

INTRODUCTION: IOM works with national and local authorities and local partners to identify and understand migration movements in **West and Central Africa**. Flow monitoring is an activity that quantifies and qualifies flows, migrant profiles, trends and migration routes at a given point of entry, transit or exit. **Since February 2016, IOM Niger has been monitoring migration flows at six points across Niger.** The data collected provides an overview of migration in the region. The information is collected from primary sources. Given the immensity of the region of Agadez, **a new FMP (Madama) on the Libyan border was activated in January 2019** to capture the outflows due to the proliferation of bypass roads. This new FMP complements that of Séguédine which is now only capturing incoming flows. The data collected provides an overview of migratory movements in the region. However, this monitoring of migration flows does not replace border surveillance. Similarly, the results presented in this report do not reflect the total flow of migrants through the Agadez region due to the size of the Sahara Desert, which covers more than 700,000 km² and has a large number of roads crisscrossing the region.

NIGER POPULATION FLOW MONITORING POINTS



In addition to the three FMPs (Dan Barto, Magaria and Tahoua) activated in August, **a new FMP was also set up in Niger (Dan Issa) in September.** The aim was to better understand migration routes along the southern part of the Niger, and to complement the existing FMPs in Arlit and Séguédine. There are now three cross-border FMPs (**Dan Issa, Dan Barto and Magaria**) on the border between the Niger and Nigeria, which stretches over 1000 km. The FMP at **Tahoua** was set up to understand internal movement flows as it is situated in central Niger. The Tahoua region borders Tillabery region in the east, Nigeria in the south and the Agadez region in the north. Madama FMP is located at the border between Libya and the Niger.

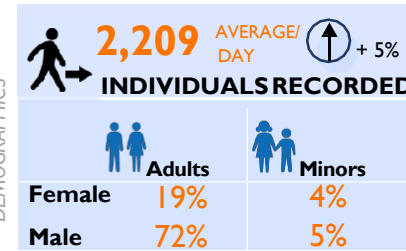
The new FMPs will be piloted in the coming months to understand their added value towards a more holistic understanding of migration trends in the Niger. Based on the initial findings from the new FMPs, there may be adjustments to the new FMPs implemented based on an increased understanding of migration patterns and routes.

METHODOLOGY: Flow monitoring is an investigative tool that aims to highlight further understanding of internal, cross-border and intraregional migration. Areas of high mobility are identified across the country. DTM teams then conduct assessments at the local level to identify strategic transit points. Enumerators collect data using key informants at the Flow Monitoring Points; they may be staff at bus stations, police or customs officials, bus or truck drivers, or migrants themselves. A basic questionnaire mixed with direct observations makes it possible to collect disaggregated data by gender and nationality. In the Niger, the Flow Monitoring Points were chosen after consultation with national and local stakeholders involved in migration management, and according to the locations and characteristics of the flows transiting through the Sahara Desert. The data collection is done at times when the flows are the most frequent.

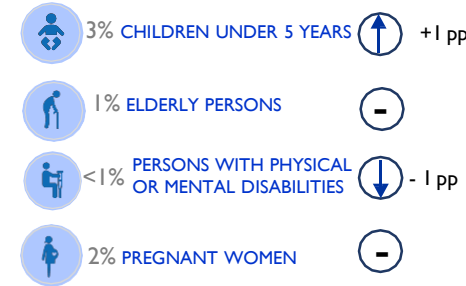
LIMITATIONS: The data used in this analysis, including the maps, is an estimate and represents only a part of the existing flows on the routes 1: Agadez - Arlit - Assamakka; route 2 : Agadez - Séguédine – Sebha; and route 3: and southern routes. The spatial and temporal coverage of these surveys is partial, although the collection is done daily and during periods when flows are significant. Finally, no information is collected on existing flows outside the times covered. Vulnerability data is based on direct observations by the enumerators and should be understood only as an estimate.

DEMOGRAPHICS

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DEMOGRAPHICS



VULNERABILITIES

ORIGIN AND INTENDED DESTINATION

Country of origin	%	Variation
Niger	73	- 2 pp
Nigeria	22	-
Libya	4	+ 1 pp
Algeria	1	+ 1 pp

Country of destination	%	Variation
Niger	76	-
Nigeria	15	- 1 pp
Libya	9	- 1 pp

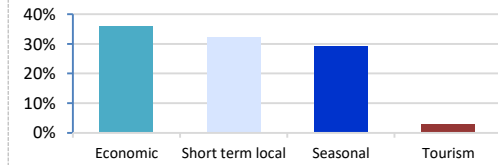
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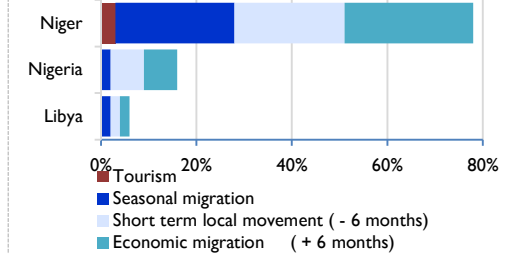
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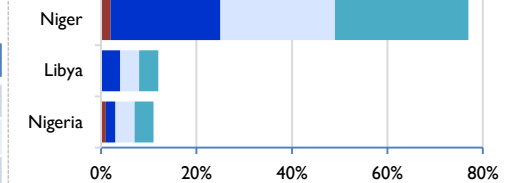
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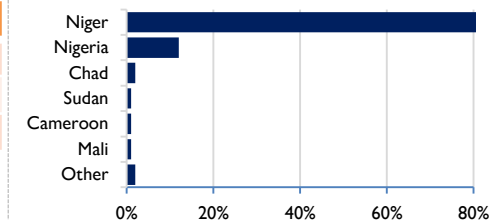
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MAIN NATIONALITIES OBSERVED



