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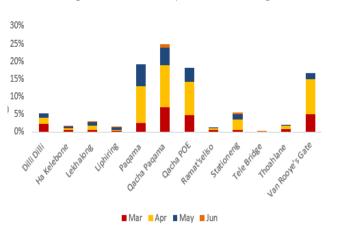
KEY FINDINGS

IOM works with national and local authorities in order to gain a better understanding of population movements throughout Southern Africa. Through the setup of Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs), IOM seeks to quantify migration flows, trends and routes and to gain a better understanding of the profiles of observed individuals at entry, transit or exit points (such as border crossing posts, bus stations, rest areas, police checkpoints and reception centres). This report is an overview of the data collected in these Lesotho FMPs from 1 March 2021 to 30 June 2021.

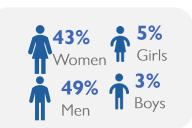
- Mafeteng (Lesotho) South Africa
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From 1 March to 30 June 2021, a total of 23,179 movements were observed across 12 FMPs in Lesotho. The Lesotho-South Africa (Mafeteng Paqama) corridor hosted the largest number of individuals (5,793). The majority of migrants were Basotho - 21,579 (93%). This was followed by the South Africans, with 558 individuals (2%).

Percentage of movements by Flow Monitoring Point and month



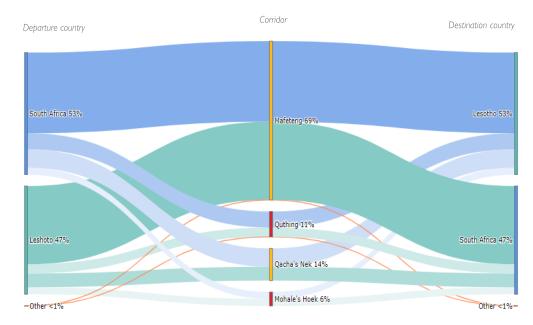






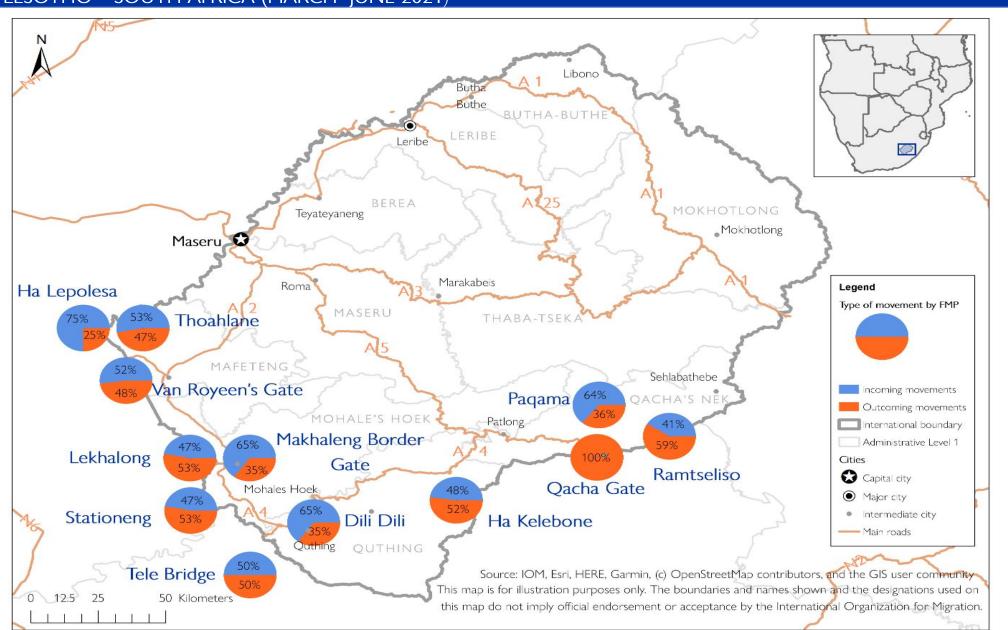


DEPARTURE COUNTRIES AND INTENDED DESTINATIONS



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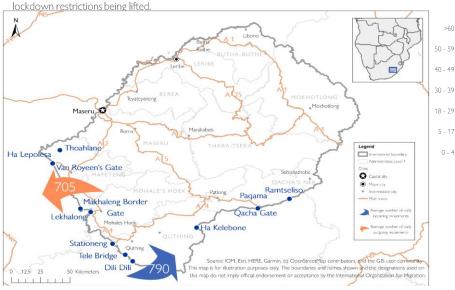


