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Transhumance

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Cross-border transhumance is a major herding practice in West and Central Africa. An important economic activity and a driver of regional development, transhumance has in the past decades been subject to significant upheavals. Climatic variability, demographic pressure, growing competition over scarcer resources, political volatility and insecurity have deeply affected transhumance routes, patterns and flows. IOM, through the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) **Transhumance Tracking Tool (TTT)**, works with the Réseau Bilital Maroobe (RBM), a large regional transhumant herders' network, to provide strong and reliable data on transhumance in the region.

The TTT's aim is to bolster the capacity of regional, national and local actors involved in the management of transhumance to contribute to a more accurate and fine-grained understanding of transhumance flows, and to prevent and mitigate conflicts associated with transhumance mobility. Since 2019, in West and Central Africa, the Regional Data Hub supports the implementation of the TTT by ensuring the quality of collection, analysis and management of data collected through the TTT's mapping, flow monitoring, early warning and survey tools.

TAILORED, LOCAL, ADAPTABLE AND EVENT-BASED DATA ON TRANSHUMANCE

TAILORED

The *Transhumance Tracking Tool* is divided into four components: participatory mapping, flow monitoring, early warning system and individual surveys. Data is collected following the transhumance calendar and reports presenting key facts and figures are generated monthly supporting advocacy efforts and decision making processes.

LOCAL

IOM's partnership with RBM is key in data processing and data usage. This close collaboration at each step of TTT exercises in West and Central Africa is a guarantee of data relevance and use. From design to dissemination, IOM and RBM work hand in hand to provide strong and reliable data on transhumance.

ADAPTABLE

The *Transhumance Tracking Tool's* modules/components can be rolled out either together or separately, depending on the needs and constraints in the area of interest. The TTT can add or adjust thematic modules on demand based on arising needs for data. This flexibility allows for context specific but comparable and scalable data at regional level.

EVENT-BASED

The *Transhumance Tracking Tool's* early warning system is a localized alert system intended to warn local authorities and communities about potential clashes, violent incidents or population displacement that may occur in the context of transhumance mobility.

REGIONAL FOOTPRINT

In 2021, the *Transhumance Tracking Tool* was active in **8 countries** in West and Central Africa (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Nigeria) and is supported by several Investigators from the herd leaders.

Reports, datasets and methodologies accessible online: displacement.iom.int