7 Active FMP in the Niger

11 Information focal points

MAY 2019 SUMMARY

22,567 Individuals entering the Niger

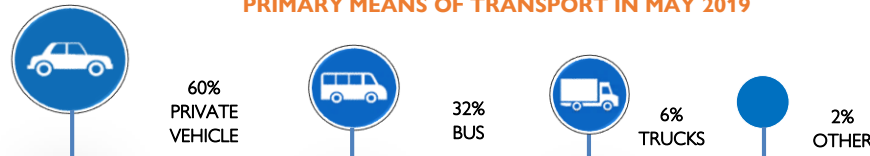
22,493 Individuals leaving the Niger

23,425 Individuals observed moving internally

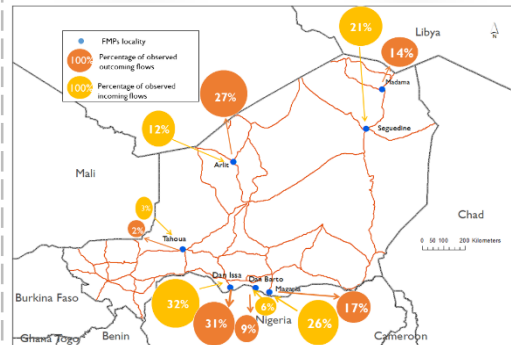
68,485 Number of individuals observed at the FMP

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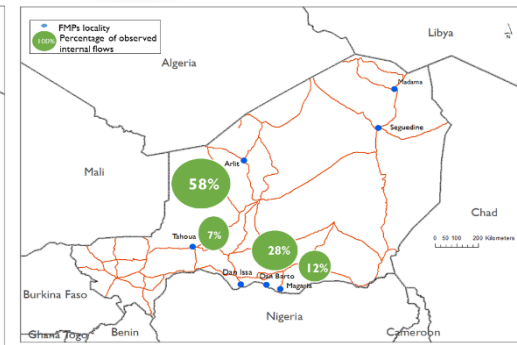
PRIMARY MEANS OF TRANSPORT IN MAY 2019



CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS



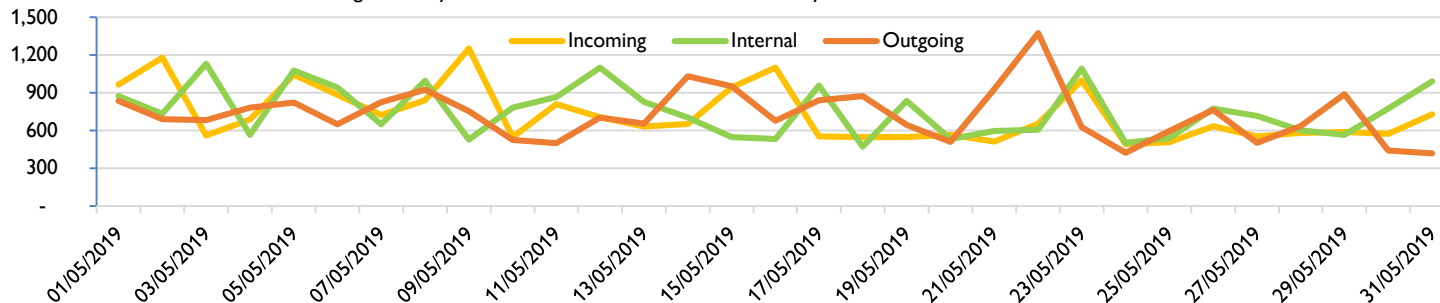
INTERNAL MOVEMENTS



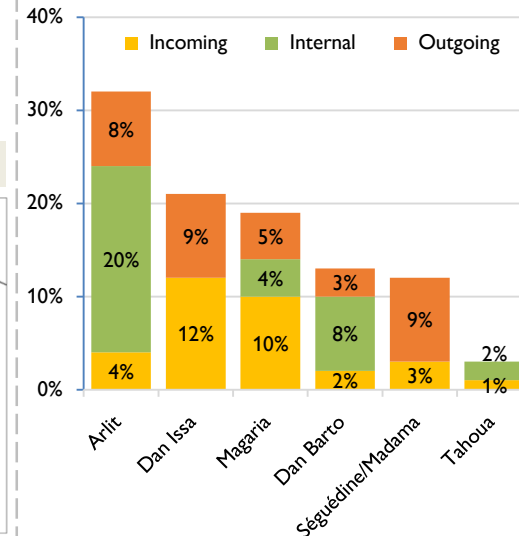
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FLOWS OBSERVED IN MAY 2019

- With regards to **incoming flows**, four important peaks were observed during the first half of the month, the highest being observed on 9 May 2019, when about 1,252 individuals entered the Niger through the seven FMPs.
- The **trend of outgoing flows** is quite similar throughout the month with an average of 762 individuals leaving the Niger across the seven FMPs each day. Two major peaks were observed on 14 and 22 May with respectively 1,031 and 1,376 outgoing individuals observed.
- The **internal movements** observed throughout May also remained relatively constant with an average of 756 individuals observed each day. Finally, four peaks of more than 1,000 individuals moving internally were observed on the 3, 5, 12 and 23 May.



FLOWS OBSERVED IN MAY 2019



KEY RESULTS IN MAY 2019

- The data in the graph at left shows the flows observed at the seven active FMPs in the Niger in May 2019. An average of 2,209 individuals per day were recorded passing through the seven FMPs during this month.
- The majority of observed movements flows (66%) were cross-border: 42 per cent of these were between the Niger and Nigeria, followed by 12 per cent for both Algeria and Libya.
- A larger proportion (34%) of internal movements was observed. The majority of these were observed in Arli (20%) and Dan Barto (8%). To a lesser extent, internal movements were observed at Magaria (4%) and Tahoua (2%).
- In May 2019, incoming flows (22,567 individuals) and outgoing flows (22,493 individuals) were comparable. On a daily average, 728 individuals were entering the Niger while 726 individuals were leaving the country.

