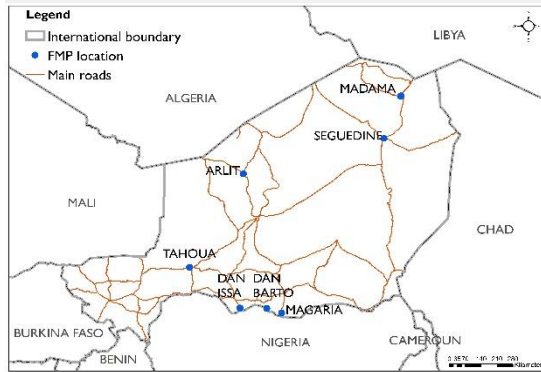


INTRODUCTION: IOM works with national and local authorities, and local partners to identify and understand migration movements in West and Central Africa. Flow monitoring is an activity that quantifies and qualifies flows, migrant profiles, trends and migration routes at a given point of entry, transit or exit. The data collected provides an overview of migration in the region. **Since February 2016, IOM Niger has been monitoring migration flows at six points across Niger.** 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 the Séguédine FMP which currently only captures incoming flows. The data collected provides an overview of migratory movements in the region.

NIGER POPULATION FLOW MONITORING POINTS



In addition to the three FMPs (Dan Barto, Magaria and Tahoua) activated in August 2018, a new FMP was also set up in Niger (Dan Issa) in September 2018. The aim was to better understand migration routes along the southern part of Niger, and to complement the existing FMPs in Arlit and Séguédine. 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 Niger.

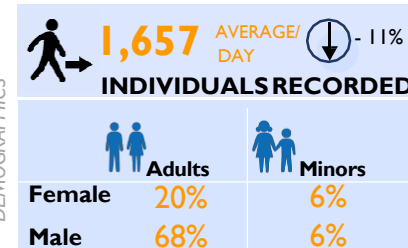
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METHODOLOGY: Flow monitoring is an investigative tool that aims to highlight further understanding of internal, cross-border and intraregional migration. Areas of high mobility are identified across the country. DTM teams then conduct assessments at 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 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.

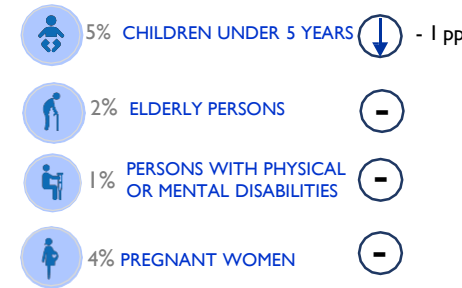
LIMITATIONS: The data used in this analysis, including the maps, is an estimate and represents only a part of the existing flows on the migration routes passing through the country. The spatial and temporal coverage of these surveys is partial, although the collection is done daily and during periods 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

(obtained through direct observation and interviews with migrants, drivers, irregular migration facilitators, border police and bus station managers)



DEMOGRAPHICS



VULNERABILITIES

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Country of origin	%	Variation
Niger	79	- 13 pp
Nigeria	10	+ 9 pp
Libya	5	+ 38 pp
Other	6	+ 5 pp

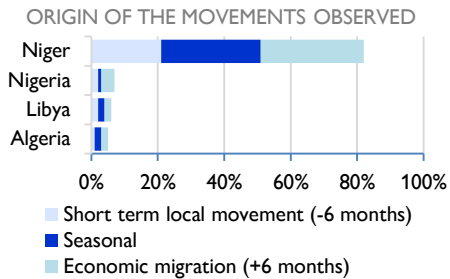
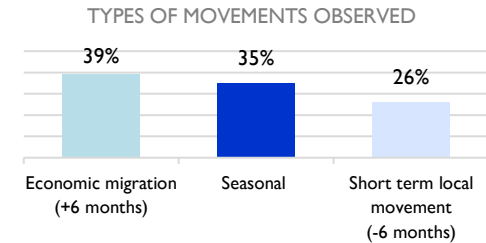
ORIGIN AND INTENDED DESTINATION

Country of destination	%	Variation
Niger	76	- 4 pp
Nigeria	9	- 25 pp
Libya	4	- 14 pp
Other	11	+ 2 pp

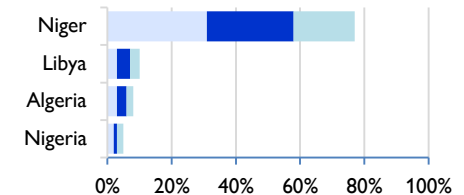
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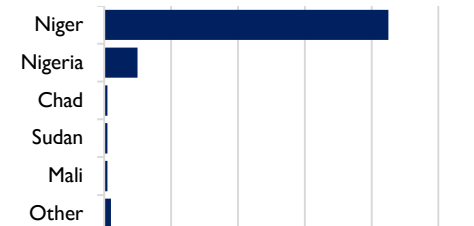
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INTENDED DESTINATION OF THE MOVEMENTS OBSERVED



