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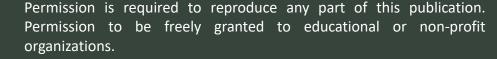
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# INTRODUCTION

#### **ABOUT THIS REPORT**

The development and implementation of policies and programmes in West and Central Africa promoting safe, orderly and humane migration require a better understanding of human mobility in the region.

Human mobility in the region take many different forms. Transhumance, seasonal migration conducted during the harvesting season, travel during religious festivities, tourism, economic migration to North Africa and Europe, the search for employment in the mining industry, forced displacements due to conflict, natural disasters or climate-related migration, rural exodus, are all examples of movements observes in West and Central Africa and show the many faceted nature of mobility in the region.

This document is an attempt to provide a dynamic and regularly updated portrait of mobility within, from and to West and Central Africa region, using data collected by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The maps contained in this document are not only meant to inform on ongoing mobility patterns, but also provide information to support direct programming (protection of migrants, management of transhumance flows, support to safe returns of displaced people) and policy.

#### **DATA SOURCES**

Data sources for the information displayed in this document are provided at the bottom of each page. When reference is made to IOM data, the data was collected from: 1) Flow Monitoring, 2) Mobility Tracking, 3) Interviews with individuals who benefited from voluntary returns and reintegration programs (AVRR), 4) Search and Rescue activities conducted in Niger and 5) Interviews with IOM Key Informants, 6) Missing Migrants Project

Further information on the data collection methodologies and on the activities referenced throughout the report is available in the following documents:

- Migration Data collection activities in West and Central Africa Factsheet
- Internal displacement Data collection in West and Central Africa <u>Factsheet</u>
- Products and Publication activities in West and Central Africa Factsheet
- Assistance to Voluntary Return and Reintegration Factsheet
- DTM Monthly Regional Report Report

Other data presented in this document is provided by the Ministries of the Interior of Spain, Italy and Greece, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA).

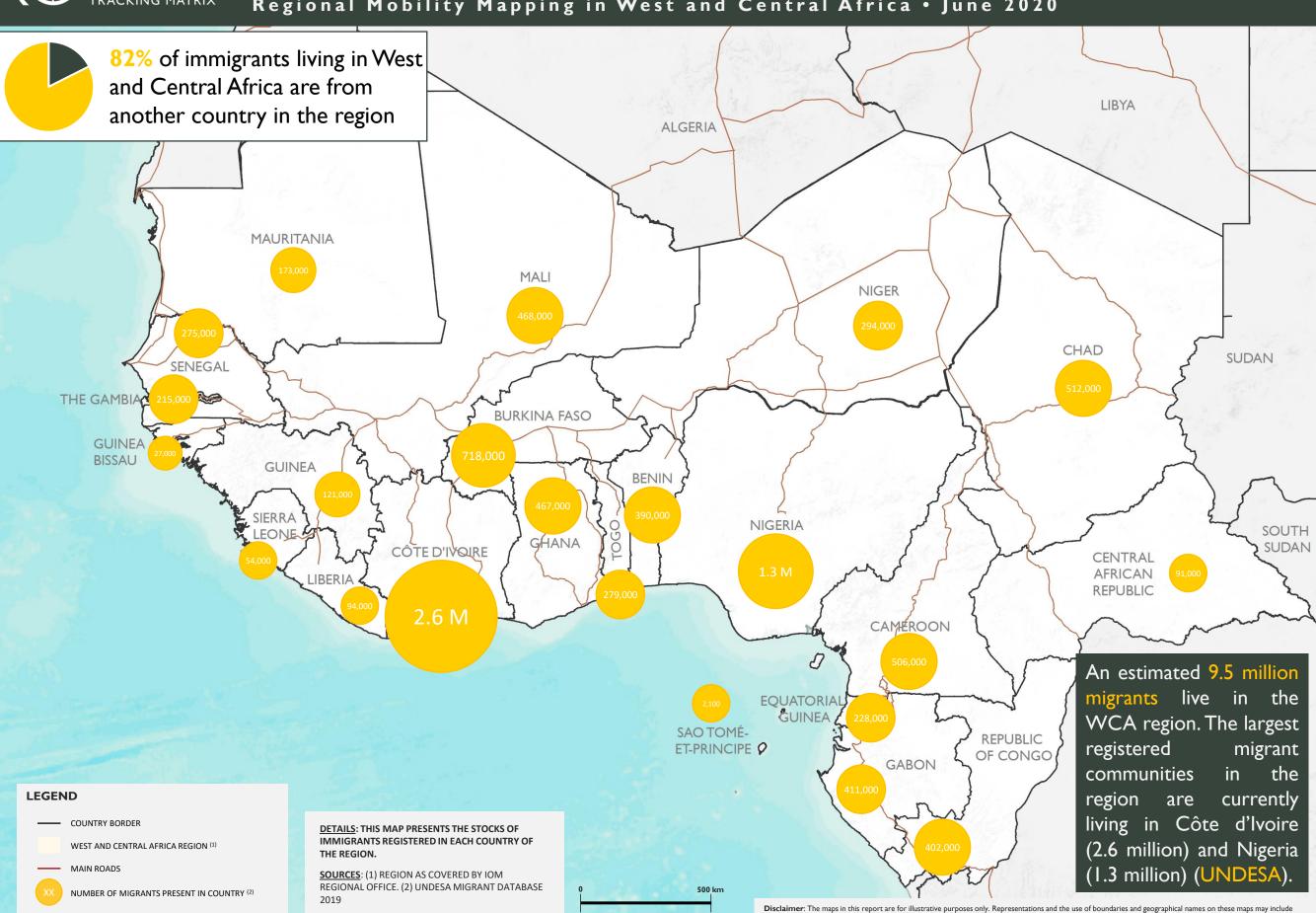
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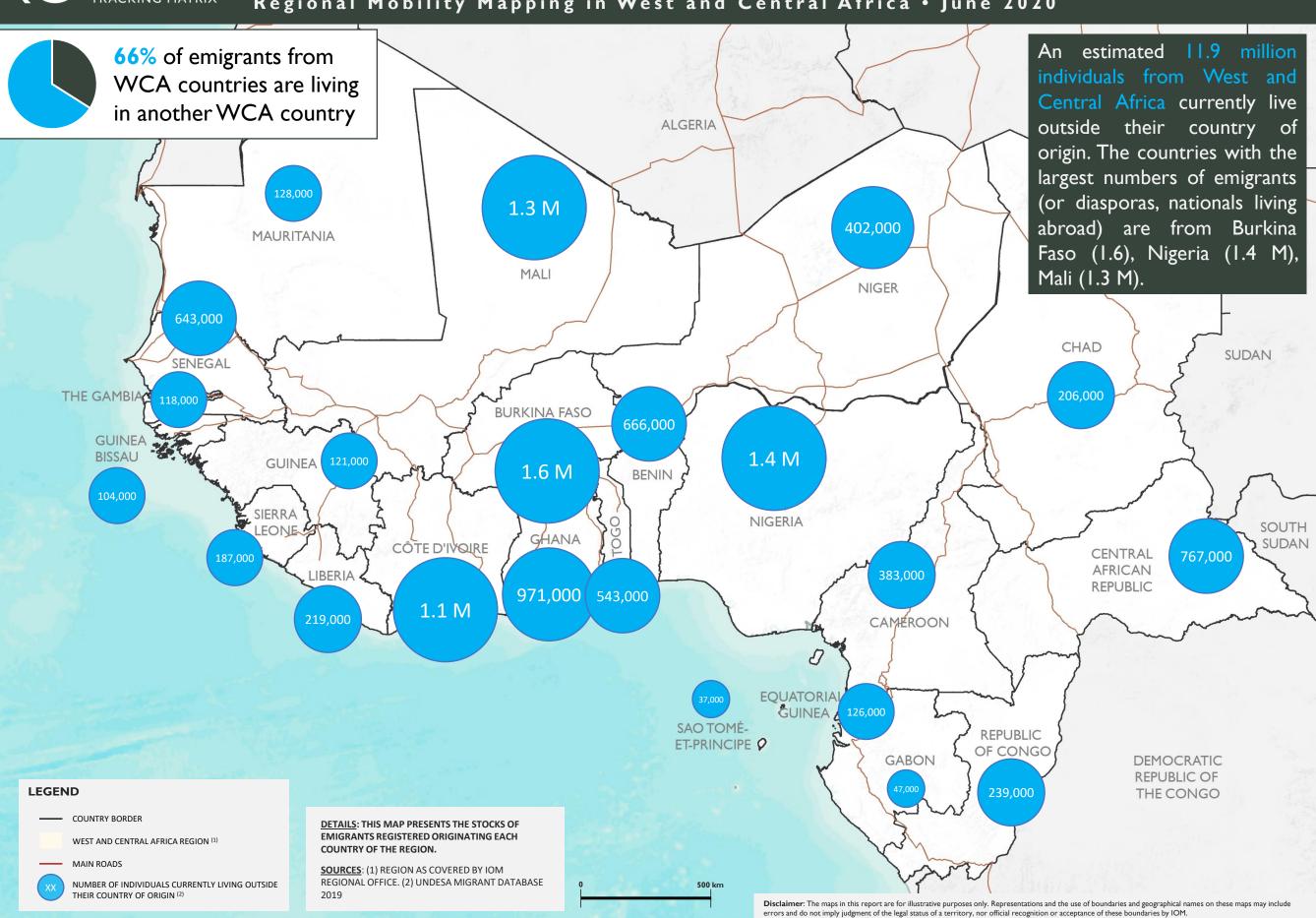
# INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS

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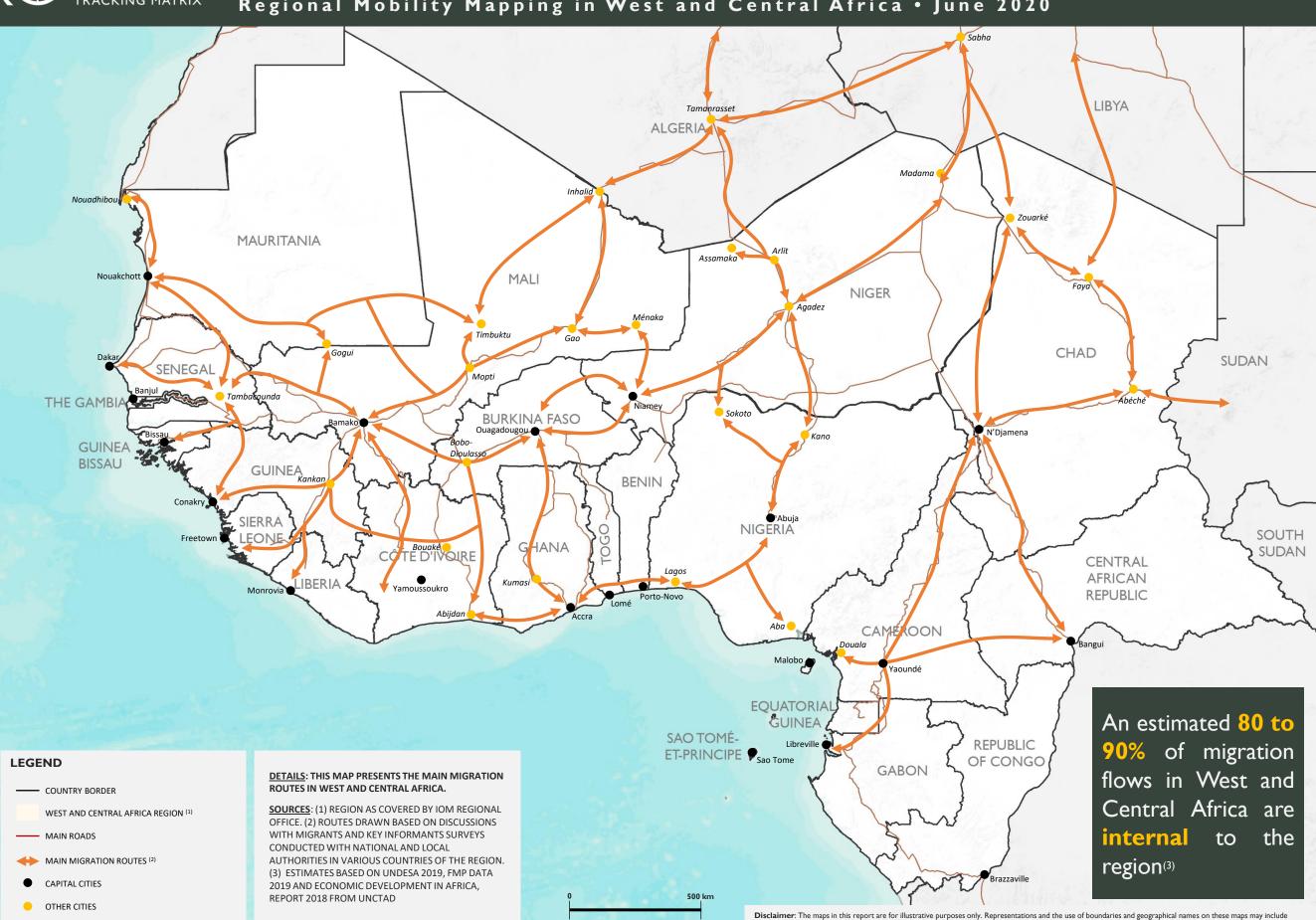
# EMIGRATION FROM WCA