RETURNS FROM ALGERIA AND SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS IN MAY 2019

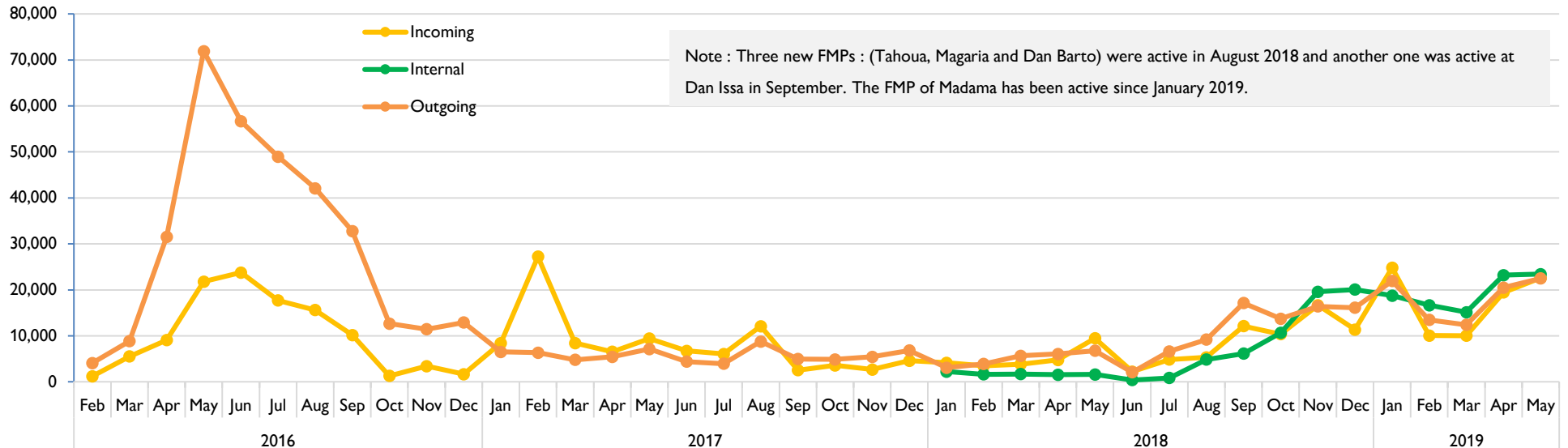
IOM Niger conducts search and rescue (SAR) operations and supports the Government of the Niger in the registration process for migrants arriving from Algeria through official convoys organized by Algerian authorities. These two types of incoming flows are not included in the FMP data in order to ensure data quality and avoid double counting. As such, in order to provide a more holistic understanding of incoming flows to the Niger, particularly from Algeria, incoming flows should take into account these two additional figures on top of the figures captured by FMPs.

- Search and rescue operations:** Since October 2016, the IOM, in collaboration with the Direction Générale de la Protection Civile (DGPC), has undertaken search and rescue operations to find and bring migrants in distress to the nearest safe urban center in the Agadez region. Search and rescue operations are performed both proactively and reactively to distress calls received from our teams in the field. The migrants are often in situations of mental and physical distress, suffering from trauma, dehydration and/or injuries. **In May 2019, IOM conducted humanitarian operations** to rescue 1,530 migrants who had sent distress signals; 1,353 of which were transported **to the nearest urban center in Arlit and Agadez**. Thirty-three per cent were from Mali, 20 per cent from Niger and 18 per cent from Guinea Conakry. *Other SAR operations are conducted in Agadez, Arlit and Dirkou (see monthly SAR Dashboard for more details).
- Official Algerian convoys:** Each year, thousands of migrants, the majority of whom are from the Niger, are repatriated from Algeria to the Niger within the framework of the agreement between the governments of the Niger and Algeria. The IOM, through the Migrant Response and Resource Mechanism (MRRM), provides humanitarian assistance for these migrants upon arrival to the Niger including support in migrants registration. **In May 2019, five official Algerian convoys arrived with 1,037 migrants** (94% were Nigerien while 6% or 62 individuals were non-Nigerien).

TYPES OF FLOWS OBSERVED

Year	Incoming	Outgoing	Internal	Total
2016	111,230	333,891	-	445,121
2017	98,306	69,430	-	167,736
2018	88,601	106,766	71,223	226,590
2019	64,356	68,326	73,717	206,399

NUMBER OF MIGRANTS OBSERVED AT THE FMPs (FEBRUARY 2016 – MAY 2019)

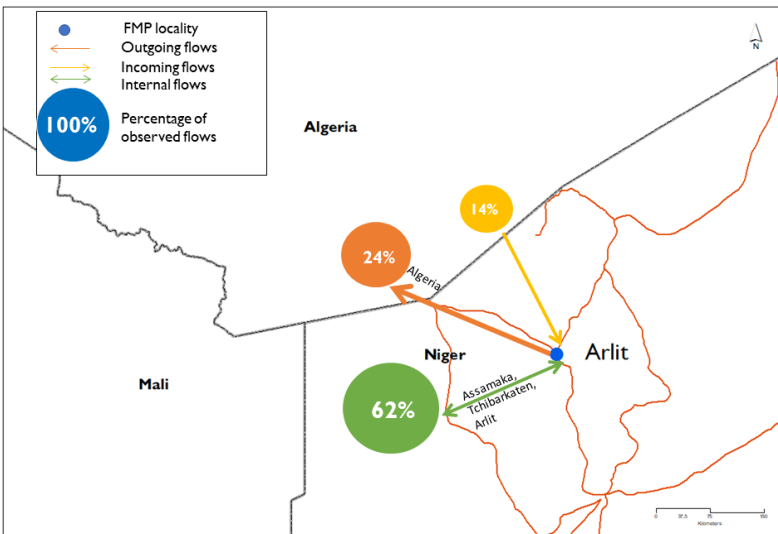


The **Arlit** Flow Monitoring Point captures both cross-border flows to and from Algeria, as well as movements internal to Niger. The Arlit FMP has been active since **February 2016**.

During the reporting month, more outgoing flows (5,278) than incoming flows (3,173) were observed. The main departure cities included Arlit, Agadez, Tchibarakaten and Assamaka (Niger) while the main destination cities included Arlit, Agadez, Tchibarakaten and Assamaka. (Note: the majority of migrants passing through the Arlit FMP choose not to disclose their final destination given the sensitivities. In reality, most migrants transiting through Assamaka intend to travel to cities within Algeria including Inguezzam, Tamanrasset, Tamanghasset. Additionally, FMP figures do not include migrants who were subject to repression or were repatriated from Algeria as these are collected separately – see page 3).

The daily average of observed flows was quite similar to that of the previous month, with a 2 per cent increase. The main reasons for travel mentioned by the travelers were **seasonal migration and economic migration (40% each)**, followed by **short-term local movement (20%)**.

