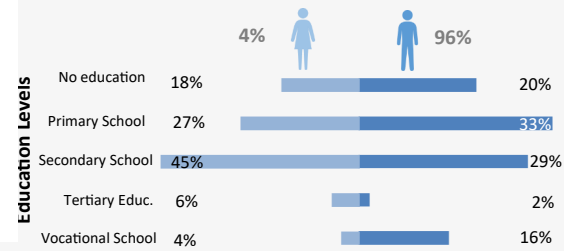Routes displayed on the map are based on reported transit and intended destinations.

6,475 children (aged 18-24) from Egypt interviewed across 15 countries, of which:

- 32 in East and Horn of Africa
- 1,177 in Europe
- 5.239 in Libya
- 27 in West and Central Africa

2,389 interviews in 2017

4,086 interviews in 2018

4% ♀   ♂ **96%**

Education Levels

	♀	♂
No education	18%	20%
Primary School	27%	33%
Secondary School	45%	29%
Tertiary Educ.	6%	2%
Vocational School	4%	16%

ROUTES

MAIN ITINERARIES

Departure countries
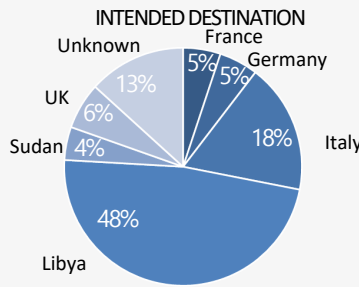
4% Algeria
40% Egypt
3% Libya
40% Sudan
5% Syria

Transit countries

17% Chad
18% Egypt
8% Greece
13% Sudan
26% Turkey

Location of Interview

6% Italy
81% Libya
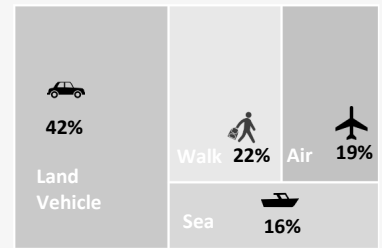
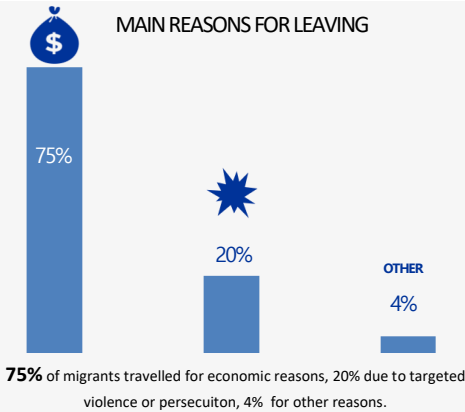### INTENDED DESTINATION

France 5%
Germany 5%
Italy 18%
Libya 48%
Sudan 4%
UK 6%
Unknown 13%

MAIN MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

Land Vehicle 42%
Walk 22%
Air 19%
Sea 16%

REASONS & INTENTIONS FOR TRAVELLING

MAIN REASONS FOR LEAVING

75%
20%
OTHER 4%

75% of migrants travelled for economic reasons, 20% due to targeted violence or persecuiton, 4% for other reasons.

MAIN REASONS FOR CHOOSING INTENDED DESTINATION

56% — Appealing socio-economic conditions
21% — Family/relatives
12% — Other
10% — Ease of access to asylum

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

LENGTH OF JOURNEY SO FAR

14%	Less than 2 weeks
22%	Between 2 wks and 3 months
17%	Between 3 to 6 months
47%	More than 6 months
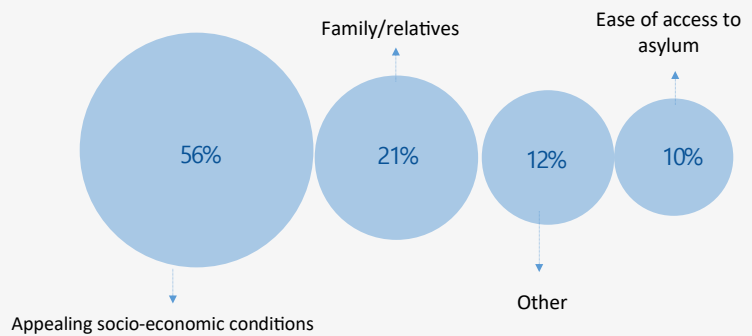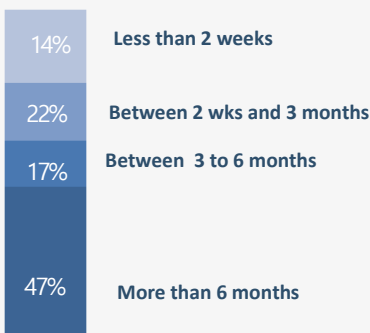
Data shows that 47% have been on the move for longer than 6 months.

