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INTRODUCTION

In order to gain a better understanding of mobility flows and trends through West and Central Africa, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) implements the Displacement Tracking Matrix's Flow Monitoring (FM) tool at key transit points across the region.

Flow Monitoring activities are conducted in close cooperation with national and local authorities as well as local partners. The Flow Monitoring tool consists of two main components: the Flow Monitoring Registry (FMR), which captures key data on the magnitude, provenance, destination and mode of travel of mobility flows, and the Flow Monitoring Survey (FMS), individual surveys conducted with travellers to gather detailed information about the profiles, migration experience and intentions of migrants. Through these activities, the Flow Monitoring tool collects data on migration flows and trends, traveller profiles, migration journeys, and intentions of migrants, so as to obtain a better understanding of mobility in West and Central Africa.

In **Mali**, DTM conducts Flow Monitoring activities at 7 Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) located across 6 regions, in order to foster a better understanding of the numbers, trends, profiles, and journeys of migration flows crossing these points.

This reports presents data collected through the **Flow Monitoring Registry** in **January 2021**.

Additional information on Flow Monitoring methodology is available on the last page.

KEY FIGURES



7 FMPs active in MALI



739 Travellers on average observed daily



-% No per cent change in travellers compared to December



13 608 Total incoming individuals (59%)



9 302 Total outgoing individuals recorded (41%)



22 910 Total individuals observed at Mali FMPs



98% of individuals were travelling to **Burkina Faso**, **Algeria** and **Mauritania**



88% of nationals are from Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Guinea and Nigeria



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TRAVELLER PROFILES AND MOBILITY TRENDS

Mobility trends: In January 2021, the daily average of individuals observed at the different FMP in Mali remain constant compared to December 2020. However, some FMP showed little variation in the flows of individuals flows broadly during this month. Thus, the unchanged average between December 2020 and January 2021 highlights the continued nature of seasonal flows mainly related to the end of agricultural activities and the intense recovery of traditional gold mining.

Types of flows: Amongst observed travellers, 92 per cent were conducting a transboundary movement (56% were entering, while 36% were leaving the country). In contrast, 8 per cent of travellers were travelling internally.

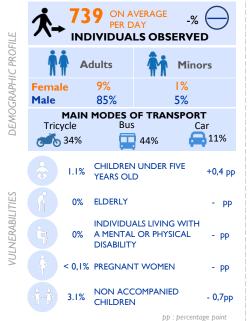
Provenance and destination: During this reporting period, travellers mainly conducted travel to and from: Mali (67%, 41%), Burkina Faso (26%, 47%), Mauritania (3%, 6%) and Algeria (4%, 2%). The main modes of transportation were bus (44%), tricycle (34%), private vehicle (11%), truck (3%) and on moto (4%). Due to the closure of the Malian borders in response to COVID-19 and to ECOWAS sanctions, following the overthrow of the government, a significant proportion of travellers observed at Mali's FMP use tricycles and motorcycles to travel. Before these two events, the bus was the preferred means of transport for the majority of travellers.

Traveller profiles: Of all travellers, 85 per cent were adult men, while 9 per cent were adult women and 6 per cent were minors. Moreover, individuals, 985 persons presented vulnerabilities were observed, including mainly children under five years old, pregnant women, and unaccompanied minors.



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TRAVELLER PROFILES

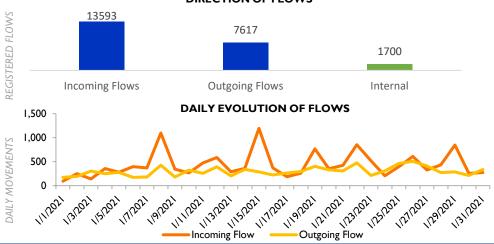


PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Provenance of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Burkina Faso	47%	
Mali	41%	
Mauritania	6%	
Niger	3%	
Algeria	2%	
Benin	1%	

Destination of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Mali	67%	
Burkina Faso	26%	
Algeria	4%	
Mauritania	3%	