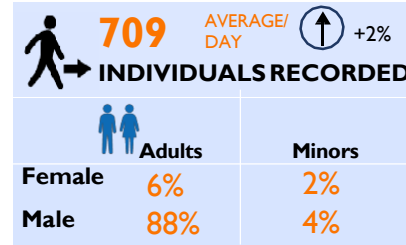
The main nationalities observed crossing the Arlit FMP this month were quite similar with these observed last month. Thus in May these nationalities included Nigeriens (83%), Chadians (4%), Nigerians (3%) and Sudanese (2%). The Guinean, Cameroonian and Senegalese nationals among other represent 8 per cent of observed individuals. Please note that the FMP breakdown of nationalities does not include migrants subject to repression and/or repatriated from Algeria via the official convoys (see page 3).



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DEMOGRAPHICS

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VULNERABILITIES

Country of origin	%	Variation
Niger	100	-

ORIGIN AND INTENDED DESTINATION

Country of destination	%	Variation
Niger	100	-

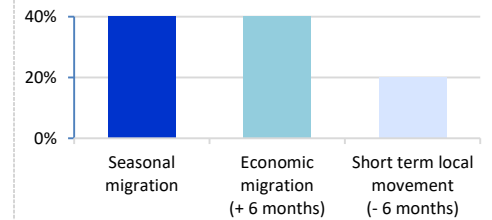
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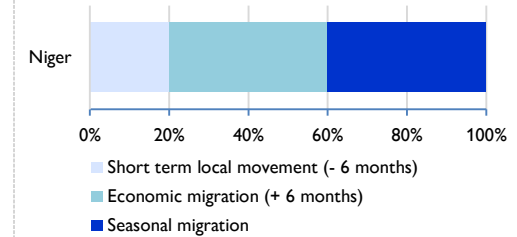
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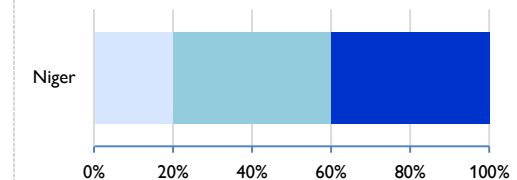
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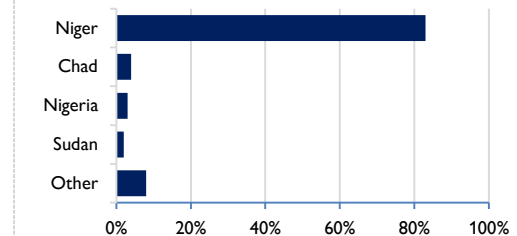
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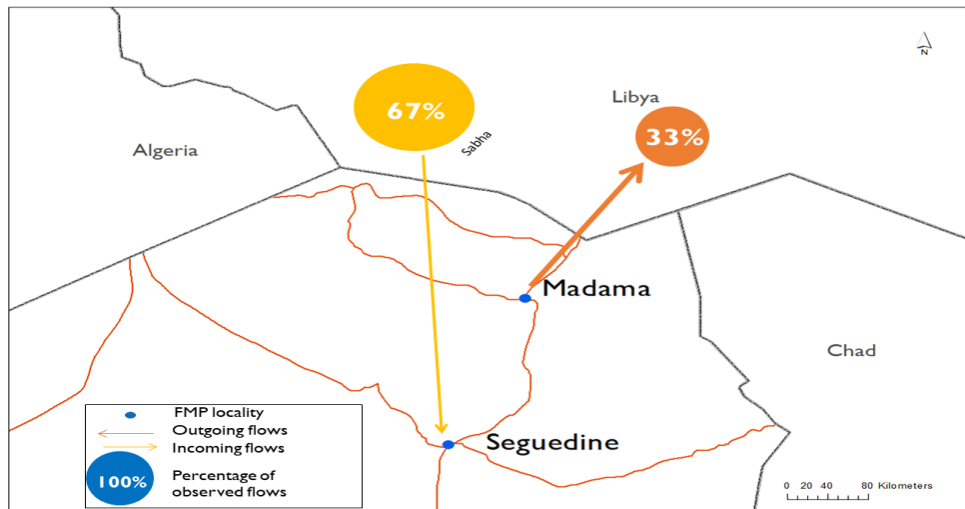
The **Séguédine** Flow Monitoring Point captures **cross-border flows** to and from neighbouring countries, mainly Libya. The Séguédine FMP has been active since February 2016. Given the vastness of the Agadez region which spans 703,00 km² (greater than the size of France and 21 times the size of Belgium), a **new FMP (Madama)** located near the Libyan border was activated in January 2019 to better capture cross-border movements due to the proliferation of bypass roads to avoid border control posts. As such, this new FMP complements the one in **Séguédine which only captures incoming flows** while **Madama captures outgoing flows**.

During this month, more outgoing flows (5,824 individuals representing 71% of flows observed) than incoming flows (2,386) were observed. A daily average of 265 individuals were observed crossing through the Séguédine/Madama FMP this month, which represents an increase of 22 per cent compared to the previous month when 217 individuals were crossing the border each day. This is due to a change in methodology which has allowed enumerators to better capture flows crossing the FMPs.

The main departure and destination cities included Agadez, Séguédine and Tchibarakaten (Niger), Sebha (Libya) and Faya (Chad).

The main types of movements observed this month were: seasonal migration and economic migration (34% each) and short-term local movement (32%).

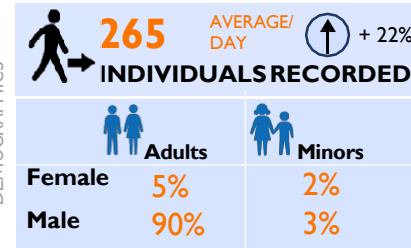
The main nationalities observed in May were the same than for the previous month. They are composed of Nigeriens (84%), Chadians and Nigerians (6% each). Other nationalities observed at this FMP (4%) include Sudanese and Ghanaians (1% each) and Libyans and Malians (2%).