# MIGRATION FLOWS

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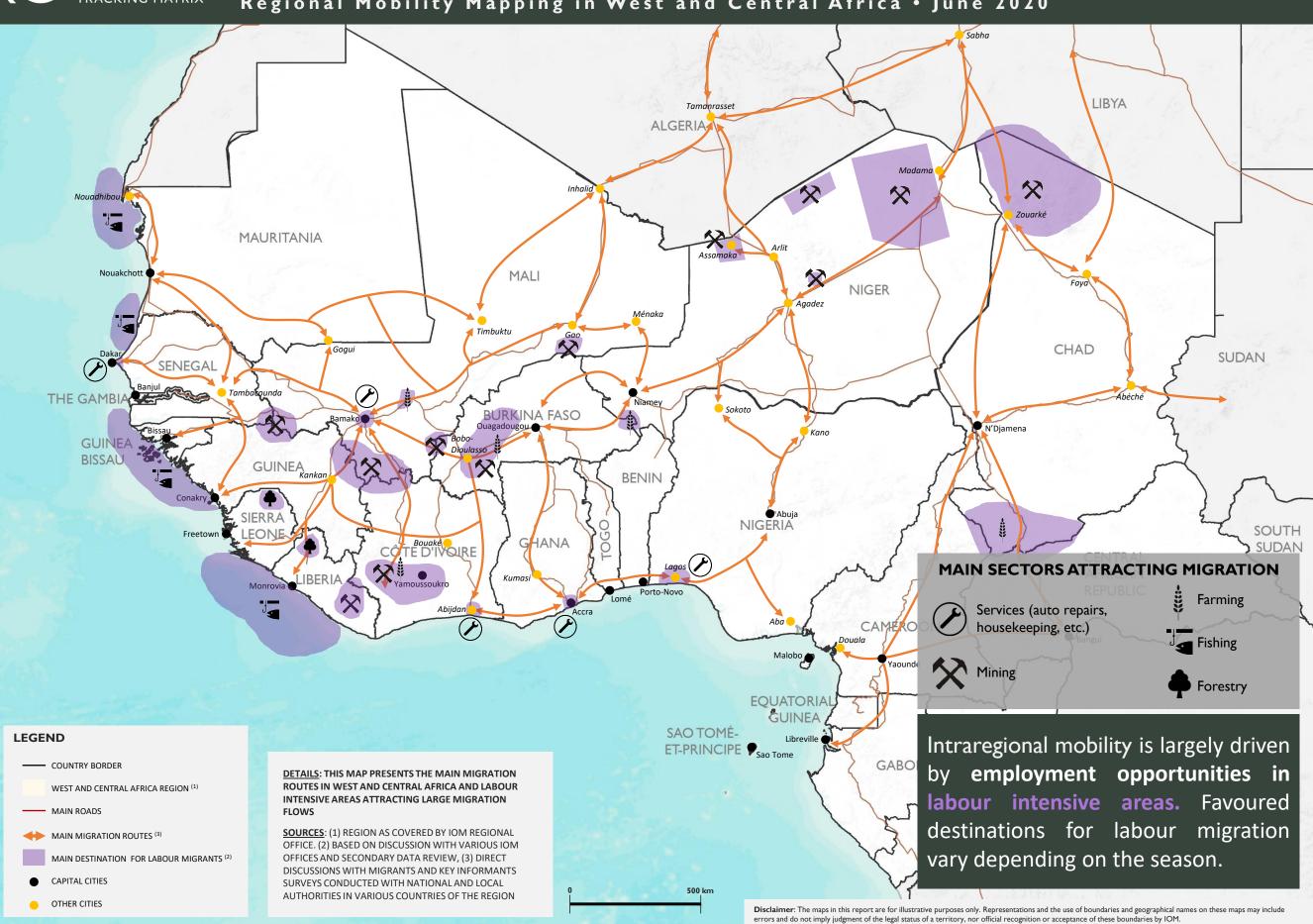
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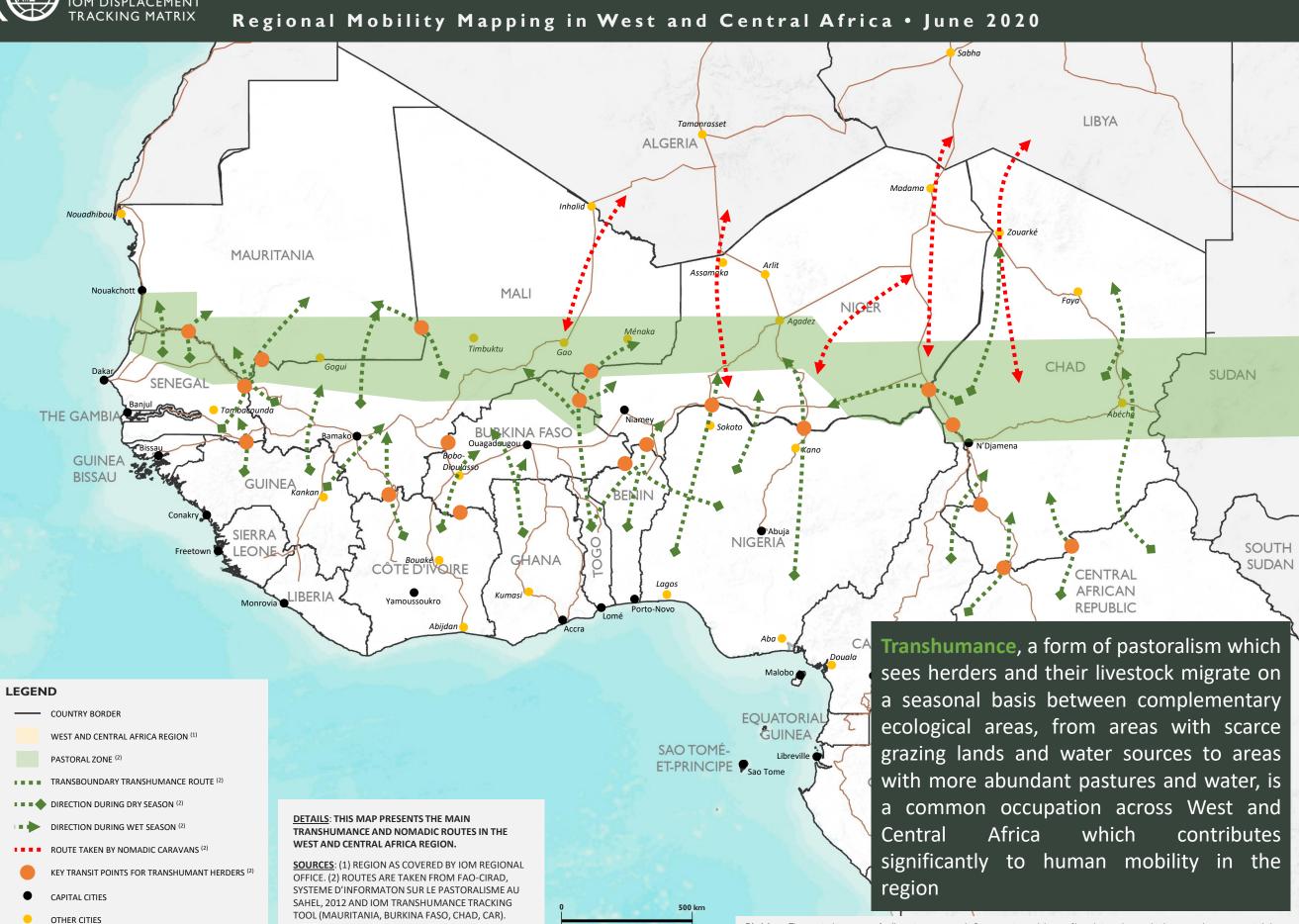