DIRECTION OF FLOWS







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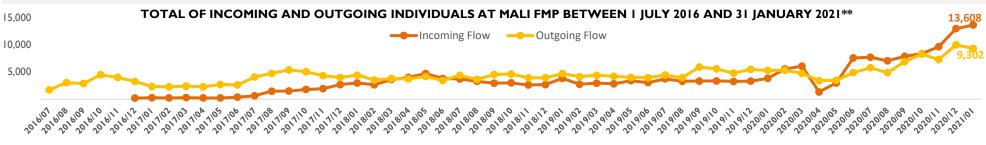
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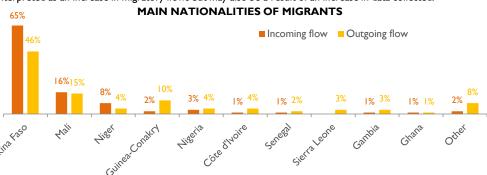
EVOLUTION OF MIGRATION FLOWS (2016 – 2021)

Most migrants travel through the capital city, Bamako, to the strategically located towns of Gao and Timbuktu, as well as to border areas such as Benena, Gogui and Heremakono, before heading towards Algeria, Niger, Libya, Mauritania or Morocco. Some will ultimately travel on to Europe. Gao is an important transit point and is commonly favoured by migrants for its accessibility to routes leading to the Mediterranean sea. The majority of outgoing migrants identified at the Gao and Timbuktu FMP continue through Algeria (primarily through the Algerian towns of Tamanrasset and Bordj). Migrants transiting through Benena and Heremakono travel on to Burkina Faso, while those transiting through Gogui often travel on to Mauritania. Mali is also a country which attracts and sends many seasonal migrants to and from Burkina Faso. The majority of these migrants mostly make short pendulum movements (between one and three month), while others stay longer in mining sites.

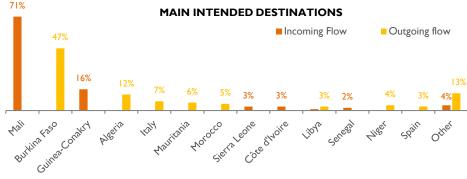
Since the first COVID-19 cases appeared in West Africa and in Mali particularly, the measures adopted have had a considerable impact on the migratory flows observed in Mali and on mobility in general. Thus, in April 2020, flows fell drastically. From May 2020, a normal resumption of flows was observed, coinciding with the easing of measures related to the pandemic crisis. As of June 2020, the flows of individuals in Mali reached a peek at more than 12,400 persons, not seen since monitoring points were set up in Mali. It should be noted, however, that from February 2020, a particular emphasis has been placed on taking into account seasonal migrants (agricultural and traditional gold mining) at the different FMPs concerned by this migration category.



- (*) To avoid double counting, migrants recorded at Wabaria, an Internal Transit Point, are not included in this total. Only those recorded at entry and exit points are considered.
- (**) Data collection on incoming flows at FMPs started in December 2016. New FMPs were set up in June 2017; as a result, any significant deviation observed in the figures provided from that date should not only be interpreted as an increase in migratory flows but may also be a result of an increase in data collected.



Since the beginning of 2020, the flows of seasonal migrants from Burkina Faso continue to increase significantly. These migrants most often intend to travel to gold mining sites.

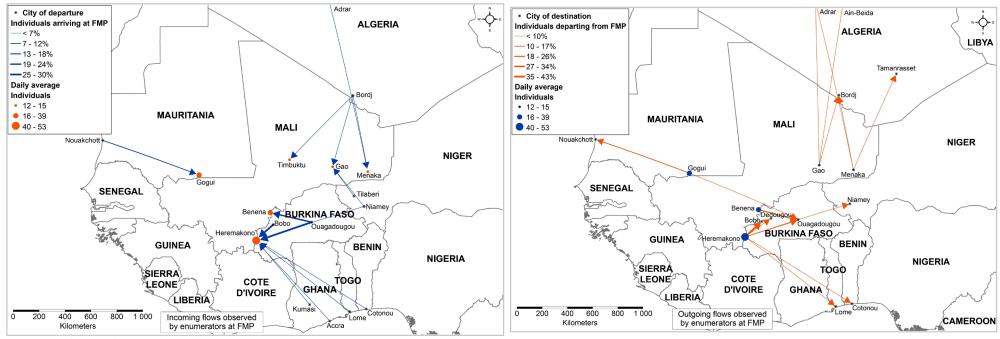


European countries were declared as the final intended destination by 10 per cent of outgoing migrants.