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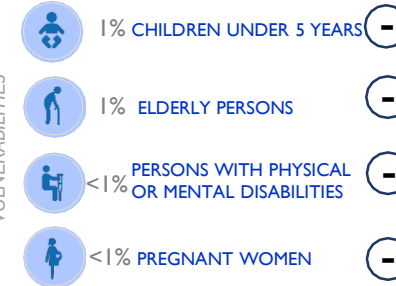
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VULNERABILITIES

Country of origin	%	Variation
Niger	69	- 4 pp
Libya	30	+ 4 pp
Chad	1	-

Country of destination	%	Variation
Libya	70	- 4 pp
Niger	29	+ 7 pp
Chad	1	- 3 pp

ORIGIN AND INTENDED DESTINATION

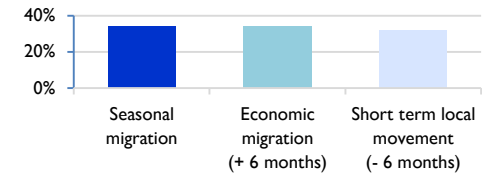
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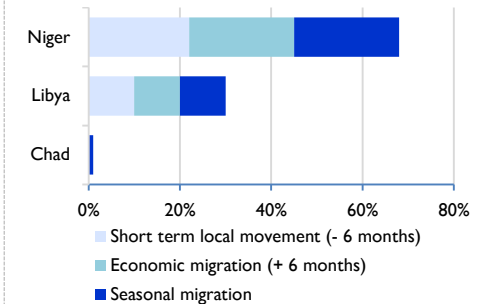
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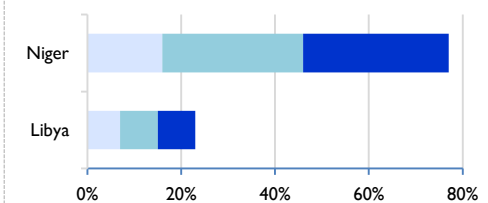
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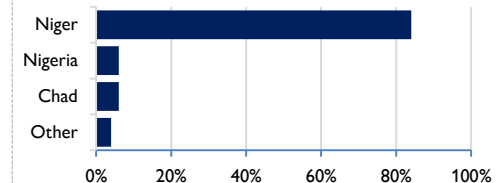
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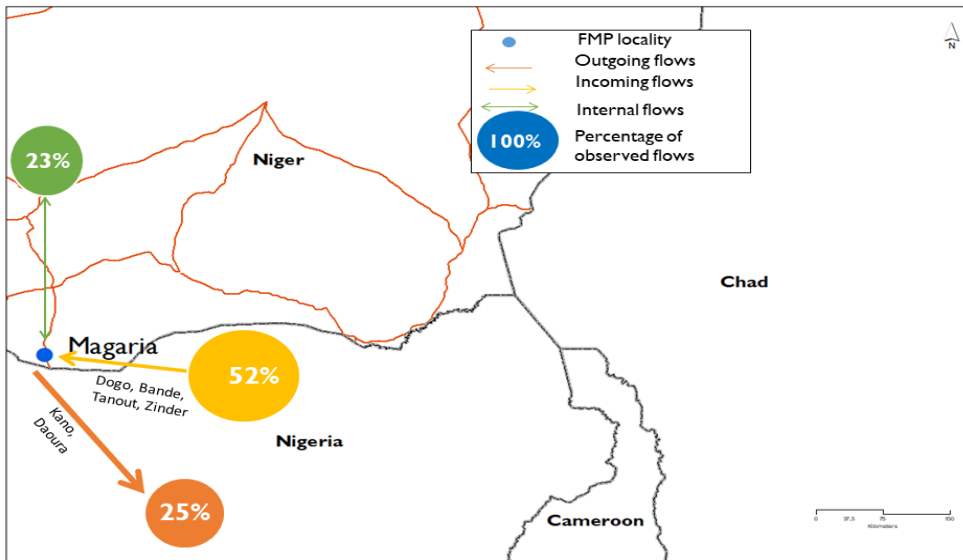


The **Magaria** Flow Monitoring Point was established to observe cross-border flows between the Niger and Nigeria, as well as internal flows. Magaria is a town on the border between the Niger and Nigeria, through which high volumes of flows transit, originating from Nigeria which is one of the main points of origin for migrants travelling toward the Mediterranean sea. The Magaria FMP has been active since August 2018. Magaria is used mostly by Nigerien and Nigerian traders who have traditionally maintained an economic exchange. Most essential products towards Diffa and Zinder regions pass through that FMP. All cross-border flows observed were heading towards the Niger or Nigeria and primarily coming from the departure cities of Magaria, Dachi, Zinder, Agadez, Tinkin, Tanout, Bandé and Dungass, (Niger); Kano, Garki, Daura, Babura and Baban Mutum (Nigeria).

A daily average of 409 individuals passing through the Magaria FMP was observed during this month with more incoming flows (52%) than outgoing flows (25%) and a larger proportion of internal movements (23%).

The reasons for migrating for the majority remain similar with those of the previous month, thus flows were classified as **short-term local movements (45%)** and **economic migration (34%)**. Fourteen per cent were tourists while 6 per cent were seasonal migrants and 1 per cent were fleeing a conflict.

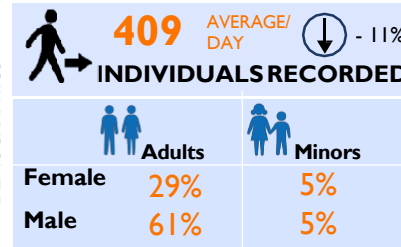
The two main nationalities observed passing through this FMP in May 2019 were similar with those of last month : Nigeriens (83%) and Nigerians (17%). Migrants transiting through the Magaria FMP travelled mostly in private vehicles (72%), in trucks (23%), and by bus (5%).



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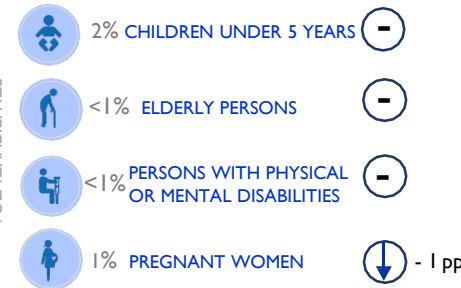
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Country of origin	%	Variation
Niger	57	- 4 pp
Nigeria	43	+ 4 pp

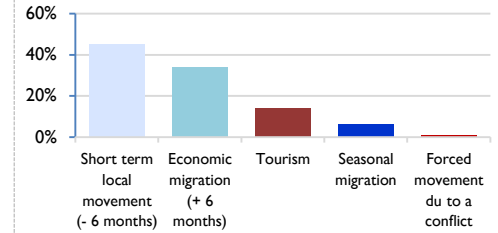
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Niger	81	+ 7 pp
Nigeria	19	- 6 pp
Other	0	- 1 pp

