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FLOW MONITORING REPORT

MALI

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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 volume, origin, destination and mode of travel of mobility flows, and the Flow Monitoring Survey (FMS), individual surveys conducted with travelers 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 seven Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) located across six 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 **June 2021**.

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

## **KEY FIGURES**



7 FMPs active in MALI



947 Daily average number of travelers



18% Increase in travelers compared to May



15,108 Total incoming individuals recorded (53%)



13,306 Total outgoing individuals recorded (47%)



28,414 Total individuals observed at Mali FMPs



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



87% of nationals are from Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Guinea and Nigeria









## TRAVELLER PROFILES AND MOBILITY TRENDS

**Mobility trends**: During the month of June 2021, the daily average of individuals observed at the different FMPs in Mali increased to 18 per cent compared to May 2021.

In general, this increase in flows was observed mainly at Heremakono, Tombouctou, Gogui and Benena FMPs. According to FMP agents, this increase can be attributed to the winter period which significantly impacts outgoing flows; because many Burkinabe's and Nigerien migrants return to their respective countries for this period in order to carry out agricultural activities.

**Types of flows:** Among the individuals observed, the vast majority (91%) made a cross-border movement, of which 52 per cent were incoming flows, while 39 per cent were outgoing flows. Additionally, nine per cent of travelers were traveling internally.

**Provenance and destination**: During the month of June 2021, the various flows observed at the level of Mali's FMPs were mainly coming from Mali (47%), Burkina Faso (43%), Mauritania (6%), Algeria and Niger (2%) and going to Mali (60%), Burkina Faso (31%), Algeria (5%), Mauritania (3%) and Niger (1%). The people observed traveled mainly by bus (49%), tricycle (30%), private vehicle or modified 4x4 car (12%), truck (4%) and on foot (1%). Due to the closure of Malian borders following the COVID-19 pandemic, a large part of the travelers observed at the various FMPs in Mali use tricycles and motorbikes to cross the crossing points.

**Traveler profiles:** Of the travelers observed, the majority were adult men (84%), while 11 per cent were adult women and five per cent were minors. In addition, 642 peoples among those registered displayed vulnerabilities, among which were unaccompanied minors (76%) and children under five (20%).



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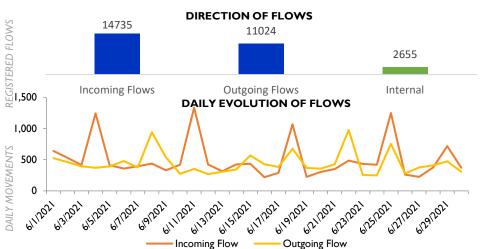
#### **TRAVELER PROFILES**

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CPROF	ŤŤ A	dults	Min	ors
DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE	Female Male	11% 84%	1 <mark>%</mark> 4%	
DEMO	MAIN Tricycle 30%	MODES (Bus	49%	t <b>T</b> Car 12%
	0.2	CHILDREN YEARS OL	N UNDER FIVE D	-0.5 pp
ITIES	0%	ELDERLY		- pp
VULNERABILITIES	0%		ALS LIVING WITH L OR PHYSICAL Y	- pp
VU	0%	PREGNAN	T WOMEN	- 0.1 pp
	Ϋ́Ϋ́ 1.7%	NON ACC	COMPANIED	+0.2 pp

#### PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Provenance of flows			
Country	% of flows		
Mali	47%		
Burkina Faso	43%		
Mauritania	6%		
Algeria	2%		
Niger	2%		

Destination of flows			
Country	% of flows		
Mali	60%		
Burkina Faso	31%		
Algeria	5%		
Mauritania	3%		
Niger	1%		