NATIONALITIES OBSERVED



OCTOBER 2019 SUMMARY

11,326 Individuals entering Niger

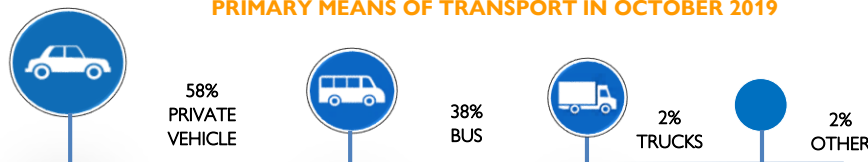
13,004 Individuals leaving Niger

27,026 Individuals observed moving internally

51,356 Number of individuals observed at the FMPs

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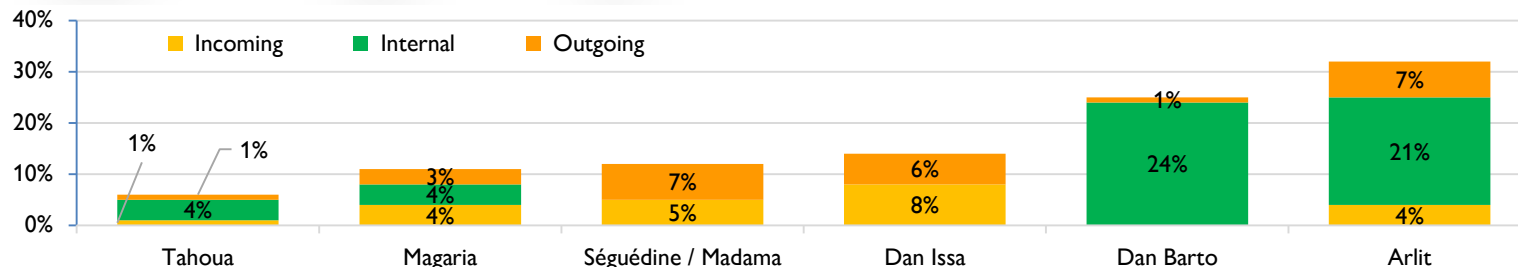
PRIMARY MEANS OF TRANSPORT IN OCTOBER 2019



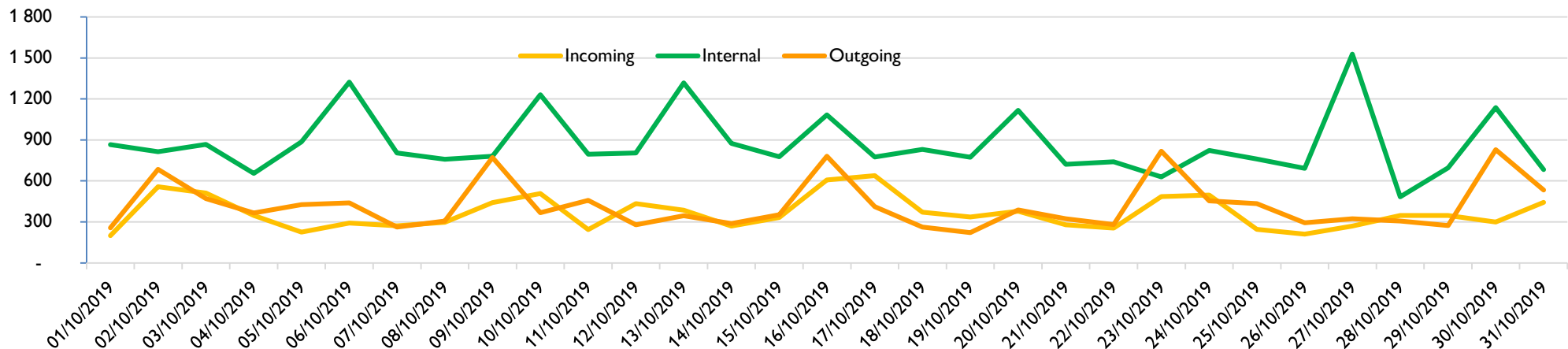
7 Active FMPs in the Niger

10 Information focal points

FLOWS OBSERVED IN OCTOBER 2019



FLOWS OBSERVED IN OCTOBER 2019



The ups and downs in the internal flows observed may be linked to the movements of shopkeepers and villagers who crisscross the various rural and weekly markets that are close to the FMP. The peaks in the outgoing flows could be related to the departure in convoys for the crossing of the desert and the movements of the Nigerien traders who generally go to the market of Kano in Nigeria on Wednesdays in order to pay products of basic needs that they come to sell at the Niger before going back to order new ones. In contrast, the incoming flows remained more or less constant throughout the month of October 2019.

COMPARISON OF TRENDS

The data in the graph below presents the total number of migrants identified at the seven Flow Monitoring Points (FMP) active in Niger, however, note that only the FMP of **Arlit** and **Séguédine** were active **since February 2016**. Thus in August 2018 three new FMPs (Tahoua, Magaria and Dan Barto) were activated and another FMP (Dan Issa) was activated in September 2018. Additionally, following the development of bypass routes, a new FMP (Madama) was activated in January 2019 to capture the outgoing flows and compliment the Séguédine FMP which was only capturing incoming flows.