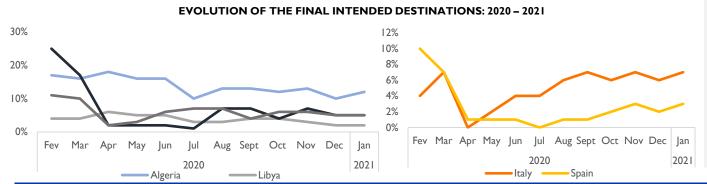
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DESTINATION OF FLOWS 2016 – 2021

The data collected at the FMP in **Gao**, **Timbuktu** and **Menaka** permitted to determine the migrants in the direction of Algeria. These regions are localities where migrants headed for Algeria usually begin their journey, reciprocally the migrants who return from Algeria pass there as well.



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Comparing to December 2020, the number of migrants wishing to travel to Algeria increased. However, the number of migrants travelling to Morocco, Mauritania and Libya remained constant.

The number of migrants seeking to reach Italy or Spain have simultaneously increased.

It should be noted that these figures indicate the intentions of migrants rather than confirmed destinations.

GAO - WABARIA

PRESENTATION OF FMP: A Flow Monitoring Point (FMP) was set up in July 2016 in the city of Gao at the coach station of Wabaria. An FMP was installed at this location to observe movements between Gao and Bamako, as well as movement to and from other destinations, including the N'Tahaka gold mining site. Adrar (Algeria) and Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (Algeria).

Mobility trends: During the reporting period, an average of 160 individuals were observed daily, at the Wabaria FMP. This represents a decrease of 35 per cent since the previous month, during which 247 individuals had been observed. The upsurge of violence and insecurity in the village of N'tahaka, combined with a contagious disease have been observed during the last weeks, according the FMP agents. This has led to a decrease the incoming and outgoing seasonal flows from this goldmining site. However, the number of unaccompanied minors transiting in this FMP remained very high.

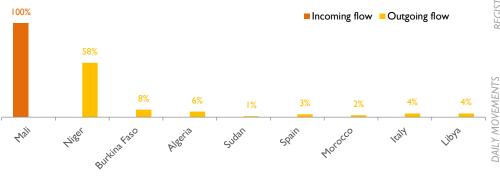
Types of flows: Amongst observed individuals, 34.5 per cent were conducting a cross-border movement (16.5% incoming flow, and 18 % outgoing flow), while 65.5 per cent were travelling internally.

Provenance and destination: In January 2021, the main provenance cities of migrants were N'tahaka (50%, Mali), Gao (21%, Mali), Tillaberi (16%, Niger) and Bamako (12%, Mali). They were primarily headed to destinations Gao (59%, Mali), N'tahaka (23%, Mali), Niamey (15%, Niger) and Adrar (3%, Algeria). There is currently a large inflow of young people to the village of N'tahaka following the discovery a few months ago of a gold panning site. The persons observed travelled mainly by private vehicle (74%), truck (13%) and bus (13%).

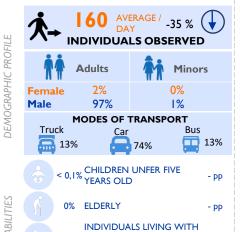
Traveller profiles: Among the travellers observed. 97 per cent were adult males, while two (2) per cent were adult females and one per cent were minors. There were 73 persons with vulnerabilities identified. Among these cases of vulnerabilities, the vast majority was unaccompanied minors (those under 18 years of age and over 5 years of age).