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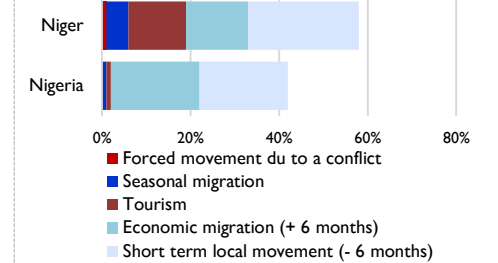
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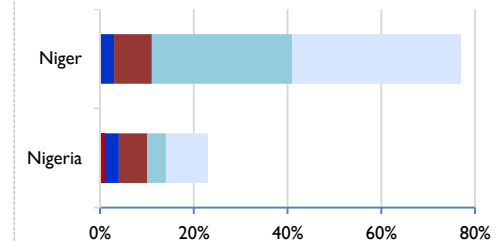
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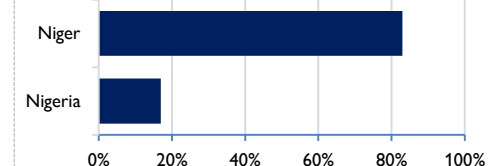
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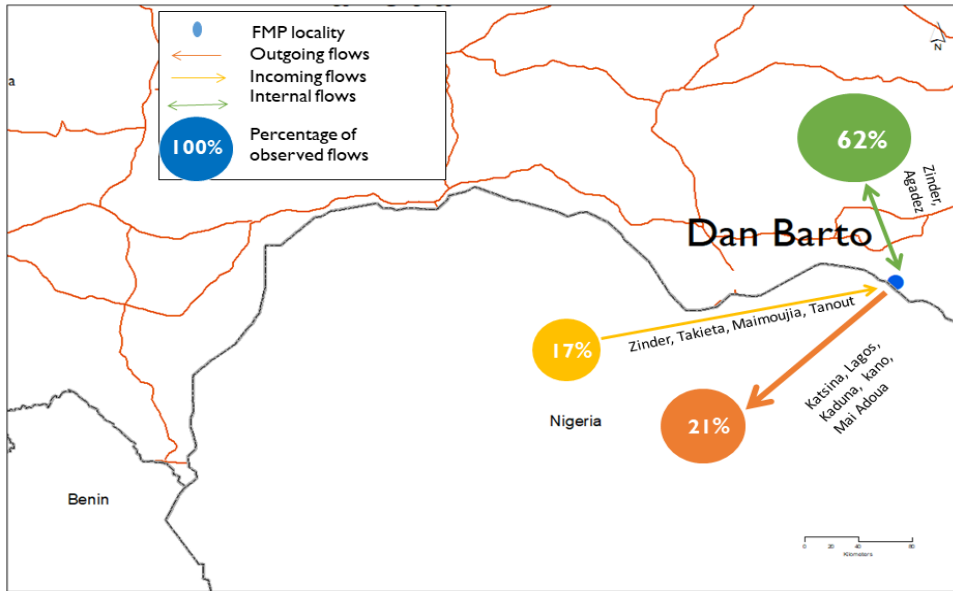
The **Dan Barto** Flow Monitoring Point captures cross-border flows between the Niger and Nigeria. Dan Barto is a town near the border with Nigeria through which high volumes of flows originating from Nigeria transit, often travelling towards the Mediterranean sea via Agadez and Libya. The Dan Barto FMP has been active since August 2018. **Dan Barto** is mostly used by Nigerien and Nigerian traders who maintain a close economic relationship. Nigerien nationals travel to Nigeria to purchase goods while Nigerian nationals travel to the Niger to purchase animals and food (millet, beans, etc.).

A daily average of 278 individuals passing through the Dan Barto FMP was observed during this month with more outgoing flows (21%) than incoming flows (17%). The majority of individuals transiting through the Dan Barto FMP are short-term local movements (62%) around rural markets. This month, a 16 per cent increase in the daily average was observed compared to the previous month when 240 individuals were crossing the border each day.

The main reasons cited for migrating were **travel for short-term local movements and seasonal migration (35% each)** followed by **economic migration (29%) and tourism (1%)**.

The two main nationalities observed crossing the FMP were similar with those of the previous month : Nigeriens (97%) and Nigerians (3%).

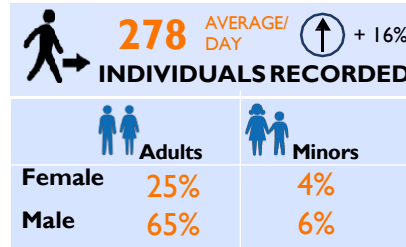
Almost half of the observed individuals were observed travelling by bus (44%), followed by private vehicles (37%), by foot (11%) by trucks (5%) and by motorbikes (3%).



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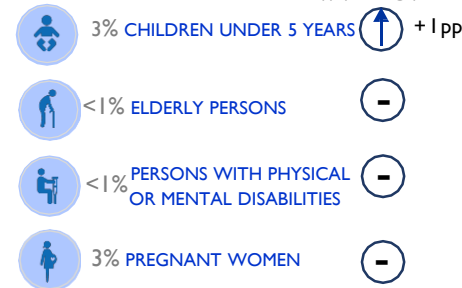
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Country of origin	%	Variation
Niger	84	- 3 pp
Nigeria	16	+ 3 pp