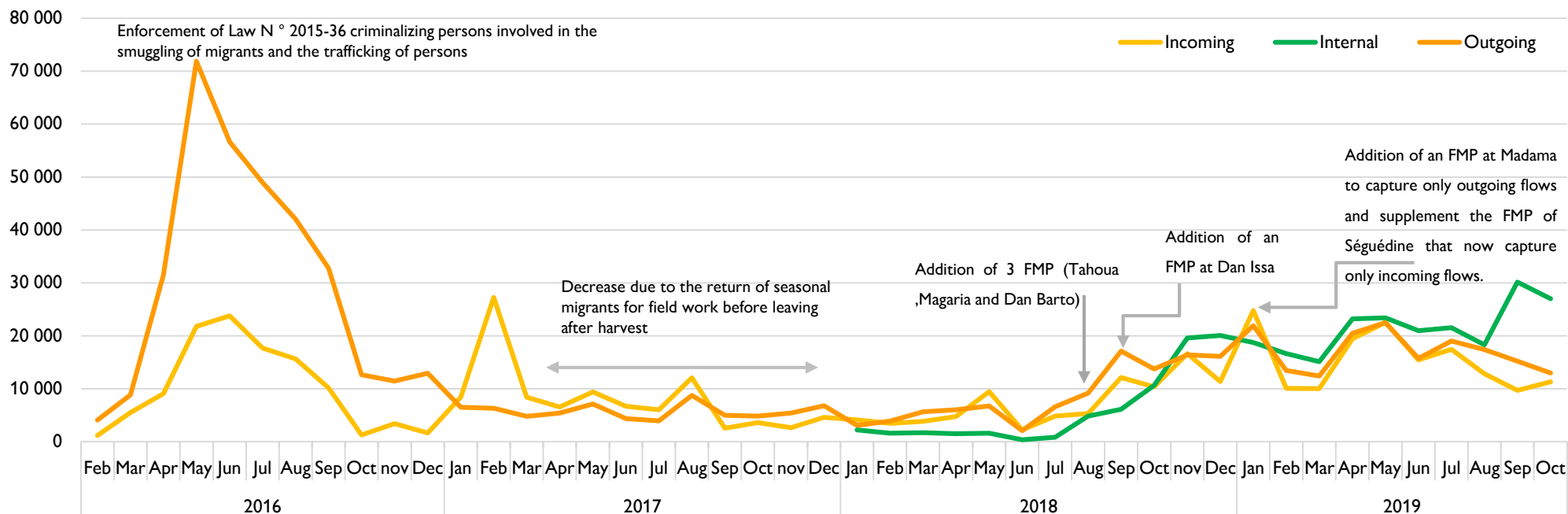
The analysis of data collected at **the seven FMPs** for the period of July to October 2018, when compared to the same July to October period in 2019 shows an overall increase in the number of migrants arriving and leaving Niger in 2019 compared to 2018. Specifically, there was an observed increase in both in the incoming flows (57%) and the outgoing flows (39%). These increases may be related to the fact that the enumerators received special training and then benefitted from follow-up trainings. In addition, the incoming and outgoing flows experienced their highest peak in July 2019 with 17,442 and 19,025 individuals, respectively, observed at the seven FMPs.

The DTM Niger began collecting data on internal movements in January 2019. Comparing these types of data for the period of July to October 2018 to that of the same period in 2019, it is clear that flows have almost tripled. The largest peak of internal movements observed was identified in September 2019, with 30,152 individuals observed. Compared to the 6,134 individuals observed in September 2018. The internal movements in 2019 almost quintupled.

TYPES OF FLOWS OBSERVED

Year	Incoming	Internal	Outgoing	Total
2016	111,230	-	333,891	445,121
2017	98,306	-	69,430	167,736
2018	88,601	71,223	106,766	266,590
2019	153,680	215,165	171,239	540,084

NUMBER OF MIGRANTS OBSERVED AT THE FMP: FEBRUARY 2016 - OCTOBER 2019



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

During the reporting month, more outgoing flows (3,452) than incoming flows (2,302) were observed. The main departure cities included Arlit, Agadez and Tchibarakaten (Niger); Tamanrasset and Inguezzam (Algeria), while the main destination cities included Arlit and Tchibarakaten. Noting that most migrants passing through the Arlit FMP chose not to disclose their final destination as it is a sensitive issue. In fact, most migrants transiting through Assamaka intended to travel to cities within Algeria including Tamanrasset, Inguezzam and Oran. Additionally, FMP figures do not include migrants who were subject to repression or were repatriated from Algeria as these are collected separately.

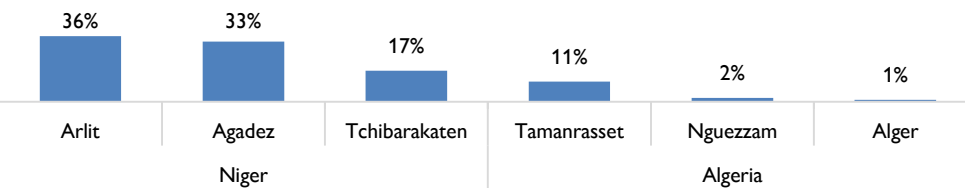
Compared to the previous month, the daily average has decreased by 6 per cent with a daily average of 531 individuals crossing the FMPs each day.

The 6 per cent increase observed in the daily average of the individuals passing through this FMP can be explained by the end of the harvest, despite the blockage of the routes due to the rainy season. Indeed, this period marks the return of the seasonal Nigerien migrants in exodus towards the beginning of the rainy season in May.

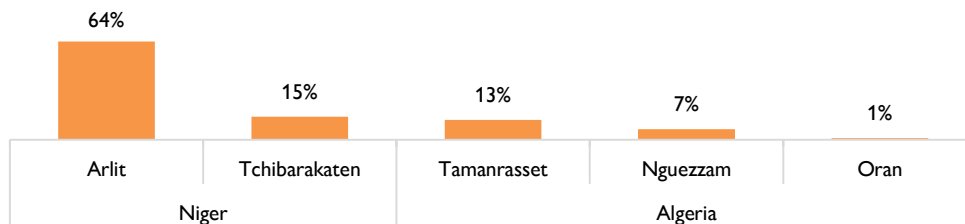
As such, the main reasons for travel mentioned by the travelers were **seasonal migration (38%)** followed by **economic migration (37%)**, **short-term local movement (24%)** and **tourism (1%)**.

The main nationalities observed crossing the Arlit FMP this month included Nigerien (83%), Chadian (4%), Sudanese (3%) and Nigerian (2%) nationals. The Malian, Guinean, Cameroonian and Senegalese nationals, among others, represented 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.