During the reporting period, most migrants transiting through the Wabaria FMP were nationals of Niger (77%), Burkina Faso (9%), Mali (9%), Côte d'Ivoire (4%) and Guinea-Conakry (3%).

MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



TRAVELLER PROFILES

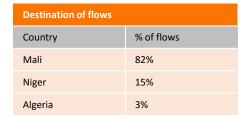


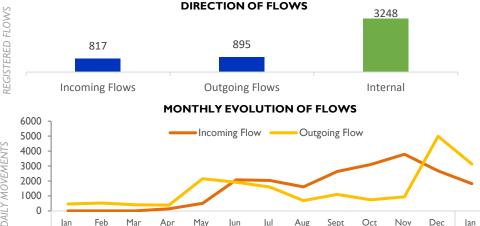
% of flows
86%
14%

PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

ITIES		0%	ELDERLY	- pp
VULNERABILITIE		0%	INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY	- pp
M		0%	PREGNANT WOMEN	- pp
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CHILDREN





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GAO – PLACE KIDAL

PRESENTATION OF FMP: Place Kidal is primarily an exit point for migrants passing through the city of Gao. From July 2016, a Flow Monitoring Point (FMP) was installed at this location, where IOM observes the movements of travellers going mainly to and from from Gao, Niamey (Niger), Tillaberi (Niger), Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (Algeria) and Adrar (Algeria).

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 38 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Place Kidal FMP. This represented a decrease of 14 per cent since the previous month, during which 44 individuals had been observed. The incoming flows decreased since October 2020 and impact the overall flows at this FMP. The migrants might change routes and mechanisms, this could be verified thought FMS.

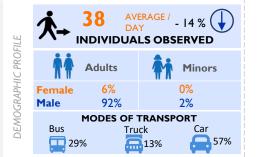
Types of flows: Amongst observed individuals, the overall were conducting a cross-border movement (incoming flow: 52% and outgoing flow: 48%).

Provenance and destination: The main cities of origin of travellers observed at the Place Kidal FMP point in January 2021, were Gao (48%, Mali), Niamey (29%, Niger), Tillaberi (16%, Niger) and Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (7%, Algeria). They were primarily headed to main destinations Gao (35%, Mali), Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (28%, Algeria), Adrar (20%, Algeria) and N'Tahaka (16%, Mali). The persons observed travelled mainly by private vehicle (57%), bus (29%) and truck (13%).

Traveller profiles: Registered migrants were 92 per cent of adult men, while six (6) per cent were adult women and tow (2) per cent were minors. Of these, <u>23 individuals were vulnerable</u>, exclusively unaccompanied minors (91%).

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Place Kidal FMP were nationals of Mali (29%), Cote d'Ivoire (17%), Niger (17%), Guinea-Conakry (16%) and Senegal (5%).

TRAVELLER PROFILES



	0,2%	CHILDREN UNFER FIVE YEARS OLD	+0,2pp
TIES	0%	ELDERLY	- pp



PREGNANT WOMEN

88	1,8%	NON ACCOMPANIED
	1,0/6	CHILDREN

PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Provenance of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	48%
Niger	45%
Algeria	7%

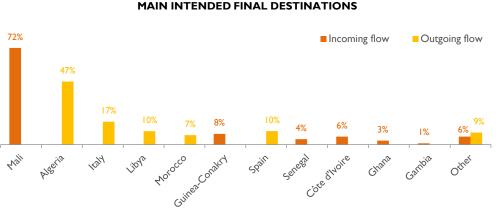
Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	52%
Algeria	48%

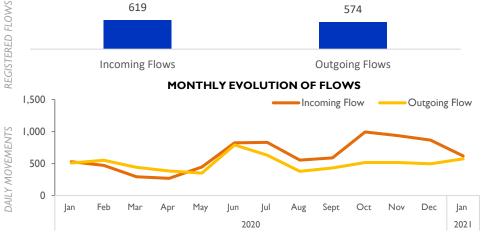
DIRECTION OF FLOWS

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pp : point pourcentage







TIMBUKTU

PRESENTATION OF FMP: From January 2017, a Flow Monitoring Point was set up in the city of Timbuktu. At this point, enumerators usually identify migrants who are travelling to and from Mopti, and Bordj-Bou-Arreridi (Algeria). Some pass-through Timbuktu and continue to countries of North Africa and Europe.