# LABOUR MIGRATION





# **TRANSHUMANCE**





# INTER-REGIONAL ROUTES



# INTENDED DESTINATION



## TRAVELLER PROFILES

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UROPE

AGE (average)

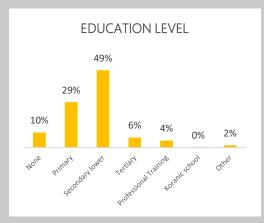
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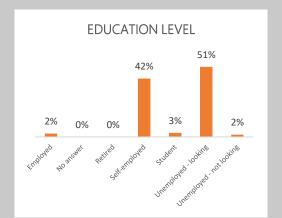
Gender (distribution)

Male: 92%

Female: 8%







NORTH AFRICA AGE (average)

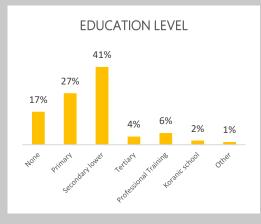
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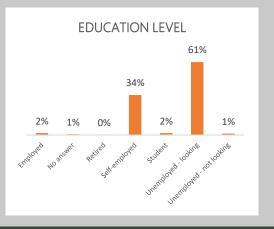
Gender (distribution)

Male: 90%

Female: 10%







WCA

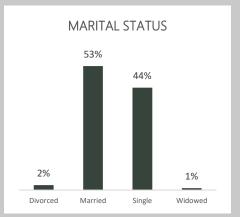
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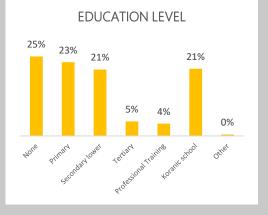
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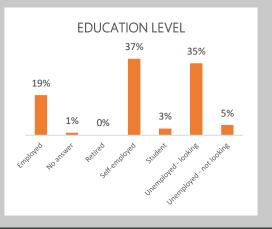
Gender (distribution)

Male: 82%

Female: 18%







Travellers moving within West and Central Africa, headed for North Africa, and migrating to Europe showcase significant differences in age, marital status, education level and employment status prior to travel (in their country of habitual residence). The unemployment rate of travellers also varies according to the nature of the movements and the intended destination: migration to a country in West and Central Africa is more likely to be conducted in response to concrete job opportunities than migration to Europe or North Africa. <u>The profile of travellers (individuals crossing IOM Flow Monitoring Points) by intended destination presented on this page is based on data collected during Flow Monitoring Surveys conducted with over 27,000 travellers across the region between January and June 2020. Further information on methodology is available at the end of this document.</u>



# INTER-REGIONAL TRENDS I

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#### SPAIN(3)

#### ITALY (3)

#### GREECE(3)

#### 8,546 ARRIVALS IN 2020 (JAN-JUNE)

#### 2014 – XXXX 2017 – 28,707 2015 – 5,309 2018 – 65,325 2016 – 14,558 2019 - 32.513

#### 6,950 ARRIVALS IN 2020 (JAN-JUNE)

2014 – 170,100	2017 – 119,369
2015 – 153 842	2018 - 23,370
2016 – 181 436	2019 - 11,471

#### 9,628 ARRIVALS IN 2020 (JAN-JUNE)

2014 – XX,XXX	2017 – 35 052
2015 – 857 363	2018 – 50,125
2016 – 176,906	2019 - 70,651

#### Including 3,328 ARRIVALS FROM WCA (39%)

Main WCA nationalities:
NAT 1: Unidentified SubSaharan (26%)

NAT 2: Guinea (22%)

NAT 3: Mali (18%)

NAT 4: Côte d'Ivoire (17%)