ORIGIN AND INTENDED DESTINATION

Country of destination	%	Variation
Niger	79	- 2 pp
Nigeria	21	+ 2 pp

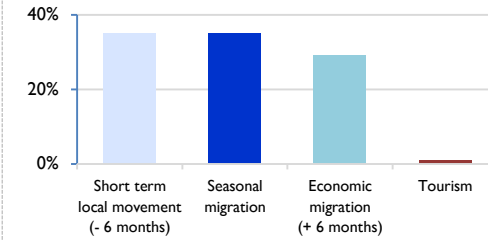
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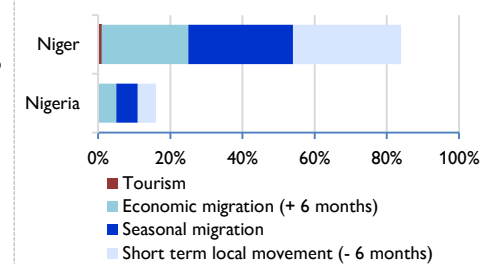
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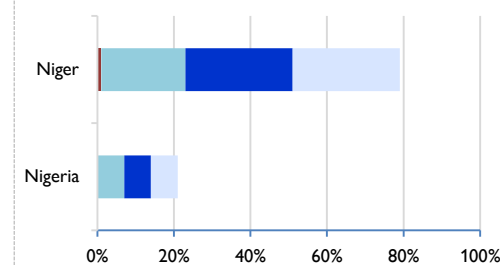
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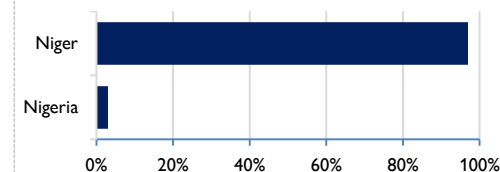
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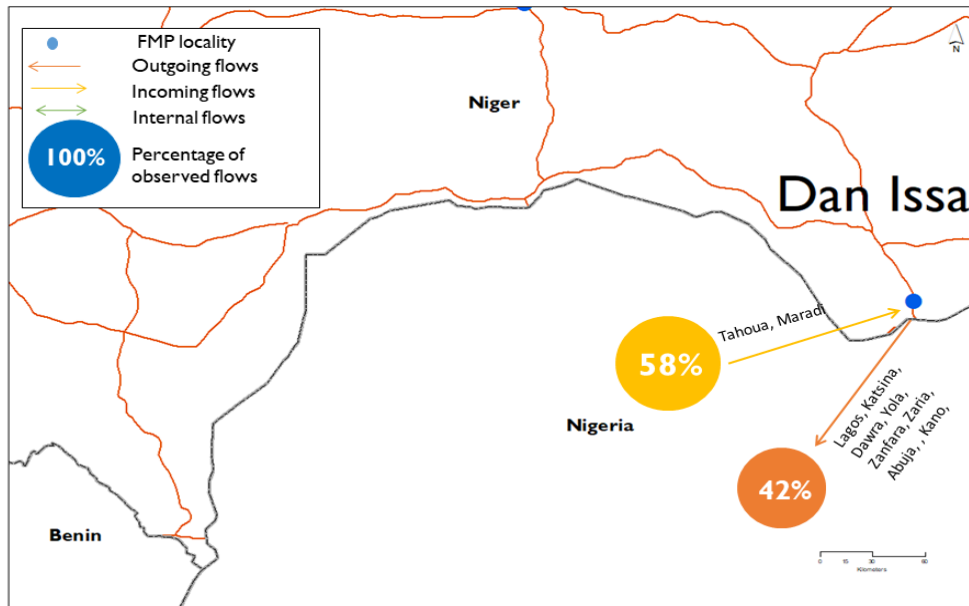
The **Dan Issa** Flow Monitoring Point captures cross-border flows between the Niger and Nigeria. Dan Issa is a town near the border with Nigeria through which high flow volumes pass. Migrants are often travelling towards the Mediterranean sea via Agadez and Libya. The Dan Issa FMP has been active since September 2018. Dan Issa is used mostly by Nigerien and Nigerian traders who have traditionally maintained an economic exchange. Most essential products towards Niamey and Maradi region pass through that FMP.

A daily average of 460 individuals passed through the Dan Issa FMP this month. Incoming flows represent 58 per cent of the total observed flows and outgoing flows account for 42 per cent. All flows observed were heading toward Niger or Nigeria. The main cities of departure are: Maradi (the Niger); Kano, Katsina, Jibia, Magama, Kaduna, Onitsha, Enugu, Sokoto and Zamfara (Nigeria). A 12 per cent increase was observed in the daily average of the observed individual.

The main reasons cited for migrating were **economic migration (53%), short-term local movements (34%), seasonal migration (11%) and tourism (2%)**.

The two main nationalities observed crossing the FMP in May were also the same in April; they include: Nigeriens (66%) and Nigerians (34%).

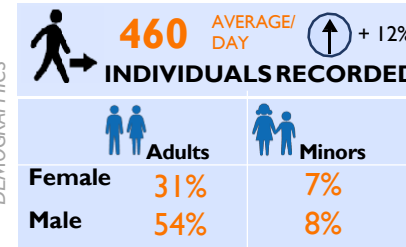
The majority were observed travelling by bus (65%) and in private vehicles (35%).



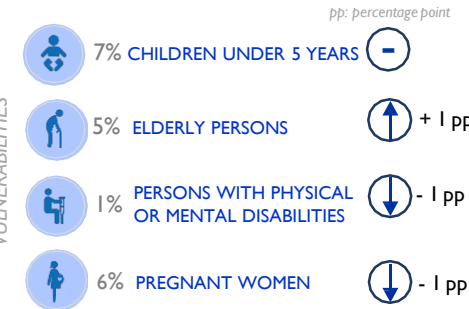
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DEMOGRAPHICS

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DEMOGRAPHICS



VULNERABILITIES

Country of origin	%	Variation
Nigeria	58	- 1 pp
Niger	42	+ 1 pp

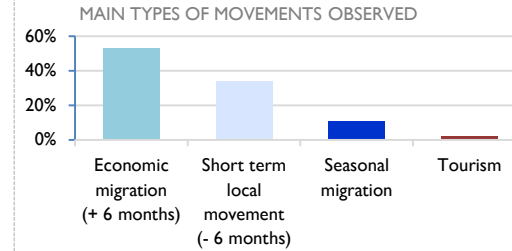
ORIGIN AND INTENDED DESTINATION

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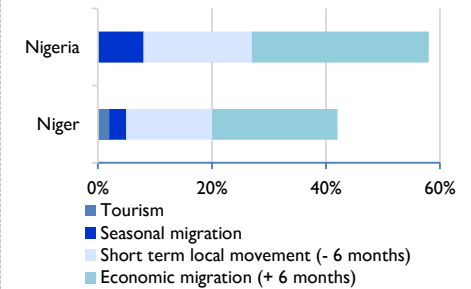
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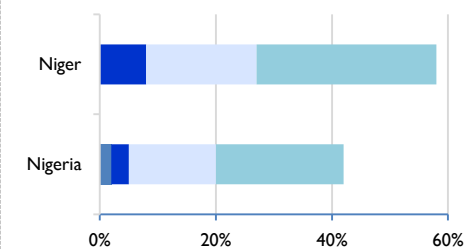
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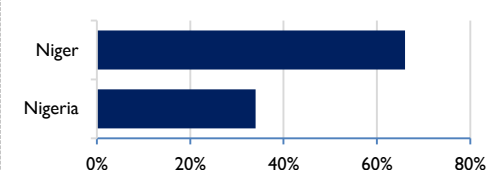
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The **Tahoua** Flow Monitoring Point captures both cross-border and internal movements. Tahoua is a city in central Niger, where migrants transit. They mainly originate from Nigeria and other west African countries, such as Mali, Cameroon and Burkina Faso. They tend to take the Agadez route toward Algeria and Libya, while some reach Algeria through Tchintabaraden, about 300 km near the Algerian border. The Tahoua FMP has been **active since August 2018**.