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 64 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Timbuktu FMP. This represents a decrease of nine per cent since the previous month, during which 70 individuals had been observed, daily.

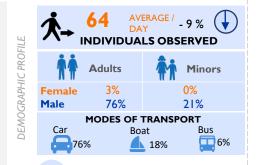
Types of flows: Amongst observed individuals, 14 per cent were conducting a cross-border movement (mainly incoming flows), while 86 per cent were travelling internally.

Provenance and destination: During January 2021, the main cities of provenance of travellers were Mopti (82%, Mali), Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (13%, Algeria), Segou (3%, Mali) and Koury (1%, Mali). Almost all registered travellers were heading towards Timbuktu as a destination (99%, Mali). The persons observed travelled mainly by private vehicle (76%), boats (18%) or bus (6%).

Traveller profiles: The vast majority (76%) of observed travellers were adult males, while three per cent were adult females and 21 per cent were minors. Of these, 14 persons with vulnerabilities were identified (43% child under five years and 57% elderly person).

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at the Timbuktu FMP were nationals of Guinea-Conakry (38%), Mali (14%), Sierra Leone (11%) and The Gambia (10%),

TRAVELLER PROFILES





DISABILITY PREGNANT WOMEN

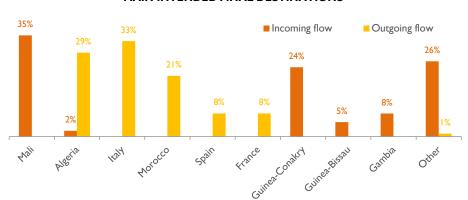
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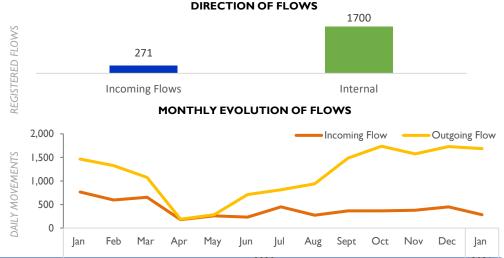
PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Provenance of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	86%
Algeria	13%
Mauritania	1%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	100%

MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS





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MENAKA

PRESENTATION OF FMP: A Flow Monitoring Point was installed in December 2017 in the city of Menaka. At the Menaka FMP, IOM data collectors observe the movements of migrants in transit between Menaka and Adrar or Bordi-Bou-Arreridi (Algeria).

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 13 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Menaka FMP. This represented an increase of 8 per cent since the previous month, during which 12 individuals had been observed, daily.

Types of flows: All observed individuals were conducting a cross-border movement (incoming flow: 33% outgoing flow: 67%).

Provenance and destination: During this reporting period, the main cities from which travellers came were Menaka (67%, Mali), Hallil (12%, Algeria), Talhandak (9%, Algeria), Adrar (7%, Algeria) and Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (5%, Algeria). Their main destinations were Menaka (31%, Mali), Hallil (31%, Algeria), Talhandak (17%, Algeria), Adrar (10%, Algeria) and Tamanrasset (7%, Algeria). All the migrants registered in Menaka (100%, Mali) travelled by truck.

Traveller profiles: All travellers observed at the Menaka FMP (100%) were adult males. None of the registered travellers showed any evidence of vulnerability.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Menaka were Malian nationals (40%), followed by nationals of Niger (29%), du Ghana (9%) Nigeria (8%), Benin (5%), Senegal (5%) and Togo (2%).