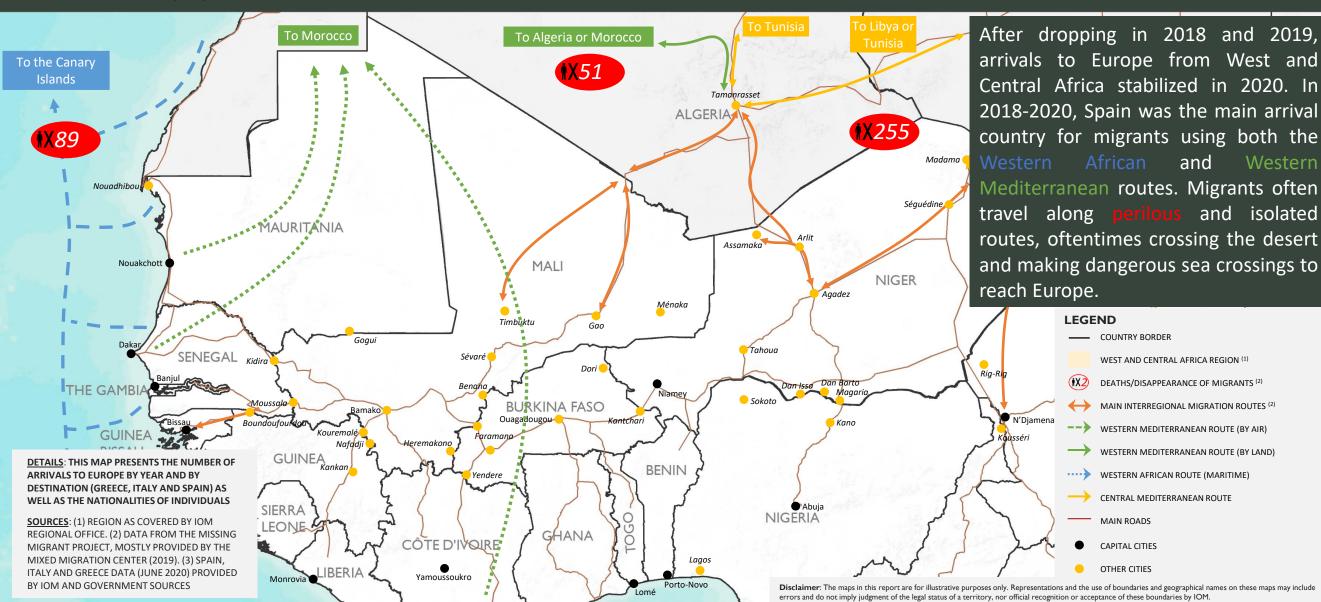
NAT 5: Senegal (11%)

#### Including 899 ARRIVALS FROM WCA (13%)

Main WCA nationalities: NAT 3: Mali (14%)
NAT 1: Côte d'Ivoire (34%) NAT 4: Nigeria (8%)
NAT 2: Guinea (14%) NAT 5: Senegal (7%)

#### Including 690 ARRIVALS FROM WCA (7%)

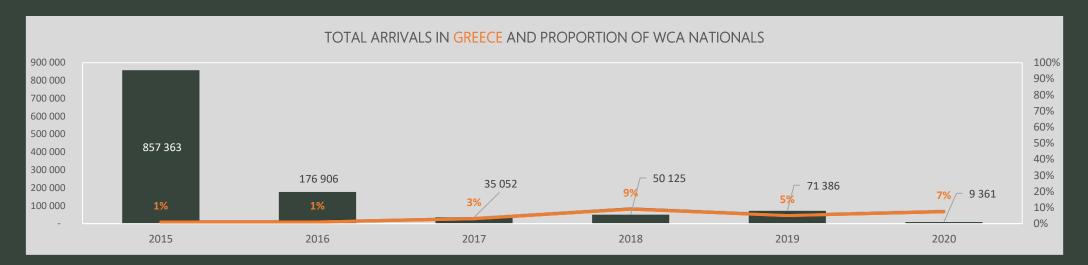
Main WCA nationalities: NAT 3: The Gambia (8%)
NAT 1: Rep of Congo (39%) NAT 4: Nigeria (6%)
NAT 2: Cameroon (21%) NAT 5: Ghana (6%)

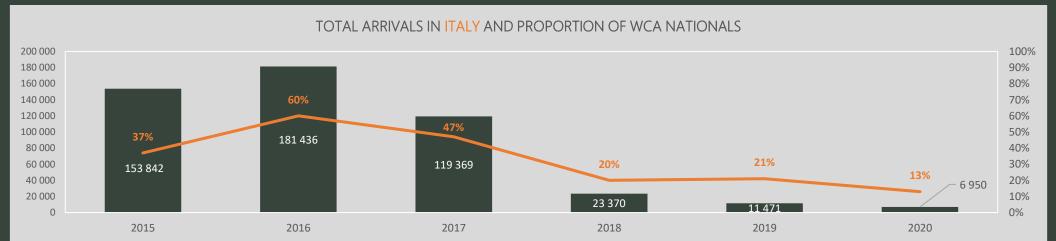




# INTER-REGIONAL TRENDS II

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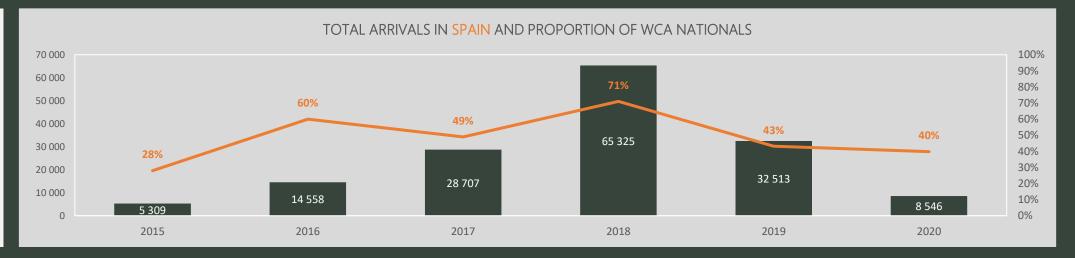


#### LEGEND:



DETAILS: THIS PAGE
PRESENTS THE NUMBERS OF
ARRIVALS TO EUROPE BY
MAIN COUNTRY OF ARRIVAL
(GREECE, ITALY, SPAIN),
YEAR, AND PROPORTION OF
WEST AND CENTRAL
AFRICAN NATIONALS