ORIGINS OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS

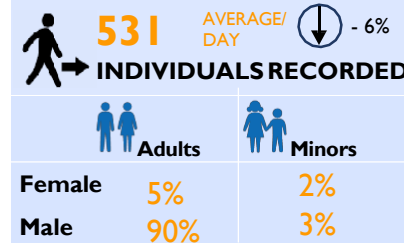


DESTINATIONS OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS



DEMOGRAPHICS

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DEMOGRAPHICS

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VULNERABILITIES

ORIGIN AND INTENDED DESTINATION

Country of origin	%	Variation
Niger	86	-
Algeria	14	-

Country of destination	%	Variation
Niger	79	+ 1 pp
Algeria	21	- 1 pp

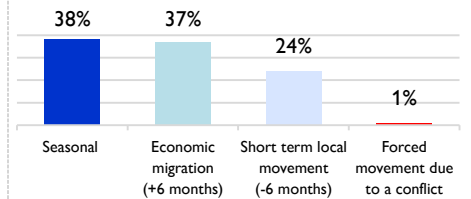
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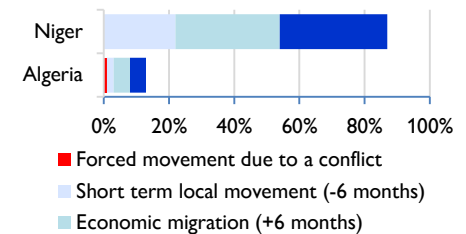
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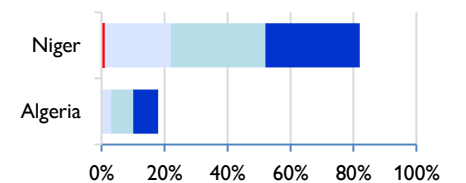
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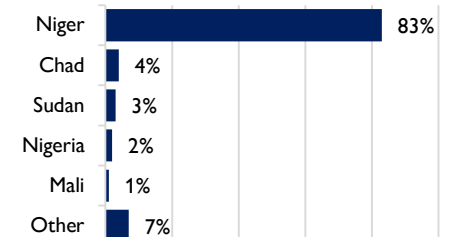
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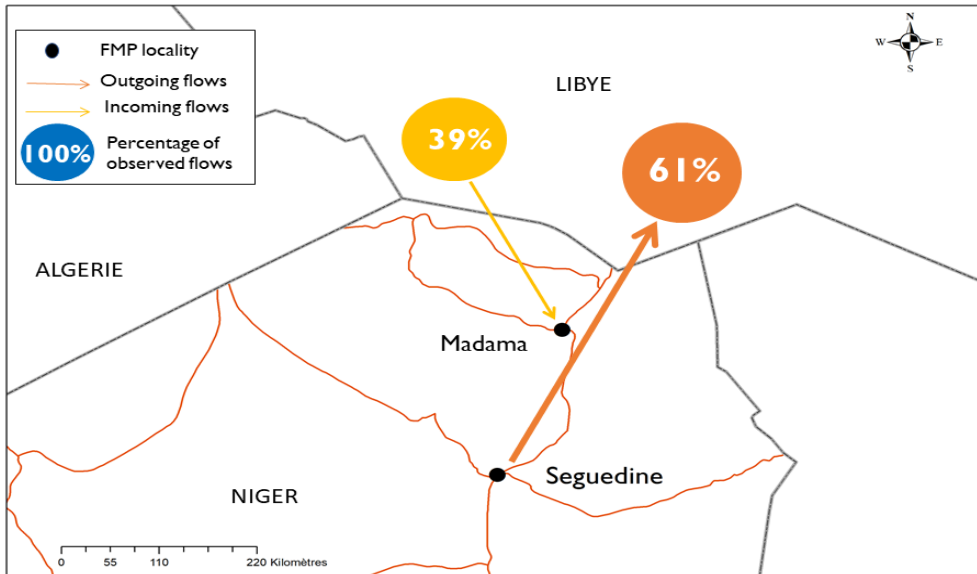


The **Séguédine** Flow Monitoring Point captures **cross-border flows** to and from neighbouring countries, mainly Libya. The Séguédine FMP has been active since February 2016. Given the vastness of the Agadez region which spans 703,000 km² (a little bit bigger than the size of France and 21 times the 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 (3,750 individuals, representing 61% of flows observed) than incoming flows (2,415 or 39% of all flows) were observed. A daily average of 199 individuals were observed crossing through the Séguédine/Madama FMP this month. The daily average of individuals passing through this FMP has slightly increased by 0.5% compared to the previous month when an average of 198 individuals were crossing the border each day.

During the month of October 2019, the main departure and destination cities were Agadez, a place of logistical equipment and a crossroads of migratory routes in Niger and Sebha in Libya. The main types of movements observed this month were seasonal migration (34%) followed by economic migration and short-term local movement (both 33%).

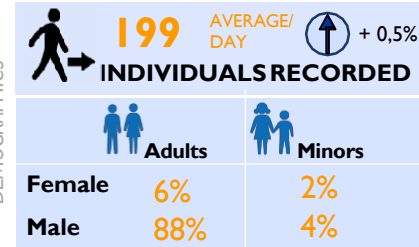
The main nationalities observed in August were mostly composed of Nigerien nationals (91%), followed by Nigerian (5%), Malian and Chadian (1% each) nationals. Other nationalities observed at this FMP (2%) included Egyptian, Libyan, Gambian, Mauritanian and Ghanaian nationals, among others.



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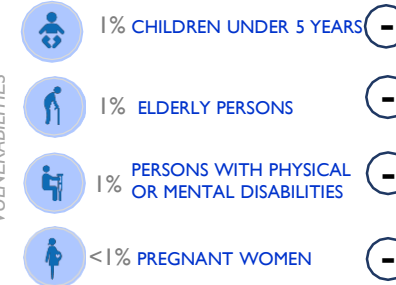
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DEMOGRAPHICS