AVERAGE / 100

TRAVELLER PROFILES

INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED

Adults Minors

Female 0%
Male 100%

MODES OF TRANSPORT

Truck

100%

0% CHILDREN UNFER FIVE YEARS OLD

0% ELDERLY
INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH

VULNERABILITIES

0% A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY

0% PREGNANT WOMEN

0% NON ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Provenance of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	67%
Algeria	33%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	67%
Algeria	33%

DIRECTION OF FLOWS

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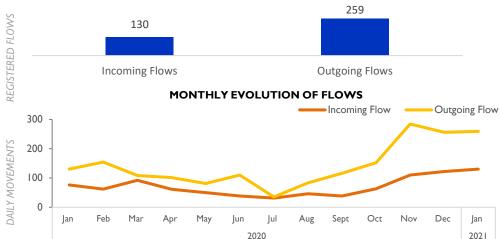
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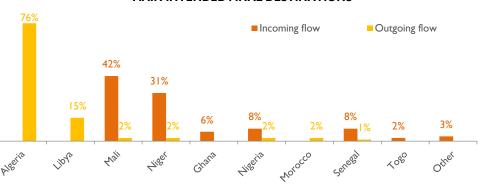
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MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



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GOGUI

PRESENTATION OF FMP: The Gogui Flow Monitoring Point is located on the border post between Mali and Mauritania. It was set up in June 2017. The migrants identified in this FMP go mainly to Mauritania and Morocco. Some of travellers reported they want to work in these countries in order to get enough funds to continue to Europe. Enumerators at this FMP also record migrants who are returning to Mali from Mauritania or transiting through Mauritania and Mali to reach their home countries. Travellers crossing Gogui primarily travel between Bamako and Nouakchott (Mauritania).

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 72 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Gogui FMP. This represented an increase of three per cent since the previous month, during which 70 individuals had been observed. Despite the official closure of the borders, a gradual increase of the outgoing flows has been observed since October 2020. A significant number of returned migrants were recorded during the data collection period. Most of them have been facing to major difficulties, according to the FMP agents.

Types of flows: All observed individuals in Gogui FMP were conducting a cross-border movement (incoming flow: 67% outgoing flow: 33%).

Provenance and destination: In January 2021, the cities from which travellers came were Nouakchott (67%, Mauritania) and Bamako (33%, Mali). They travelled mainly to Bamako (67%, Mali), Nouakchott (31%, Mauritania) and Ouagadougou (2%, Burkina Faso). With the closure of borders due to the pandemic, the people observed were travelling mainly on motorcycles (46%) and on foot (19%). However, buses (33%) stopping at the border, are used by few migrants.

Traveller profiles: Of the travellers observed, 81 per cent were adult males, while 14 per cent were adult females and five per cent were minors. The presence of persons with vulnerabilities was recorded (81 individuals), with mainly children under five (74%).

During the reporting period, migrants identified in Gogui were mostly Malian nationals (89%). Nationals from Cote d'Ivoire (4%). Nigeria (3%) and Guinea-Conakry (2%) were also observed.

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Adults Adults Female 14% 2% Male 81% MODES OF TRANSPORT

TRAVELLER PROFILES



On foot

Bus





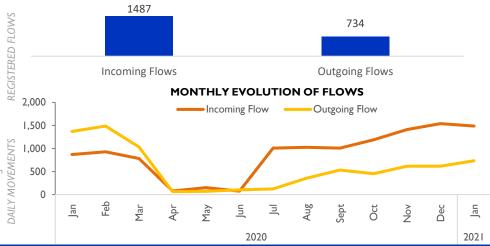
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PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

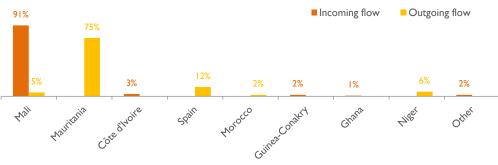
Provenance of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mauritanie	67%
Mali	33%

Destination of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Mali	67%	
Mauritanie	31%	
Burkina Faso	2%	

DIRECTION OF FLOWS



MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



BENENA

PRESENTATION OF FMP: The Benena Flow Monitoring Pont is located on the border post between Mali and Burkina Faso, in the Segou region. It was installed in August 2016. Travellers observed at this FMP travel mainly between Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) and Bamako (Mali), transiting through Benena on the way.