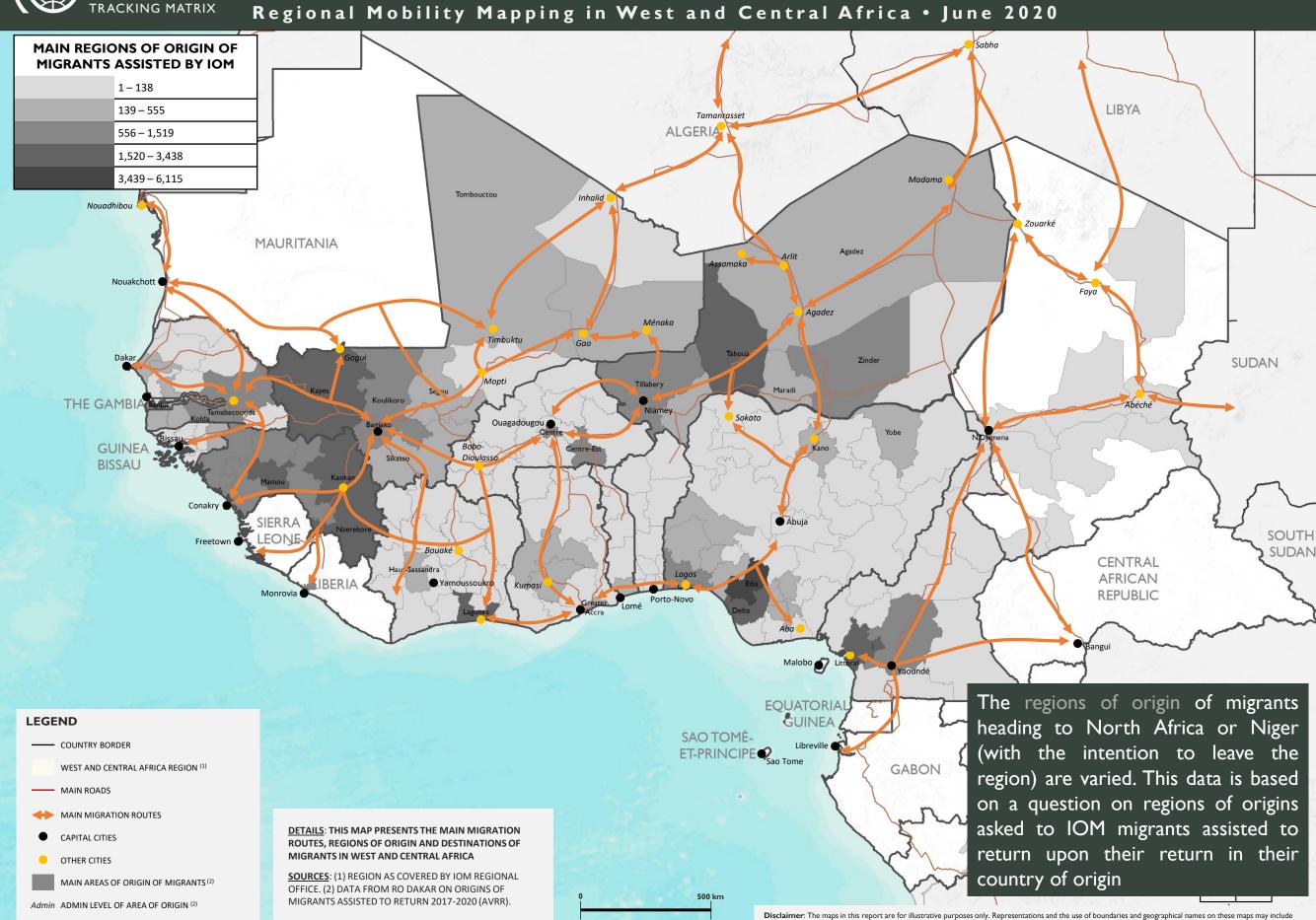
SOURCES: National Government of Spain, Italy and Greece as well as IOM and UNHCR data were used for this infographic.



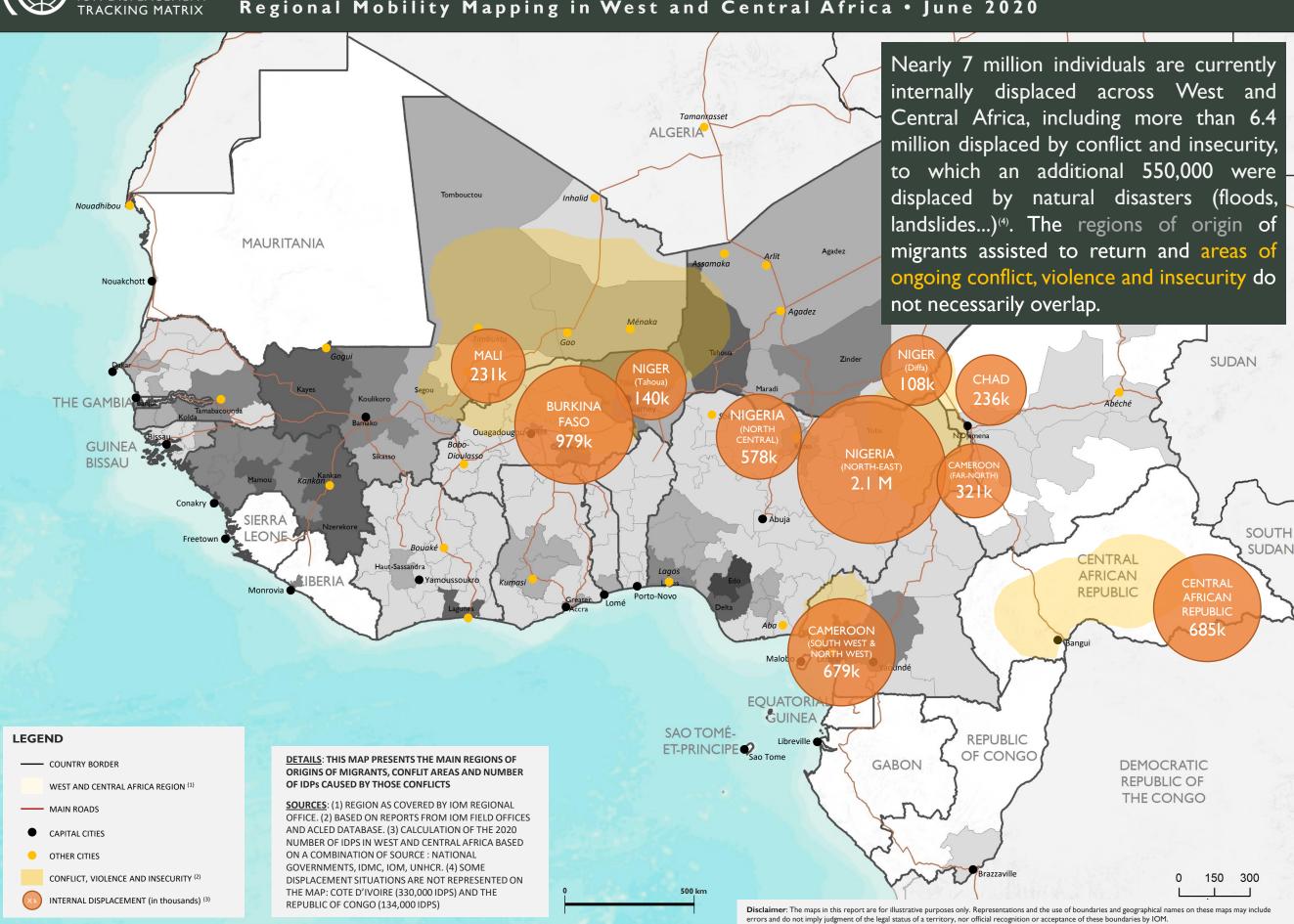
Migrant and refugee arrivals to Europe have changed significantly between 2015 and 2020. In 2015, an estimated 857,363 migrants and refugees reached Greece, with only 1% originating from West and Central Africa (WCA). The share of migrants from WCA amongst arrivals to Greece then steadily increased, reaching 9% in 2018, before dropping back to 5% in 2019. Arrivals of WCA nationals in Italy were stable in 2018-2019 (respectively 20% and 21%) but have dropped significantly since 2016 (60% of arrivals in 2016 were WCA nationals). The share of WCA nationals amongst migrant and refugee arrivals to Spain witnessed some fluctuations between 2015 and 2020, and witnessed a sharp decreased between 2018 (71% of all arrivals in Spain, the highest observed in the 2015-2019 time period) and 2019 (43%) and 2020 (40%).