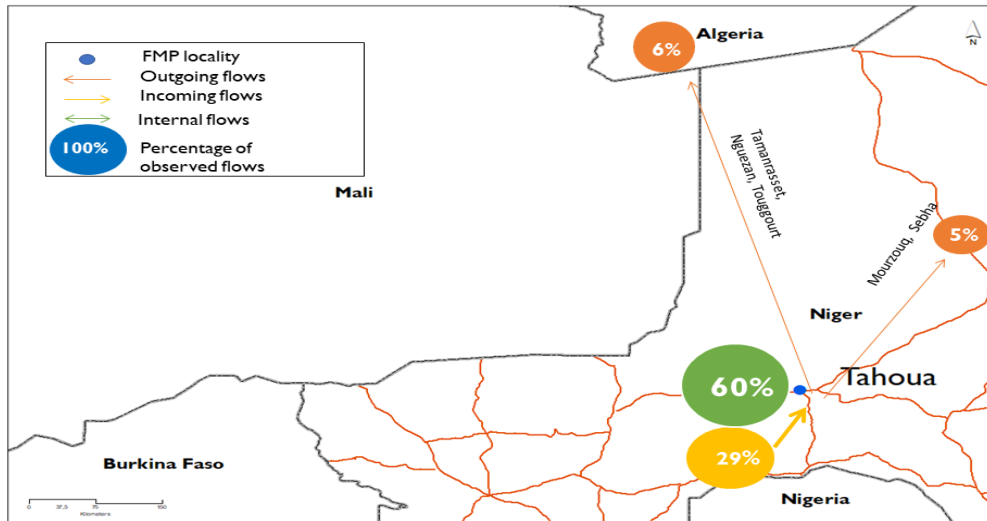
A **daily average of 89 individuals** passing through the Tahoua FMP was observed in May 2019. This represents an increase of 2 per cent in comparison with the previous month. Movements originated from Niamey (31%), Agadez (16%), Arlit (6%) and from Maradi. Fourteen per cent of flows originated from Algerian cities such as Tamanrasset (10%), Nguazzam (3%) and Ouargla (1%). Seven per cent originated from Sokoto in Nigeria and 2 per cent from Sebha in Libya.

Incoming flows represented 28 per cent of flows, while outgoing flows represented 12 per cent of flows.

The main reasons cited for migrating were **seasonal migration (40%)** followed by **short-term local movements (38%)** and **economic migration (22%)**.

The main nationalities observed crossing the Tahoua FMP included: Nigeriens (82%), Cameroonians (5%), Nigerians and Ghanaians (3% each), Ivoirians and Beninese (2% each). Other observed nationalities include Burkinabes, Guineans and Malians amongst others and represent 3 per cent of the number of individuals observed.

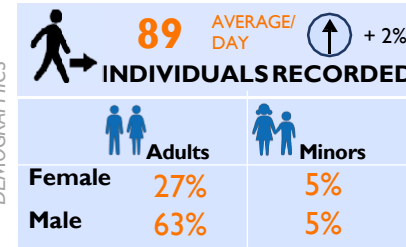
Of the total number of individuals observed travelling by bus (74%), followed by private vehicles (22%) and trucks (4%).



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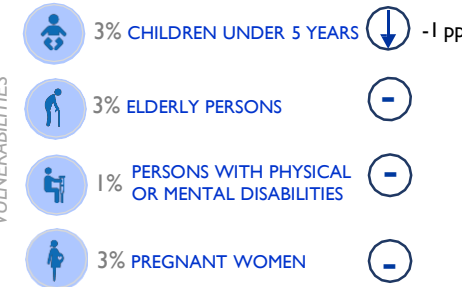
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DEMOGRAPHICS

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VULNERABILITIES

ORIGIN AND INTENDED DESTINATION

Country of origin	%	Variation
Niger	67	- 10 pp
Algeria	14	+ 9 pp
Côte d'Ivoire	11	-
Nigeria	7	+ 1 pp
Other	2	+ 1 pp

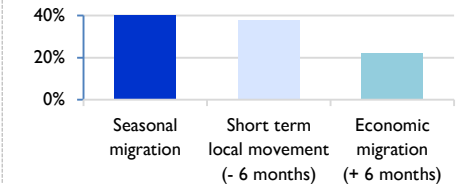
Country of destination	%	Variation
Niger	88	+ 1 pp
Libya	6	+ 2 pp
Algeria	3	- 1 pp
Other	2	- 3 pp

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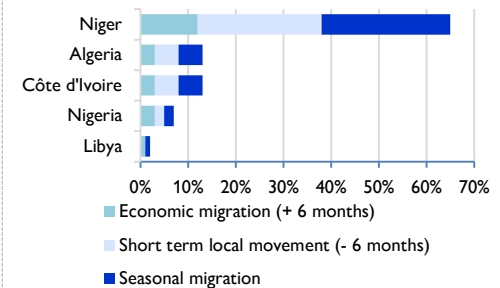
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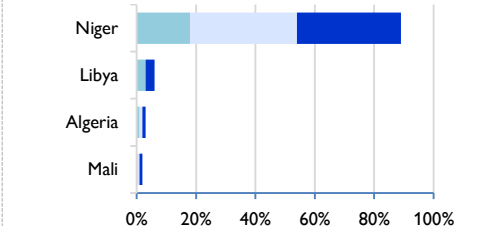
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