pp : per centage point

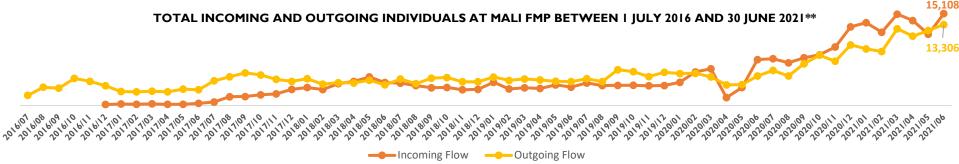


## **EVOLUTION OF MIGRATION FLOWS (2016 – 2021)**

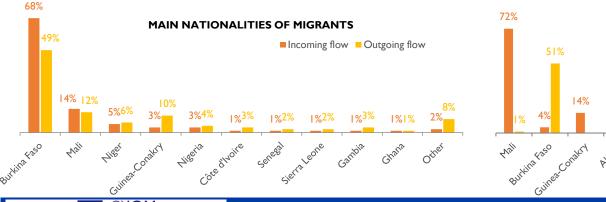
Most migrants travel through the capital city, Bamako, to the strategically located towns of Gao and Timbuktu, as well as to border areas such as Benena, Gogui and Heremakono, before heading towards Algeria, Niger, Libya, Mauritania or Morocco. Gao is an important transit point and is commonly favoured 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 to 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. Of the total number of migrants observed, only 10 per cent cited Europe as their intended destination.

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 back and forth movements (between one and three months), while others stay longer in mining sites. Since the beginning of 2020, the flows of seasonal migrants from Burkina Faso are continuing to increase significantly.

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. In May 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 of more than 12,400 persons, not seen since monitoring points were set up in Mali. It should be noted, that from February 2020, a particular emphasis on seasonal migrants (agricultural and traditional gold mining) at the different FMPs has also been included.



- (\*) 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.



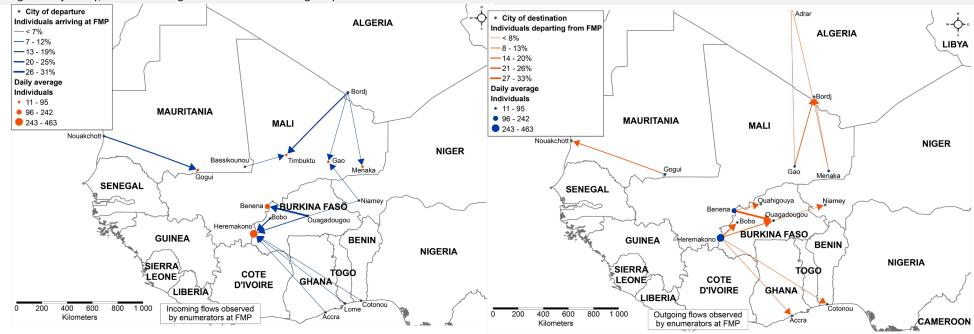




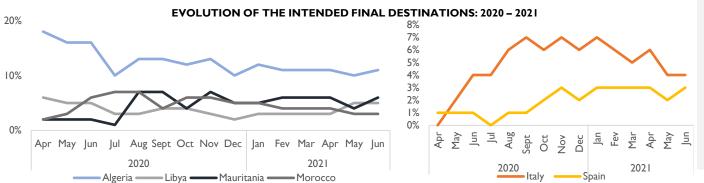


## **DESTINATION OF FLOWS 2016 - 2021**

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, likewise the migrants who return from Algeria pass there as well.



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The number of migrants who wish to travel to Europe via Algeria and Mauritania has increased. On the other hand, the number of migrants who want to pass through Morocco and Libya has remained constant.

The number of migrants wishing to go to Spain increased while those wishing to go to Italy remained constant.

However, it should be noted that these figures indicate migrants' intentions 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 85 people was observed per day at the Wabaria FMP. This corresponds to a decrease of eight per cent compared to the previous month, when the daily average was 93 individuals. The outgoing flows have been more impacted, with a decrease of 25 per cent compared to May.

Types of flows: Among observed individuals, only 29 per cent made a cross-border movement. Conversely, 71 per cent of travelers were on internal travel.

Provenance and destination: During June 2021, the main departure cities for travelers at Wabaria FMP were Bamako (40%, Mali), Gao (35%, Mali), and Tillaberi (13%, Niger). They were mainly heading in the direction of Gao (50%, Mali) and N'tahaka (41%, Mali). The means of transport used by the people observed at the Wabaria FMP are private vehicles or modified 4x4 cars (59%) and buses (41%).

Traveler profiles: Among the travelers observed, 93 per cent were adult males, while four per cent were adult females. Among the people registered in June, 39 people displayed vulnerabilities were observed. They were mainly unaccompanied minors (87%) and children under five (13%).

During this reporting period, the travelers observed at the Wabaria FMP were mainly nationals from Niger (43%), Burkina Faso (13%), Guinea-Conakry (11%), Cote d'Ivoire (10%) and Sudan (5%).