#### IOM DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX

# REGIONS OF ORIGIN

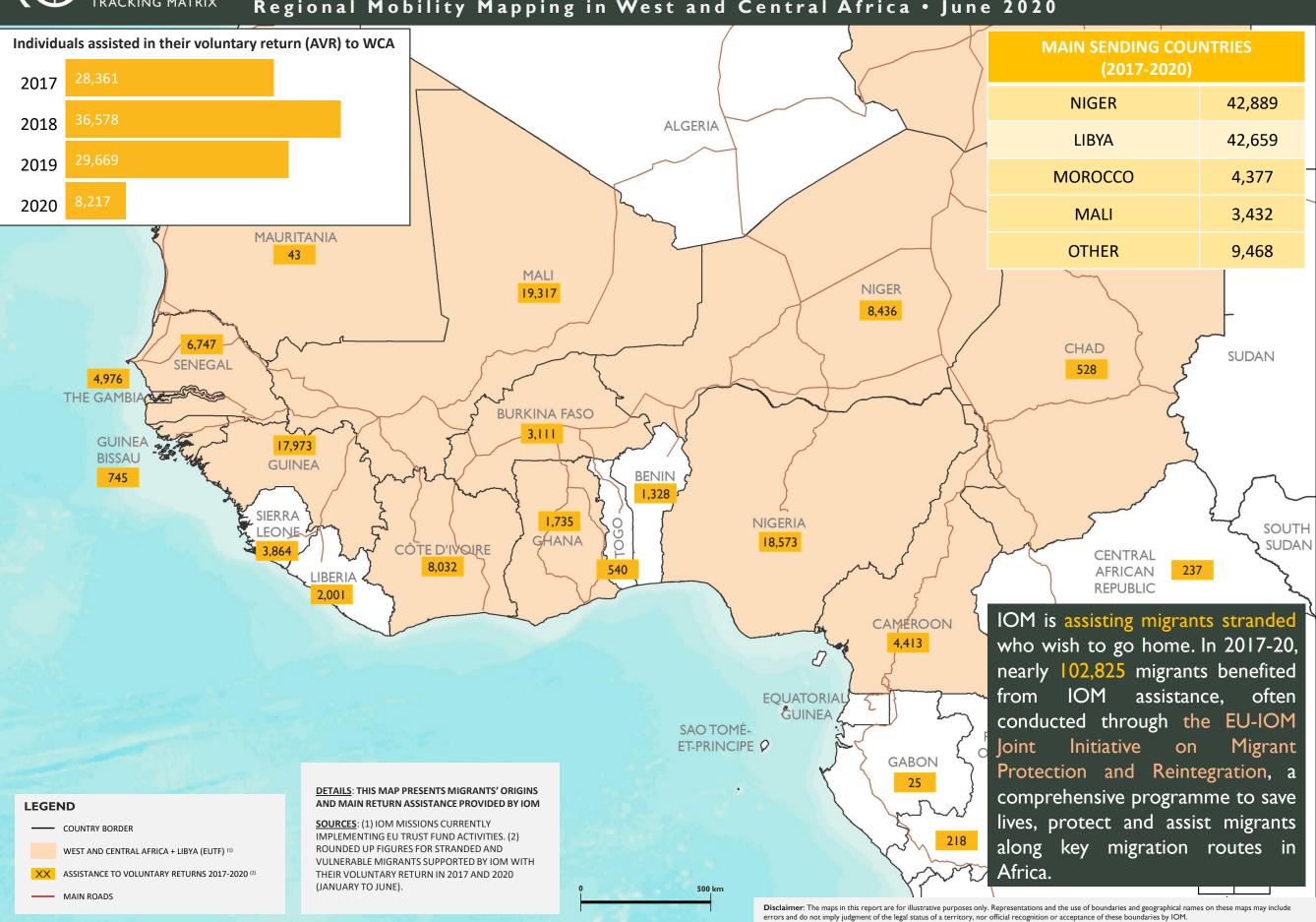


#### CONFLICT AND INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT





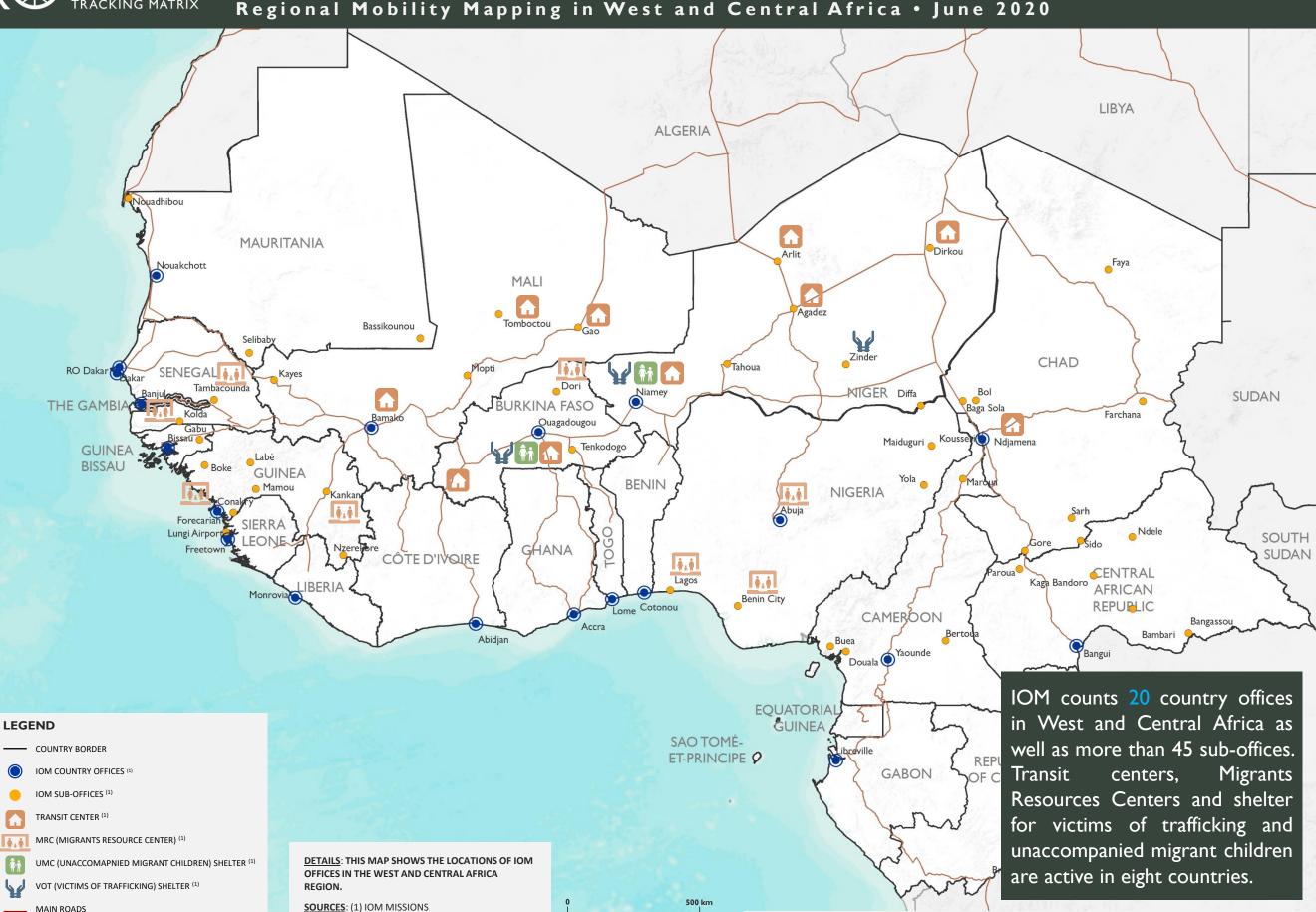
# RETURN ASSISTANCE BY IOM



Disclaimer: The maps in this report are for illustrative purposes only. Representations and the use of boundaries and geographical names on these maps may include

errors and do not imply judgment of the legal status of a territory, nor official recognition or acceptance of these boundaries by IOM.

# **IOM PRESENCE**



# NOTE ON METHODOLOGY

This section provides additional details on data sources used in this report

#### FLOW MONITORING METHODOLOGY

This report presents an analysis of 27,000 surveys conducted with mobile populations in the West and Central Africa region between January and June 2020. These surveys are part of IOM DTM's Flow Monitoring activities, which gather information on the numbers and characteristics of travellers observed in high mobility areas of origin, transit and destination. Surveys are conducted at Flow Monitoring Points on a sample of travellers on a daily basis (travellers may or may not be nationals). The purpose of these surveys is to collect more in-depth information on travellers, such as their nationalities, educational and vocational backgrounds, reasons for departure and intended destinations.

Page 10 presents cross-border movements based on the Flow Monitoring Registry (FMR); Page 11 presents a regional analysis of the intended destination of travellers as provided by respondents to Flow Monitoring Surveys.

**METHODOLOGY**: At Flow Monitoring Point (FMP), enumerators collect information on the number, frequency and defining features of individuals transiting through a particular location. Prior to the establishment of an FMP, areas of high mobility are identified following discussions with national and local actors. The locations at which FMPs are set up, key points of transit such as border points or coach stations, are then identified based on participatory mapping of main migration routes conducted in partnership with national and local authorities. As of 30 June 2020, more than 30 FMPs are active in eight countries of the West and Central Africa region (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, and

Senegal).

Data is collected at FMPs using two main tools: Flow Monitoring Registry (FMR) and Flow Monitoring Survey (FMS). The FMR includes direct observations at places of entry, transit or exit, as well as interviews with key informants (including transportation workers, housing workers, and migration officials) to assess movement trends, routes, and countries of origin and destination. The FMS entails more detailed individual surveys to profile people on the move, including education levels and skills/employment; drivers of migrations; and needs, risks and vulnerabilities. This document presents an analysis of surveys conducted using the FMS tool. A similar methodology is used in other regions (Horn of Africa and Europe) to allow for comparative analysis of flows and individuals' characteristics.