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VULNERABILITIES

Country of origin	%	Variation
Niger	60	- 15 pp
Libya	40	+ 15 pp

ORIGIN AND INTENDED DESTINATION

Country of destination	%	Variation
Libya	60	- 15 pp
Niger	39	+ 15 pp
Chad	1	-

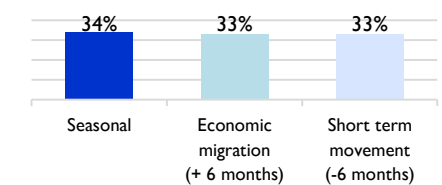
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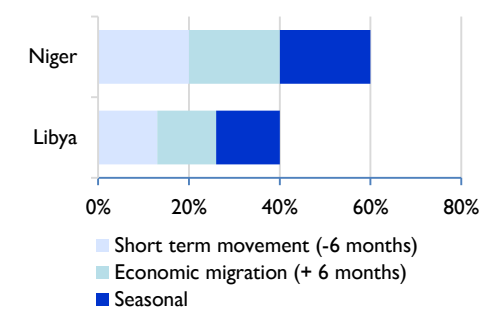
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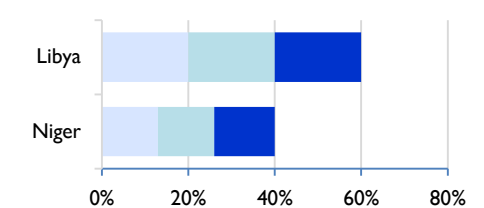
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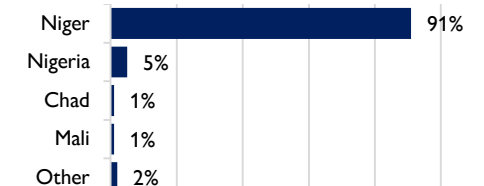
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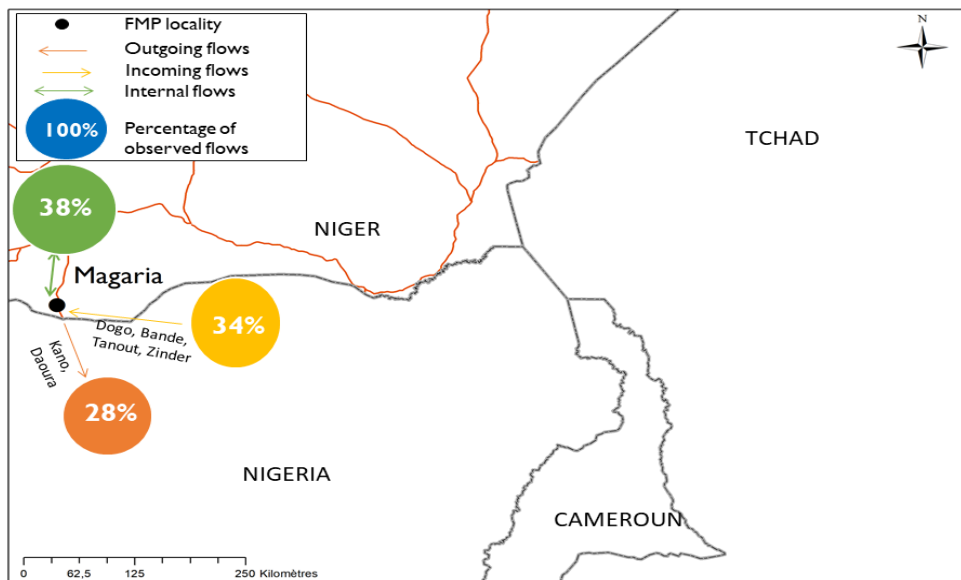


The **Magaria** Flow Monitoring Point was established to observe cross-border flows between Niger and Nigeria, as well as internal flows. Magaria is a town on the border between Niger and Nigeria, through which experiences high volumes of transit flows originating from Nigeria, which is one of the main 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 going towards Diffa and Zinder regions pass through this FMP. All cross-border flows observed were heading towards Niger or Nigeria and primarily coming from the departure cities of Magaria, Zinder, Dachi, Agadez, Tinkim, Bandé, Dungass, Tanout, Gada and Dogo in Niger, and Babura, Garki, Kano, Baban Mutum and Daura in Nigeria.

A daily average of 185 individuals passing through the Magaria FMP were observed during this month, which represents a small decrease of one per cent compared to the previous month, with more incoming flows (1,955 individuals or 34%) than outgoing flows (1,626 individuals or 28%), and almost the half of all flows observed were internal (38%). The closure of the Nigeria-Niger and Nigeria-Benin border has been extended until 31 January 2020.

The reasons for migrating for most travellers were **short-term local movements (55%)** and **economic migration (33%)**. Ten per cent were seasonal migrants while two per cent were going for tourism.

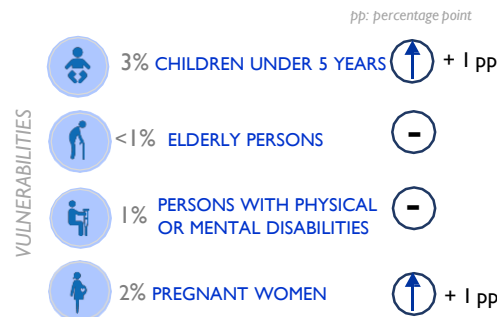
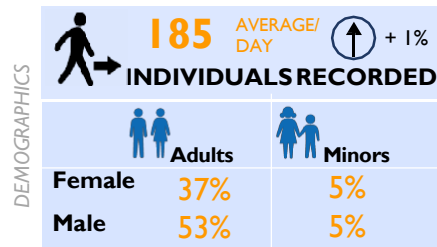
The two nationalities observed passing through this FMP in September 2019 were Nigerien (86%) and Nigerian (14%) nationals. Migrants transiting through the Magaria FMP travelled in primarily in private vehicles (99%) and by motorcycle (1%).