#### TRAVELER PROFILES

INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED  Adults Minors  Female 4% 0%  Male 93% 3%  Car MAIN MODES OF TRANSPORT  Bus
Female 4% 0% Male 93% 3%
Car MAIN MODES OF TRANSPORT Bus 59% 41%

% of flows
80%
20%

PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

		0.2%	YEARS OLD	- PP
VULNERABILITIES		0%	ELDERLY	- pp
	H	0%	INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY	- pp
		0%	PREGNANT WOMEN	- pp

CHILDREN.

NON ACCOMPANIED

CHILDREN UNFER FIVE

Destination of flows				
Country	% of flows			
Mali	92%			
Algeria	5%			
Niger	3%			

## **DIRECTION OF FLOWS**

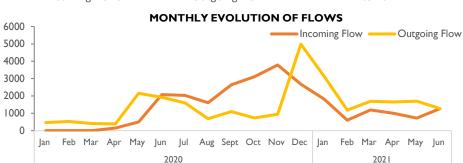
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## MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS





## **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 travelers going mainly to and from Gao, Niamey (Niger), Tillaberi (Niger), Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (Algeria) and Adrar (Algeria).

**Mobility trends**: Over the reporting period, **57** individuals were observed per day at the Place Kidal FMP. This reflects an increase of 19 per cent from the previous month, when the daily average was 48 individuals. During the month of June, incoming flows increased by 49 percent compared to May. On the other hand, also outgoing flows get lows increased slightly by three per cent compared to May.

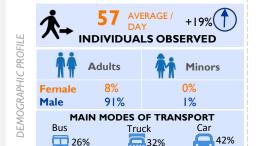
Type of flow: Among the individuals observed, all made a cross-border movement (100%).

**Provenance and destination**: During June 2021, the main departure cities for travelers at Place Kidal were Gao (68%, Mali) and Niamey (24%, Niger). Their main destination was the cities of Adrar (34%, Algeria), Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (35%, Algeria) and Gao (31%, Mali). The people observed travelled mainly in private vehicles or modified 4x4 cars (42%), buses (26%) and trucks (32%).

**Traveler profiles**: The majority of migrants registered (91%) were adult men, while eight per cent were adult women and one per cent were minors. Among them, 28 people displayed vulnerabilities, mainly unaccompanied minors (71%) and children under five (29%).

The travelers observed at Place Kidal were nationals mainly from Mali (31%), Guinea-Conakry (23%), Cote d'Ivoire (16%), Senegal (7%) and Niger(2%).

#### TRAVELER PROFILES



	0,5%	CHILDREN UNFER FIVE YEARS OLD	+0.1 pp
ITIES	0%	ELDERLY	- pp
NERABILI	0%	INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY	- pp



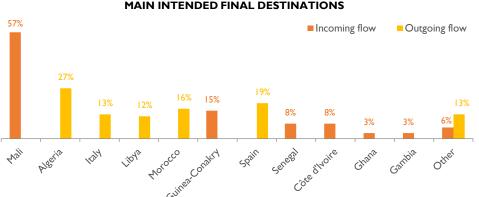
PREGNANT WOMEN

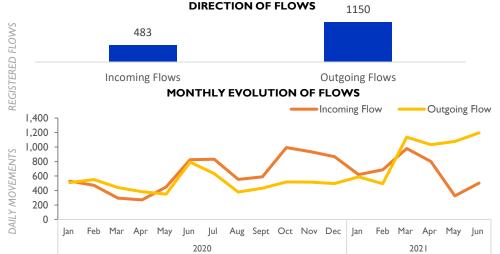
#### PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Provenance of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Mali	70%	
Niger	24%	
Algeria	6%	

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Algeria	69%
Mali	31%

#### MAIN INTENDED FINAL DECTINATION





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## **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, 95 people were, on average, observed per day at the FMP in Timbuktu. This reflects an increase of 14 per cent from the previous month, when the daily average was 83 individuals.

Types of flows: Among the individuals observed, 16 per cent carried out a cross-border movement (mainly flows that entered the country). Conversely, 84 per cent of travelers were on internal travel.

Provenance and destination: During June 2021, the main departure cities for travelers at Timbuktu were Mopti (68%, Mali) and Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (15%, Algeria). Almost all the registered travelers were destined to Tombouctou (99%, Mali). The individuals observed at the Timbuktu FMP traveled mainly by bus (35%), by tricycle (43%) or on foot (17%).