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OVERVIEW

Over the reporting period, a total of 23,179 cross-border movements were observed at the Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs). The average monthly number of flows was 1,495. South Africa (53%) and Lesotho (47%) were the main countries of departure (53% and 47% respectively) and intended destination (47% and 53%) of individuals passing through the different FMPs. Out of 23,179 individuals observed, 52 per cent were males and 48 per cent were females. There were 222 women who were visibly pregnant. Boys and girls (males and females below 18 years of age) made up eight per cent of the individuals observed. There was an increase of migrant movements in April due to the Easter holidays and



Monthly observations from March 2021 to June 2021



KEY FIGURES

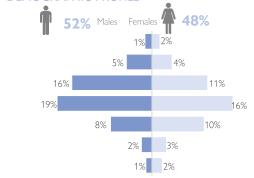


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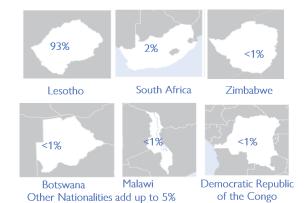
DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION



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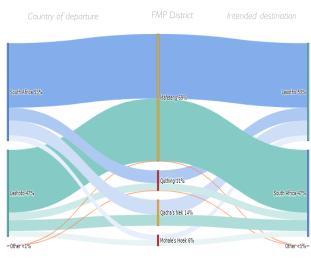


FLOW TYPES



■ Incoming ■ Outgoing

AREAS OF ORIGIN AND INTENDED DESTINATIONS



REASONS FOF MOVING

Reasons for Moving	Total	Flows to South Africa	
Short Term Local Movement (<6 months)	45%	26%	19%
Long Term Economic Movement (>6 months)	27%	<1%	2%
Family Reunification (>6 months)	22%	5%	23%
Seasonal Migration	4%	2%	3%
COVID-19	1%	1%	<1%
Forced Movement due to Conflict) <1%	<1%	<1%

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METHODOLOGY

Flow Monitoring is a data collection activity which seeks to gather key information on mobility and migrant profiles. It begins by identifying zones in which large mobility flows occur and highlighting the characteristics and journeys of travellers in these zones. DTM teams, with the support of local authorities and partners, identify strategic points of transit, where Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) are set up. At each FMP, DTM conducts two main activities: Flow Monitoring Registry (FMR) and Flow Monitoring Surveys (FMS). This report focuses on FMR data only. The FMR collects data at FMPs through direct observation and interviews with key informants, including staff working at transit stations, border patrol officers, local authorities, bus or taxi drivers and travellers themselves. The FMR gathers data on the number of travellers crossing FMPs, as well as the provenance, next destination, vulnerabilities and means of transport of travellers. At each FMP, data is collected by a team of enumerators. Data collection is carried out daily, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Enumerators collect data via a mobile data collection form to ensure data integrity and quality. This report is an overview of the data collected from 1 March to 30 June 2021.

Flow Monitoring Point: Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) are points set up by IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix in high mobility areas in each country covered (near borders or main travel routes from Lesotho to South Africa).

LIMITATIONS

Data collected in the framework of Flow Monitoring activities are the result of direct observations and interviews conducted at FMPs between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. The data are not representative of all migration flows in the border area, and, because they only reflect the situation of observed or surveyed individuals, cannot be generalized. Temporal coverage of the data collection exercises is also limited to a specific time window. While data is collected daily, Flow Monitoring activities do not capture all flows transiting through FMPs. Data on vulnerability is based on direct observation and self-reporting. Therefore, the findings should be understood as mainly indicative.

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