COMPOSITION OF TRAVELERS

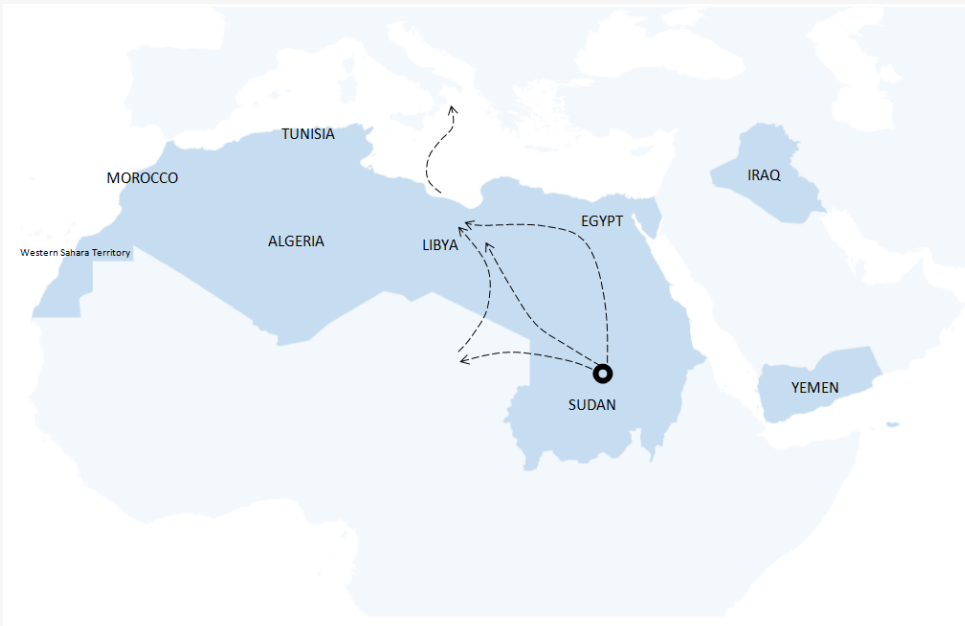**32%** Travel with family/relatives

Alone 24%
Group 76%
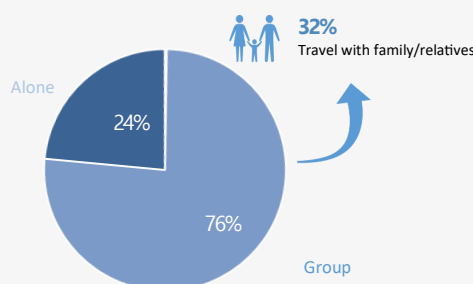
Amongst the **76%** migrants travelling in a group, 32% travel with family/relatives.

ESTIMATED COST OF JOURNEY AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW

67%	Less than USD 1,000
26%	Between USD 1,000 and 5,000
3%	Unknown
2%	More than USD 5,000
1%	No cost
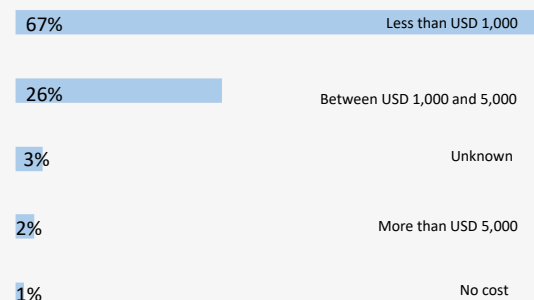
28% of migrants spent more than $1000 on their journey.