Traveler profiles: The vast majority (79%) of observed travelers were adult males, while tree per cent were adult females and 18 per cent were minors.

During the reporting period, many of the migrants identified at the Timbuktu FMP were nationals of Guinea-Conakry (35%), Mali (17%), Gambia (10%), Sierra Leone (9%), and Liberia (6%).

#### **TRAVELER PROFILES**

<b>∱</b> →	DA	ERAGE / +   4% (1)
<b>†</b> † A	Adults	Minors
Female Male	3% 79%	0% 18%
Bus 35%	Tricy	es of transport cle On foot 43% 17%

		0.1%	CHILDREN UNFER FIVE YEARS OLD	-0.4pp
VULNERABILITIES		0%	ELDERLY	- pp
	F	0%	INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY	- pp
		0%	PREGNANT WOMEN	- pp
		0%	NON ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN	- pp
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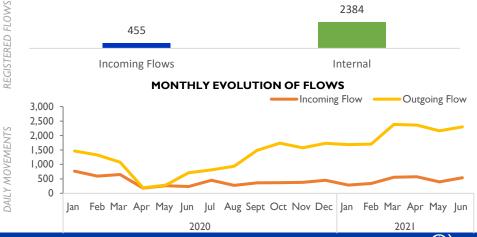
#### PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Provenance of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Mali	84%	
Algeria	15%	
Mauritania	1%	

Destination of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Mali	100%	

#### **DIRECTION OF FLOWS**

# MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS 44% ■ Incoming flow Outgoing flow 20% 19% 19%



MOVEMENTS

## **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 Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (Algeria).

**Mobility trends**: In June, eleven people were, on average, observed per day at the Menaka FMP. This corresponds to a finding of 11 percent from the previous month.

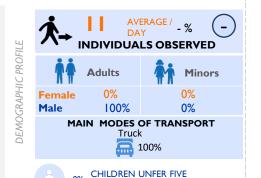
**Types of flows:** All observed individuals at the Menaka monitoring point were moving across borders (30% re-entering the country, while 70% exiting the country).

**Provenance and destination**: During this reporting period, the main cities from which travelers came, were Menaka (70%, Mali), Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (10%, Algeria) and Adrar (9%, Algeria). Their main destination destination were Menaka (30%, Mali), Bordj-Bou-Arreridj (22%, Algeria), Hallil (13%, Algeria), Adrar (21%, Algeria) and Talhandak (14%, Algeria). The migrants observed in Menaka traveled by truck (100%).

**Traveler profiles**: All the travelers observed at the Menaka FMP (100%) were adult men. Among the registered travelers, 8 peoples of vulnerability were observed. All old people.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Menaka were nationals of Mali (38%), Nigeria (17%), Niger (13%), Ghana (13%) and Benin (4%).

#### TRAVELER PROFILES



		0/6	YEARS OLD	-	PP
ITIES		2.5%	ELDERLY	+2.5	БРР
VULNERABILITIES	Ġ	0%	INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY	-	PP
N		0%	PREGNANT WOMEN	-	PP
		0%	NON ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN	-	PP

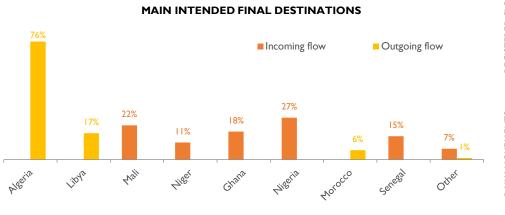
#### PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

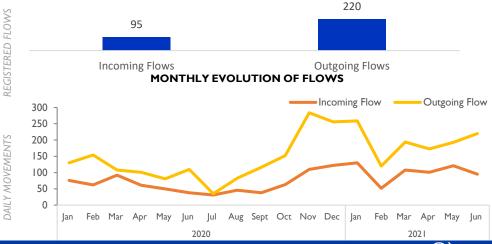
Provenance of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Mali	70%	
Algeria	30%	

Destination of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Algeria	70%	
Mali	30%	

#### **DIRECTION OF FLOWS**

pp : point pourcentage





## **GOGUI**

PRESENTATION OF FMP: The Gogui Flow Monitoring Point is located on the border post between Mali and Mauritania was set up in June 2017. The migrants identified in this FMP go mainly to Mauritania and Morocco. 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. Travelers crossing Gogui primarily travel between Bamako (Mali) and Nouakchott (Mauritania).