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 154 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Benena FMP. This represents an increase of 25 per cent since the previous month, during which 123 individuals had been observed, daily. A large number of seasonal migrants were observed in particular nationals of Niger who come to work in gold mining sites. The increase of the incoming flows has continued since October 2020. Nowadays, some bus transport companies transit through Benena to reach localities in Mopti region, due to the security context.

Types of flows: All observed individuals in Benena FMP (100%) carried out a cross-border movement (incoming flow: 63% outgoing flow: 37%).

Provenance and destination: The cities of provenance of the travellers registered in Benena during the reporting period are Ouagadougou (65%, Burkina Faso) and Bamako (35%, Mali). Their destinations were Bamako (66%, Mali) and Ouagadougou (34%, Burkina Faso). Most of the people observed travelled by bus (97%).

Traveller profiles: Of the travellers observed, 71 per cent were adult males, while 23 per cent were adult females and six per cent were minors. Some of them (2885 people) had vulnerabilities. They were almost all unaccompanied minors (69%) and children under five years old (31%).

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Benena were nationals of Burkina Faso (49%), Niger (17%), Nigeria (11%) and Mali (10%). The flows of seasonal migrants from Burkina Faso are very important in Benena. They generally come to Mali for agricultural activities or traditional gold mining, and often return to Burkina Faso after having worked for some time in Mali.

TRAVELLER PROFILES

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ŤŤ	Adults	Minors
Female Male	23% 71%	2% 4%
MODES OF TRANSPORT Bus Car		

5770		
,8%	CHILDREN UNFER FIVE YEARS OLD	+0,9 pp

97%



0% PREGNANT WOMEN

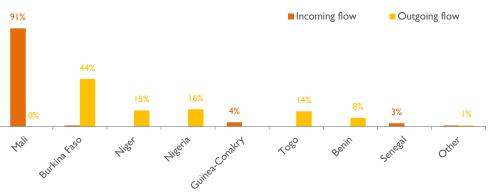
NON ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Provenance of flows	
Country	% of flows
Burkina Faso	65%
Mali	35%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	65%
Burkina Faso	35%

MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



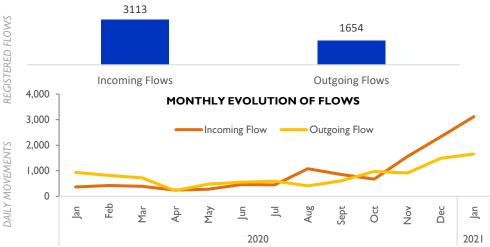
DIRECTION OF FLOWS

3%

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HEREMAKONO

PRESENTATION OF FMP: The Heremakono Flow Monitoring Point is located on the border post between Mali and Burkina Faso in the Sikasso region. It has been operational since August 2017. IOM enumerators register travellers mainly to and from Bobo-Dioulasso (Burkina Faso), Sikasso (Mali), Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) and Bamako (Mali).

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 399 individuals were observed daily, on average, at the Heremakono FMP. This represents a decrease of 5 per cent since the previous month, during which 420 individuals had been observed.

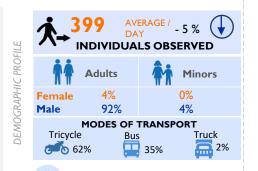
Types of flows: All observed individuals at the Heremakono FMP (100%) were conducting a cross-border movement (incoming flow: 64% outgoing flow: 36%).

Provenance and destination: During the reporting period, the main cities of origin mentioned by travellers were Bobo-Dioulasso (33%, Burkina Faso), Ouagadougou (29%, Burkina Faso), Bamako (20%, Mali) and Sikasso (16%, Mali). Their main destinations were Bamako (49%, Mali), Bobo-Dioulasso (25%, Burkina Faso), Sikasso (15%, Mali) and Ouagadougou (9%, Burkina Faso). Most of the people observed travelled in tricycle (62%) and bus (35%). Some travelled by truck (2%).