LIMITS: The data presented on Page 11 is based on surveys conducted with travellers at FMPs in Senegal, Mali, Guinea, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Niger and Chad during the timeframe indicated. The data should not be generalized and does not present a full picture of interand intra-regional migration, but rather a snapshot of migration flows at specific locations. For example, while IOM aims to establish Flow Monitoring Points at locations with high transit flows (based on information from key informants), flows are changing and FMPs can only provide a partial picture.

# DATA ON RETURNS THROUGH ASSISTED VOLUNTARY AND HUMANITARIAN RETURN PROGRAMMES

Data collected on the regions of origin of migrants provides details on individuals assisted in voluntary or humanitarian return by IOM. It is based on databases from

Libya and Niger that have been aggregated and uses nearly 100,000 entries dating from 2016 to 2020.

It does not necessarily present the origins of all migrants moving in WCA and focuses on a very specific migrant population (those trying to move to other regions)

#### **EXTERNAL SOURCES**

ARRIVALS IN ITALY, GREECE AND SPAIN: data presented on arrivals to Europe is taken from figures provided by Greek, Italians and Spanish national authorities. However, the complete nationality breakdown of migrants is not available; only the top 10 nationalities of arriving migrants is provided. Therefore, nationality figures presented are likely fragmented.

**IDMC:** the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centers is the world's definitive source of data and analysis on internal displacement and provide regular data on internal displacement through its Global internal displacement database and report.

**UNDESA**: the United Nations Departement for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) provides regular update on its migrants' stocks. Data presented does not reflect all migration stocks in each country and are likely underestimating total migrants' population in the region.

#### **DATA SOURCES**

IOM FLOW MONITORING POINTS (migration.iom.int)

IOM (AVRR)

IOM NIGER (regions of origins)

IOM NIGER (Search & Rescue)

NATIONAL WORKSHOPS ON CAPTURING DISPLACEMENT AND MOVEMENTS DATA (Capo Verde, Mauritania, Senegal, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo and Benin)

IOM ITALY, IOM SPAIN, IOM GREECE

IOM COUNTRY OFFICES (labour intensive areas)

MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR (Spain, Italy, Greece, Niger

UNDESA (migrant stock database)

ACLED (security incidents)

**OECD** (transhumance)

#### DATA COLLECTION OVERVIEW & METHODOLOGY





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