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PROFILE OF CHILDREN MIGRANTS FROM SUDAN (AGE 14-17)

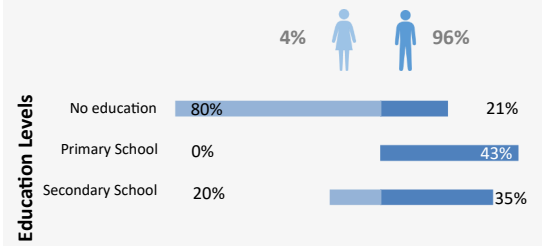**118** children (aged 14-17) from Sudan interviewed across **2** countries, of which:

- **27** in Italy
- **91** in Libya

63 interviews in 2017

55 interviews in 2018

4% / **96%**

Education Levels

No education	80%	21%
Primary School	0%	43%
Secondary School	20%	35%

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ROUTES

MAIN ITINERARIES

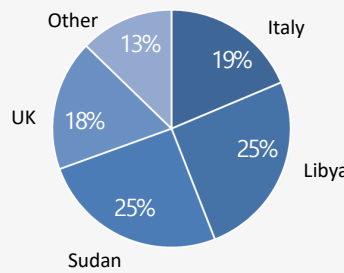**Departure countries**

8% Libya
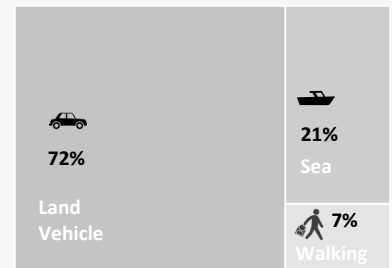92% Sudan

Transit countries

58% Chad
11% Egypt
30% Libya

Location of Interview
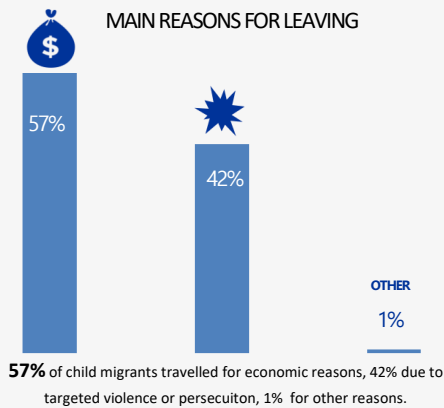
23% Italy
77% Libya

INTENDED DESTINATION

- Italy 19%
- Libya 25%
- Sudan 25%
- UK 18%
- Other 13%

MAIN MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

- **72%** Land Vehicle
- **21%** Sea
- **7%** Walking

REASONS & INTENTIONS FOR TRAVELLING

MAIN REASONS FOR LEAVING

- 57%
- 42%
- **OTHER** 1%

57% of child migrants travelled for economic reasons, 42% due to targeted violence or persecuiton, 1% for other reasons.

MAIN REASONS FOR CHOOSING INTENDED DESTINATION

- 46% — Appealing socio-economic conditions
- 23% — Other
- 13% — Ease of access to asylum
- 13% — Family/relatives
- 3% — Safety
- 2% — Only Choice

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

LENGTH OF JOURNEY SO FAR

- 9% Less than 2 weeks
- 11% Between 2 wks and 3 months
- 14% Between 3 to 6 months
- 66% More than 6 months

Data shows that 66% have been on the move for longer than 6 months.

COMPOSITION OF TRAVELERS

23% Travel with family/relatives

- Alone 38%
- Group 63%

Amongst the **63%** migrants travelling in a group, 23% travel with family/relatives.

ESTIMATED COST OF JOURNEY AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW

- 57% Between USD 1,000 and 5,000
- 32% Less than USD 1,000
- 5% More than USD 5,000
- 5% Unknown
- 1% No cost

62% of migrants spent more than $1000 for their journey.

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PROFILE OF CHILDREN MIGRANTS FROM EGYPT (AGE 14-17)

113 children (aged 14-17) from Egypt interviewed across 4 countries, of which:

- 1 in Albania
- 9 in Italy
- 102 in Libya
- 1 in Serbia

49 interviews in 2017

64 interviews in 2018

2% / 98%

Education Levels	Female	Male
No education	0%	33%
Primary School	100%	42%
Secondary School	0%	22%
Vocational School		3%

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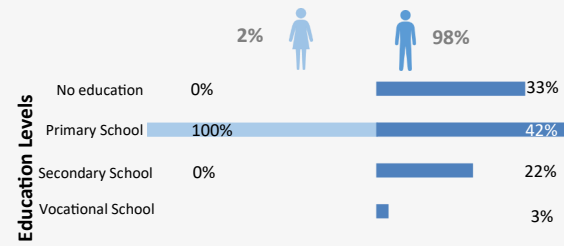
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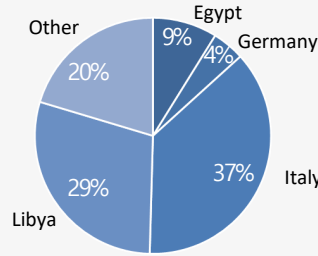
Departure countries