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ORIGIN AND INTENDED DESTINATION

Country of origin	%	Variation
Niger	79	- 16 pp
Nigeria	21	+ 16 pp

Country of destination	%	Variation
Niger	86	- 11 pp
Nigeria	14	+ 11 pp

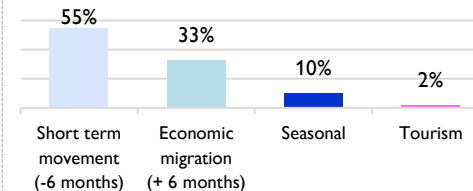
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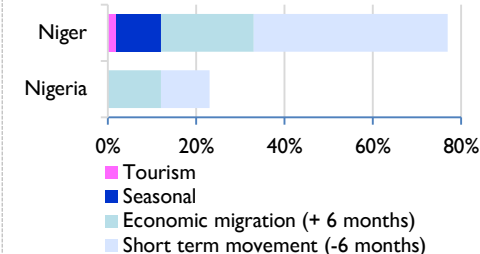
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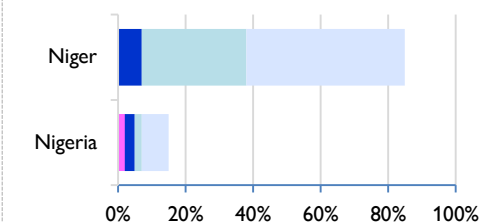
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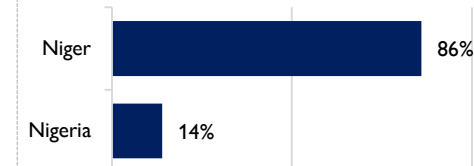
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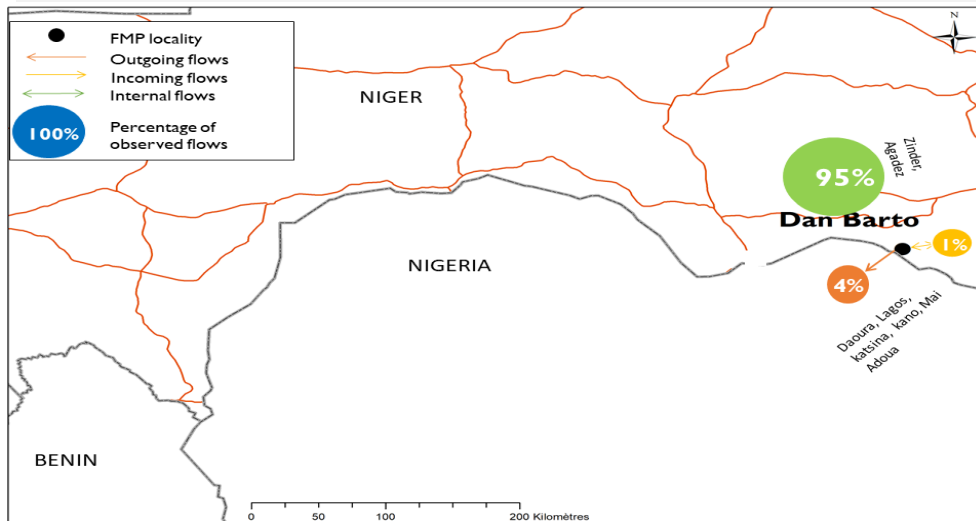
The **Dan Barto** Flow Monitoring Point captures cross-border flows between Niger and Nigeria. Dan Barto is a town near the border with Nigeria through which high volumes of flows originating from Nigeria transit, often travelling towards the Mediterranean sea via Agadez and Libya. The Dan Barto FMP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

A daily average of 414 individuals passing through the Dan Barto FMP was observed during this month which represents a decrease of 26 per cent compared to the previous month when 562 individuals were crossing the FMP each day. Most individuals transiting through the Dan Barto FMP were moving internally around rural markets (95%), four per cent of flows were outgoing flows while one per cent of flows were observed entering Niger. This is due to the closure of the Niger-Nigeria border, which aims to ban rice imports from Niger and Benin. As a result, the Nigerian border police were strictly enforcing the measure, and few traders from Nigeria came to Niger for economic activities.

The reasons cited for migrating were **seasonal migration** and **economic migration (45% each)** followed by **short-term local movements (10%)**.

The nationalities observed crossing the FMP were similar to the previous month, including Nigerien (85%), and Nigerian (14%) nationals, followed by a small percentage (1%) composed of Cameroonian and Ghanaian nationals.

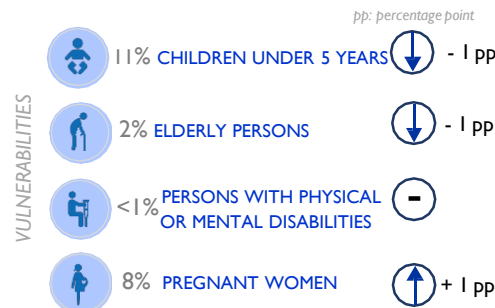
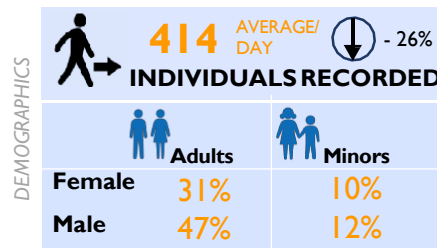
More than half of the individuals were observed travelling by bus (59%), followed by private vehicles (31%), motorcycle (9%) and on animals (1%).



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Country of origin	%	Variation
Niger	99	- 1 pp
Nigeria	1	+ 1 pp

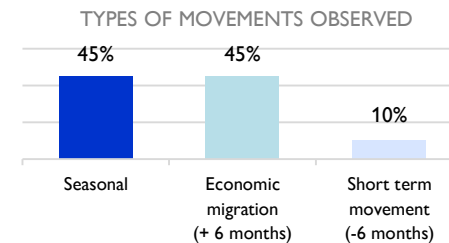
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Niger	96	+ 11 pp
Nigeria	4	- 11 pp