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 81 individuals were, on average, observed daily at the Gogui FMP. This is an increase (8%) in the daily average from the previous month. During this month, the outgoing flows increased this month, while the incoming flows decreased slightly compared to May. The onset of the rainy season prompts many migrants to return home for the season, leading to a decrease in activity at the gold mining sites. The number of migrants forced to return decreased in June (244) compared to May (354 migrants). They are mostly Malians. There are nationals from Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Cameroon and Ghana among these returns.

Types of flows: All observed individuals at the Gogui monitoring point during this month were cross-border movements (65% entered the country, while 35% left the country).

**Provenance and destination**: During this reporting period, the main cities from which travelers came were Nouakchott (65%, Mauritania) and Bamako (35%, Mali). Their main destination was toward Bamako (65%, Mali) and Nouakchott (35%, Mauritania). Due to the official closure of land borders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the people observed mainly traveled by tricycle (43%), by bus (35%) and by foot (17%).

Traveler profiles: Among the travelers observed, 79 per cent were adult males, while 16 per cent were adult females and five per cent were minors. People displaying vulnerabilities (60 individuals) were observed. The majority of whom (88%) were children under five.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Gogui were nationals of Mali (85%), Cote d'Ivoire (3%). Guinea (4%) and Nigeria (1%).

MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS

#### TRAVELER PROFILES

<b>18</b> I INDI	AVER DAY <b>VIDUAL</b> S		3 %( RVED	
Adı	ults		Minors	
Female Male	16% 79%		% .%	
MAIN N Tricycle 43%	MODES OI	F <b>TRANS</b> 55%	Foot 17%	6

2.2% CHILDREN UNFER FIVE YEARS OLD	-0.2pp
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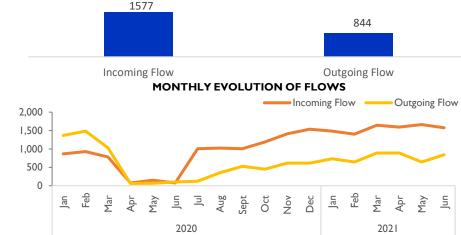


#### PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Provenance of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Mauritania	65%	
Mali	35%	

Destination of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Mali	65%	
Mauritania	35%	

#### **DIRECTION OF FLOWS**



# Incoming flow Outgoing flow 1% 2%

REGISTERED FLOWS

DAILY MOVEMENTS

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## **BENENA**

PRESENTATION OF FMP: The Benena Flow Monitoring Point is located on the border post between Mali and Burkina Faso, in the Segou region. It was installed in August 2016. travelers 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, 242 individuals were observed daily at the FMP in Benena. This corresponds to an increase of 21 per cent compared to the previous month, when the daily average was 200 individuals.

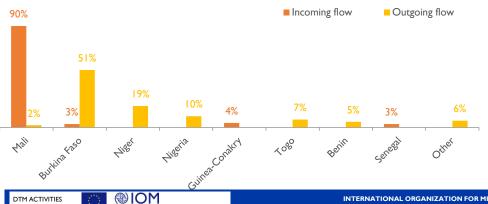
Types of flows: All observed individuals Benena (100%) made a cross-border movement (51% entered the country; 49% left the country ).

Provenance and destination: The cities of provenance of travelers registered in Benena during the reporting period are Bamako (49%, Mali) and Ouagadougou (51%, Burkina Faso). They were destined for Bamako (51%, Mali) and Ouagadougou (49%, Burkina Faso). Most of the people observed traveled by bus

Traveler profiles: Among the travelers observed, 71 per cent were adult men, while 29 per cent were adult women and less than one per cent of minors were observed this month. Some of them (10 people) displayed vulnerabilities. All of them were children under five (100%).

During the reporting period most migrants that were observed at Benena were nationals of Burkina Faso (54%), Niger (16%), Nigeria (10%), Togo (6%) and Mali (4%). The flows of seasonal migrants from Burkina Faso is very important in Benena. They generally come to Mali for agricultural activities or traditional gold mining, and very often return to Burkina Faso. The Benena FMP point recorded a general increase in flows compared to May. The wintering period has a considerable impact on outgoing flows, many Burkinabe's and Nigerien migrants return to their respective countries for this period. However, no movement in the opposite direction has been observed among Malians. Inflows during this period are mostly economic migrants who return home after some time outside the country.

#### MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



#### TRAVELER PROFILES

242 AVERAGE / +21 % INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED			
Adults Minors			
Female 29% Male 71%	0% <1%		
MAIN MODES OF TRANSPORT Bus Car 1%			

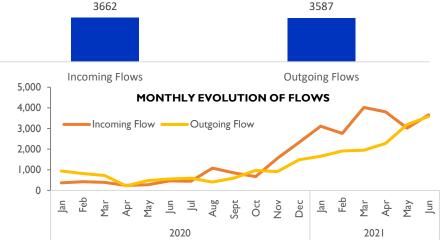
	0.1%	CHILDREN UNFER FIVE YEARS OLD	-1.2pp
ITIES	0%	ELDERLY	- pp
VULNERABILITIES	0%	INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY	- pp
V	0%	PREGNANT WOMEN	- pp
	0%	NON ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN	- pp
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#### PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Provenance of flows		
Country	% of flows	
Burkina Faso	51%	
Mali	49%	

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	51%
Burkina Faso	49%

## **DIRECTION OF FLOWS**



REGISTERED FLOWS

DAILY MOVEMENTS

## **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 travelers mainly to and from Bobo-Dioulasso (Burkina Faso), Sikasso (Mali), Quagadougou (Burkina Faso) and Bamako (Mali).

Mobility trends: Over the reporting period, 463 individuals were observed daily, on average at the FMP of Heremakono. This represents an increase of 28 per cent since the previous month, during which 363 individuals had been observed. The incoming flows have increased considerably compared to the month of May. In fact, at the Heremakono FMP point this month we recorded a significant number of economic migrants who say they are returning for the agricultural season to their respective area of origin. The onset of wintering is also pushing Burkinabe's seasonal migrants to return home.

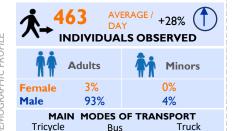
Types of flows: All observed individuals at the Heremakono FMP (100%) where conducting a cross-border movement (inflows: 62%, outflows: 38%).

Provenance and destination: During the reporting period, the main cities of origin mentioned by travelers were Bobo-Dioulasso (49%, Burkina Faso), Bamako (24%, Mali), Sikasso (14%, Mali) and Ouagadougou (12%, Burkina Faso). Their main destination were Bamako (41%, Mali), Bobo-Dioulasso (27%, Burkina Faso), Sikasso (20%, Mali), Ouagadougou (10%, Burkina Faso) and Niamey (1%). Most of the people observed travelled by tricycle (62%), bus (37%) and truck (1%).

Traveler profiles: Among the travelers observed, 93 per cent were adult males, while three per cent were adult females and four per cent were minors. Among travelers, 534 persons displayed vulnerabilities were identified. They were mainly unaccompanied minors (87%) and children under five (11%).

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Heremakono were nationals of Burkina Faso (91%), Niger (2%), Mali (2%) and Guinea (1%).

### TRAVELER PROFILES





YEARS OLD







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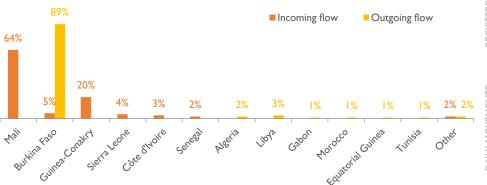
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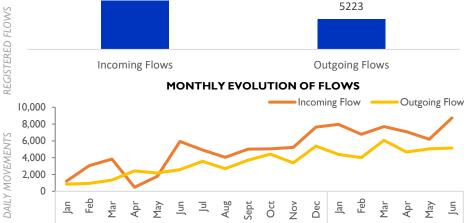
#### PROVENANCE AND DESTINATION OF FLOWS

Provenance of flows	
Country	% of flows
Burkina Faso	62%
Mali	38%

Destination of flows	
Country	% of flows
Mali	61%
Burkina Faso	37%
Benin	1%
Niger	1%

### MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS





**DIRECTION OF FLOWS** 

# FLOW MONITORING • MALI JUNE 2021 • METHODOLOGY

**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 travelers 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 travelers themselves. The FMR gathers data on the number of travelers crossing FMPs, as well as the provenance, next destination, vulnerabilities and means of transport of travelers.

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.

**LIMITATIONS**: 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 surveyed individuals. 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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