99% Egypt
1% Netherlands

Transit countries

1% Italy
1% Libya
98% Unknown
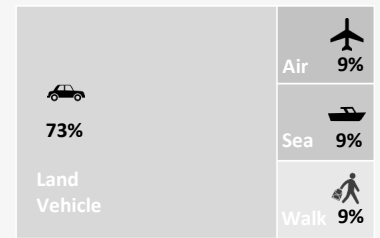
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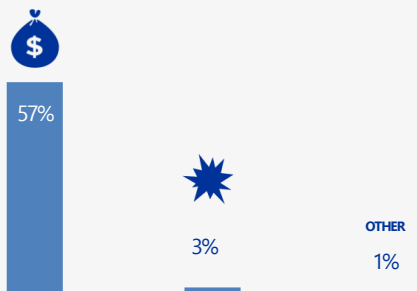
1% Albania
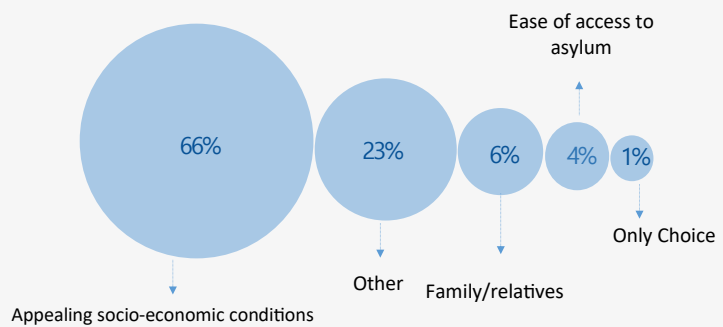8% Italy
90% Libya
1% Serbia

INTENDED DESTINATION

- Egypt 9%
- Germany 4%
- Italy 37%
- Libya 29%
- Other 20%

MAIN MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

- Land Vehicle 73%
- Air 9%
- Sea 9%
- Walk 9%

REASONS & INTENTIONS FOR TRAVELLING

MAIN REASONS FOR LEAVING
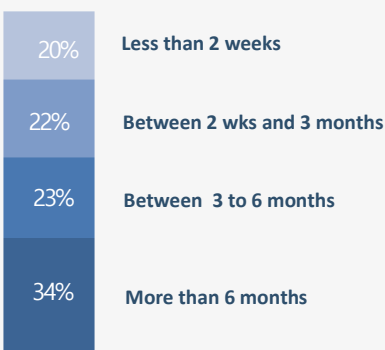
57%

3%

OTHER 1%

57% of child migrants travelled for economic reasons, 3% due to targeted violence or persecution, 1% for other reasons.

MAIN REASONS FOR CHOOSING INTENDED DESTINATION

- 66% Appealing socio-economic conditions
- 23% Other
- 6% Family/relatives
- 4% Ease of access to asylum
- 1% Only Choice

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

LENGTH OF JOURNEY SO FAR

20%	Less than 2 weeks
22%	Between 2 wks and 3 months
23%	Between 3 to 6 months
34%	More than 6 months

Data shows that 34% have been on the move for longer than 6 months.

COMPOSITION OF TRAVELERS

31% Travel with family/relatives

- Alone 18%
- Group 82%
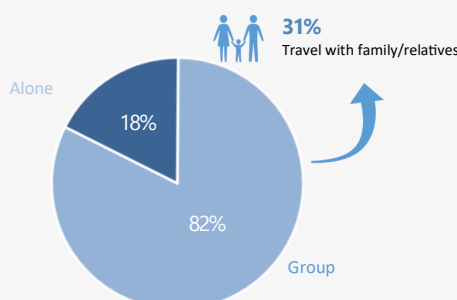
Amongst the **82%** migrants travelling in a group, 31% travel with family/relatives.

ESTIMATED COST OF JOURNEY AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW

71%	Less than USD 1,000
23%	Between USD 1,000 and 5,000
5%	Unknown
1%	More than USD 5,000

24% of migrants spent more than $1000 for their journey.