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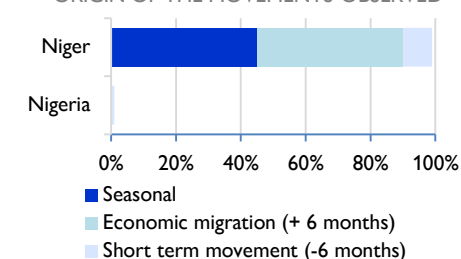
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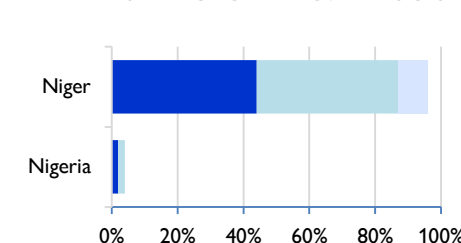
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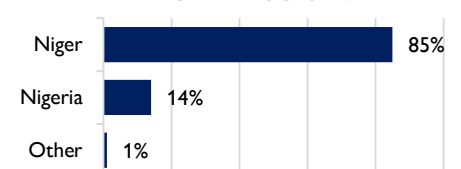
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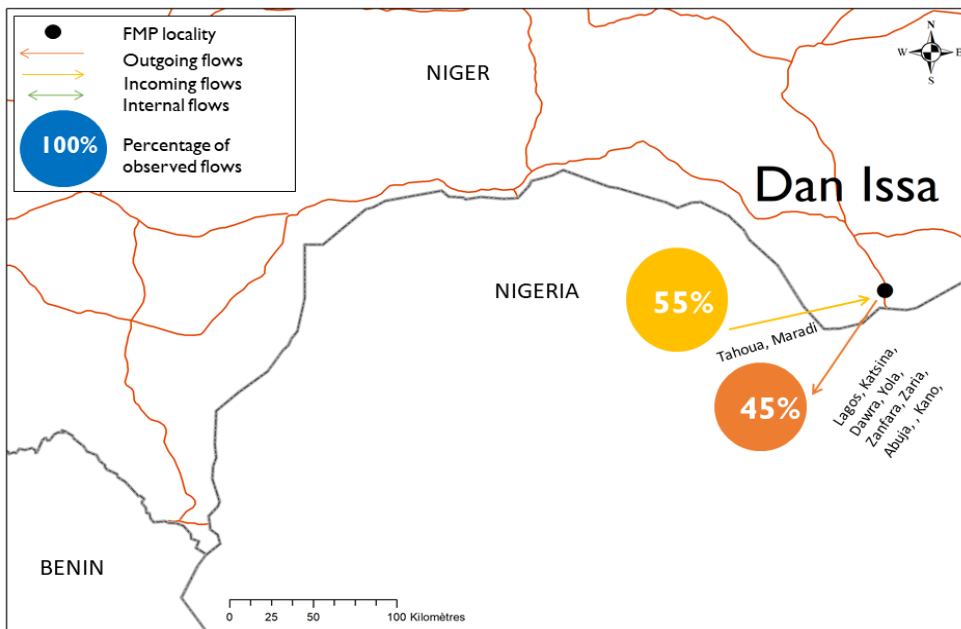
The **Dan Issa** Flow Monitoring Point captures cross-border flows between Niger and Nigeria. Dan Issa is a town near the border with Nigeria through which high flow volumes pass. Migrants are often travelling towards the Mediterranean sea via Agadez and Libya. The Dan Issa FMP has been active since 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 227 individuals passed through the Dan Issa FMP this month. Incoming flows represented 3,912 individuals or 55 per cent of the total observed flows and outgoing flows accounted for 3,137 individuals or 45 per cent. All flows observed were heading toward Niger or Nigeria. The main cities of departure were Maradi (Niger); Katsina, Kano, Jubila and Magama (Nigeria). A 3 per cent decrease was observed in the daily average of observed individuals.

The main reasons cited for migrating were **economic migration (65%)**, **short-term local movements (27%)**, **seasonal migration (7%)** and **tourism (1%)**.

The nationalities observed crossing the FMP in September were Nigeriens (78%), Nigerians (19%) and the other nationalities (1%) included some Beninese and Cameroonians.

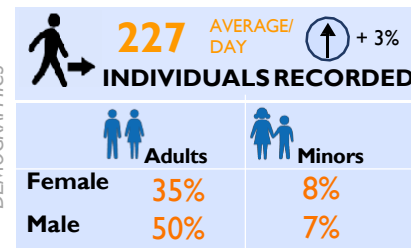
Most individuals were observed travelling by private vehicles (70%) and by bus (30%).



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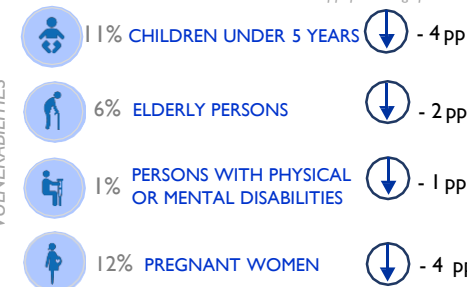
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VULNERABILITIES

Country of origin	%	Variation
Nigeria	55	- 3 pp
Niger	45	+ 3 pp

Country of destination	%	Variation
Niger	55	- 3 pp
Nigeria	45	+ 3 pp

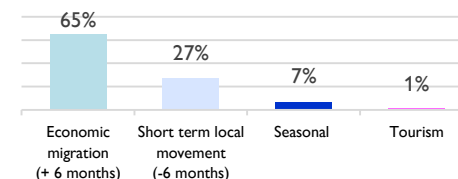
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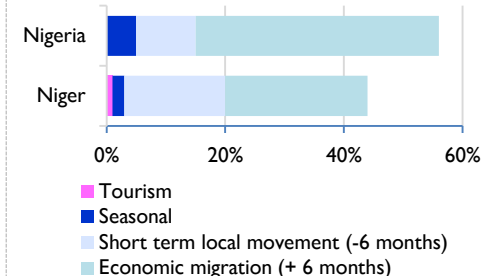
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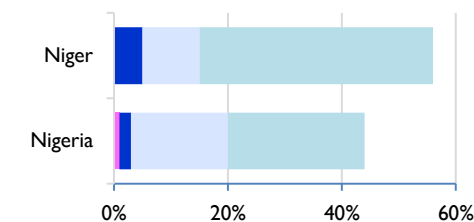
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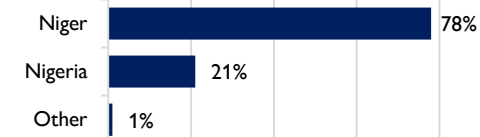
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The **Tahoua** Flow Monitoring Point captures both cross-border and internal movements. Tahoua is a city in central Niger, where migrants transit. They mainly originate from Nigeria and other West African countries, such as Mali, Cameroon and Burkina Faso. They tend to take the Agadez route to travel northbound 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**.