Traveller profiles: Of the identified travellers, 92 per cent were adult males, while four per cent were adult females and four per cent were minors. Among travellers, 582 persons with vulnerabilities were identified, including in majority unaccompanied minors and children under five years.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Heremakono were nationals of Burkina Faso (86%); National of Mali (3%) and Niger (3%) were also seen.

TRAVELLER PROFILES



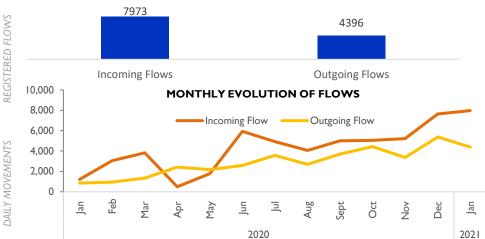
	0,8%	CHILDREN UNFER FIVE YEARS OLD	+0,4pp
ITIES	0%	ELDERLY	- pp
VULNERABILITIES	0%	INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY	- pp
N	< 0,1%	PREGNANT WOMEN	- pp
	3,8%	NON ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN	-0,9 pp
		pp : point pour	rcentage

PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

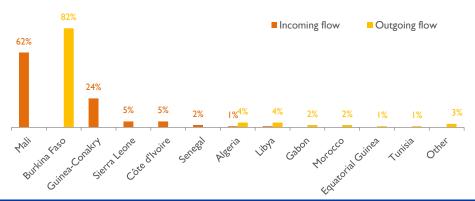
Provenance of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Burkina Faso	62%	
Mali	36%	
Benin	1%	
Niger	1%	

Destination of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Mali	64%	
Burkina Faso	35%	
Niger	1%	

DIRECTION OF FLOWS



MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



INTRODUCTION: Flow Monitoring, a tool of IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), was set up to provide a better understanding and an overview of mobility through West and Central Africa, through the collection of key data on the magnitude, provenance and destination and profiles of flows in areas of high mobility throughout the region.

METHODOLOGY: Flow Monitoring is a data collection activity which seeks to gather key information on mobility. It begins by identifying zones in which large mobility flows and highlighting the characteristics and journeys of travellers in these zones. Areas of high mobility are identified with the help of national authorities. DTM teams, with the support of local authorities and partners, then identify strategic points of transit, at which Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) are set up. At each FMP, DTM conducts two main activities: Flow Monitoring Registry (FMR) and Flow Monitoring Surveys (FMS).

The **FMR** collects data at FMP through direct observation and interviews with key informants, including staff working at coach stations, border patrol officers, local authorities, bus drivers or 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, all the day, with a focus on vehicle transit times. This corresponds to the peak hours of mobility. Enumerators collect data via a form filled out thanks to information provided by key informants or gathered through direct observation.

LIMITS: Data collected in the framework of Flow Monitoring activities are the result of direct observations and interviews conducted at FMPs. The data is not representative of all migration flows in the country, and, because they only reflect the situation of observed or individuals. surveyed cannot 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. In this period of COVID-19, some migrants are using bypasses. These can escape the recording device.

DEFINITIONS:

Incoming flow: refers to migrants who arrive at a Flow Monitoring Point with the intention of travelling further into Mali.

Outgoing flow: refers to migrants who arrive at a Flow Monitoring Point with the intention of travelling towards the outer borders of Mali.

Internal flow: refers to migrants who arrive at a Flow Monitoring Point with a departure in Mali and the intention of travelling within Mali.

Migrant:

An umbrella term, not defined under international law, reflecting the common lay understanding of a person who moves away from his or her place of usual residence, whether within a country or international border. across an temporarily or permanently, and for a variety of reasons. The term includes a number of well-defined legal categories of people, such as migrant workers; persons whose particular types of movements are legally-defined, such as smuggled migrants; as well as those whose status or means of movement are not specifically defined under international law, such as international students.

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