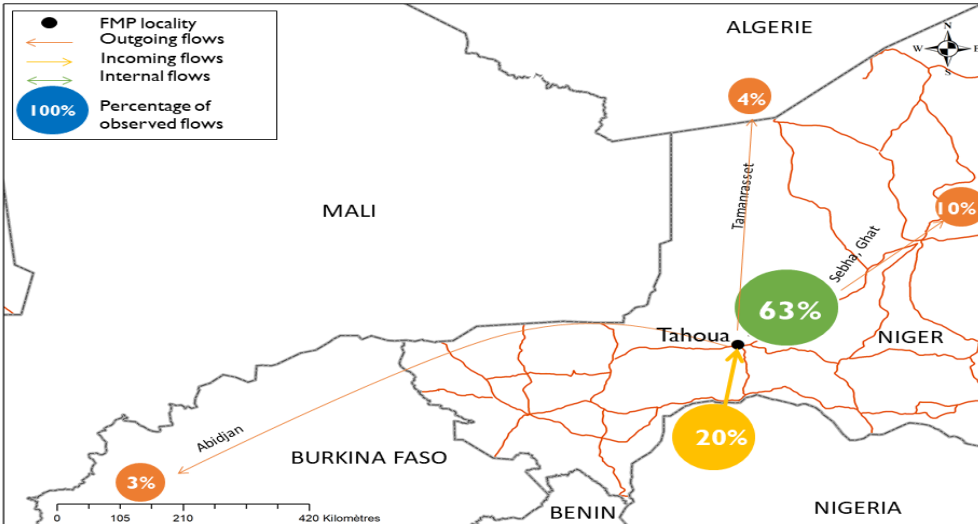
A **daily average of 101 individuals** passing through the Tahoua FMP was observed in October 2019. This represents a decrease of 9 per cent in comparison with the previous month when 110 individuals were crossing the FMP each day. Movements originated mainly from Niamey (32%), Tahoua (19%), Agadez (18%), Arlit (9%), Maradi (8%) and Zinder (1%). The other departure countries include Algeria (10%) and Côte d'Ivoire (3%).

Most flows observed were internal (63%): this is linked to the fact that the FMP is located in the middle of Niger. Incoming flows represented 20 per cent of flows, while outgoing flows represented 17 per cent of flows.

The main reasons cited for migrating were **seasonal migration (42%)** followed by **short-term local movements (37%)** and **economic migration (21%)**.

The main nationalities observed crossing the Tahoua FMP were exactly the same than those observed the previous month. They included Nigeriens (86%), Ivoirians, Ghanaians, Beninese and Nigerians (2% each). Other observed nationalities included Guineans and Malians amongst others and represented 6 per cent of the total number of individuals observed.

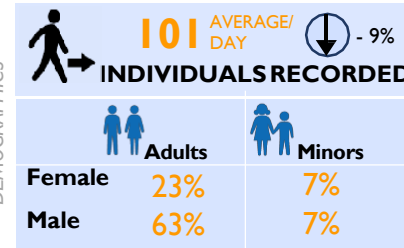
Most of the individuals observed were travelling by bus (78%), followed by private vehicles (17%) and trucks (5%).



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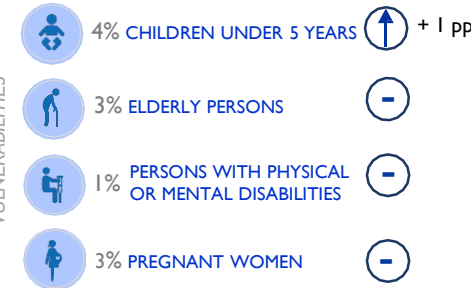
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VULNERABILITIES

Country of origin	%	Variation
Niger	80	- 8 pp
Côte d'Ivoire	10	+ 7 pp
Algeria	8	- 1 pp
Other	2	+ 2 pp

Country of destination	%	Variation
Niger	83	-
Libya	10	+ 5 pp
Algeria	4	+ 1 pp
Other	3	- 6 pp

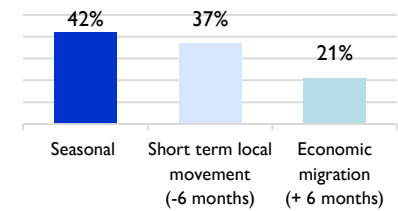
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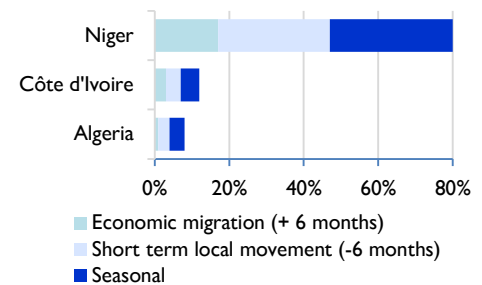
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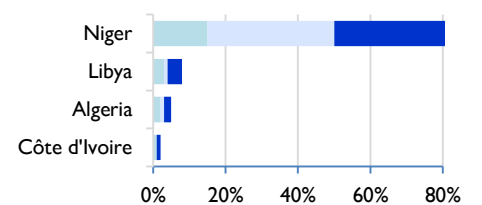
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