

## FLOW MONITORING REPORT

Dashboard # 50 **MARCH 2020** Reporting period : 1 to 31 March 2020

The UN Migration Agency

IOM works with national and local authorities to gain a better understanding of population movements throughout West and Central Africa. Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) allow IOM to quantify and qualify migration flows, trends and routes at entry, exit and transit points (such as border crossing posts, bus stations, rest areas, police checkpoints and reception centres). Since July 2016, several Flow Monitoring Points have been progressively installed in important localities of Mali, particularly in the regions of Gao, Timbuktu, Kidal, Menaka, Mopti, Kayes, Segou, Sikasso and Bamako, to monitor the daily movements of migrants heading to West and North African countries.

MALI



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In March 2020, the average daily number -& of individuals observed at the Flow Monitoring Points decreased by seven per cent compared to the previous month. Nationals from Mali, Guinea-Conakry, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Gambia

OGRAPHY

DEM

*'ULNERABILITIES* 

Female

Male

.6%

0

0%

0%

0%

Burkina Faso

Guinea-Conakry

Côte d'Ivoire

Burkina Faso

Mauritania

Algeria

Other

Gambia

Other

Mali

Mali

migrants recorded at the Flow NIGER Monitoring Points. Algeria, Burkina Faso, Mauritania, and the

> Economic migration, including long-term migration of more than six months (88% of flows) and seasonal migration (12% of flows), is the main observed type of movement.

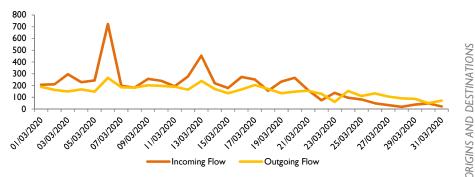
#### **DEFINITIONS USED**

official recognition or acceptance of these boundaries by IOM

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

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





(\*) To avoid double counting, migrants recorded at the transit points of Bamako, Sevare, Wabaria (Gao) and Inhalid are not included in this total. Only those recorded at entry and exit points are considered. In addition, due to data completeness issues, Inhalid's FMP is now inactive.

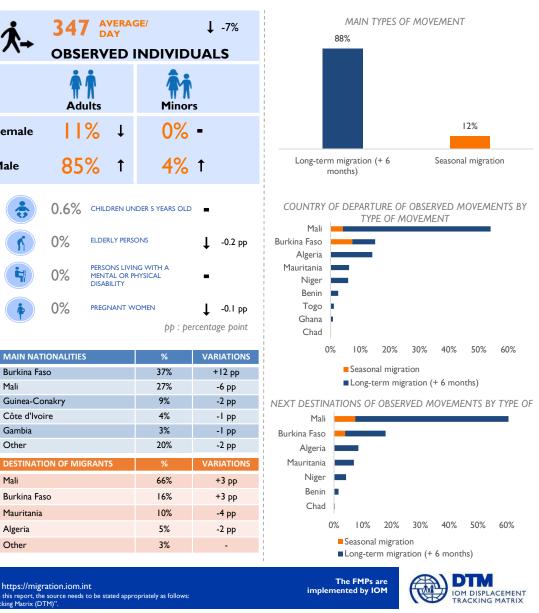


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#### **TRAVELLERS' PROFILE**

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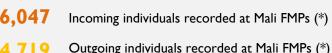
Most migrants travel through the capital city, Bamako, to the strategically located towns of Gao and Timbuktu, as well as through border areas such as Benena, Gogui and Heremakono, before heading towards Algeria, the Niger, Libya, Mauritania or Morocco. Some will ultimately travel on to Europe.

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 FMPs 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 travel on to Mauritania.

Mali is also a transit country for incoming migrants, notably those who were unable to cross the Sahara desert and those returning to countries such as Guinea-Conakry, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal and other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

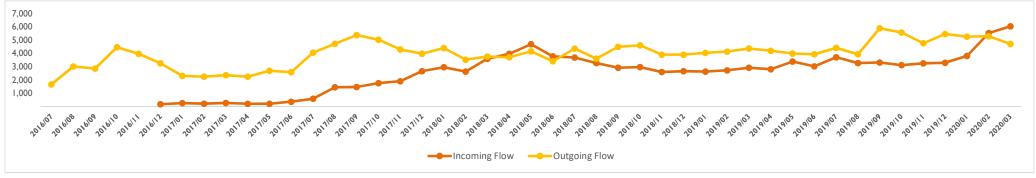
With the closure of the borders due to the Coronavirus pandemic, a gradual decline in daily flows is observed from 22 March to reach a very low level (one third of the average daily flows), hence a decrease in monthly flows. However, migrants find ways and bypasses to cross officially closed borders.



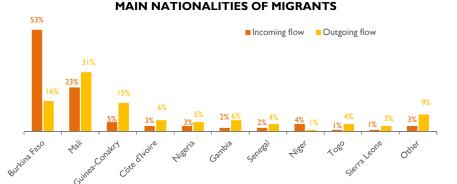
**10,766** Individuals observed in total at Mali FMPs

9 Active FMPs in Mali

#### TOTAL NUMBER OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING INDIVIDUALS AT MALI FMPs BETWEEN I JULY 2016 AND 31 MARCH 2020 (\*\*)



(\*) To avoid double counting, migrants recorded at the transit points of Bamako, Sevare and Wabaria, are not included in this total. Only those recorded at entry and exit points are considered. (\*\*) The data collection on incoming flows at FMPs started in December 2016. Due to the new FMP set up since the start of June 2017, any significant deviation observed in the figures provided from that date should not be interpreted as a significant increase in migratory flows but as an increase in data collected.

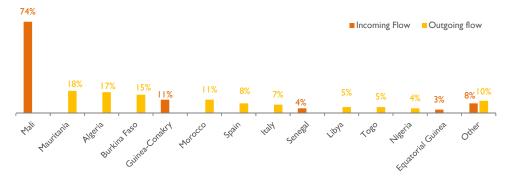


Since the beginning of 2020, the flows of seasonal migrant from Burkina Faso continue to increase significantly. These migrants most often intend to travel to gold mining sites.

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#### MAIN INTENDED DESTINATIONS



European countries were declared as the final intended destination by 17 per cent of outgoing migrants.



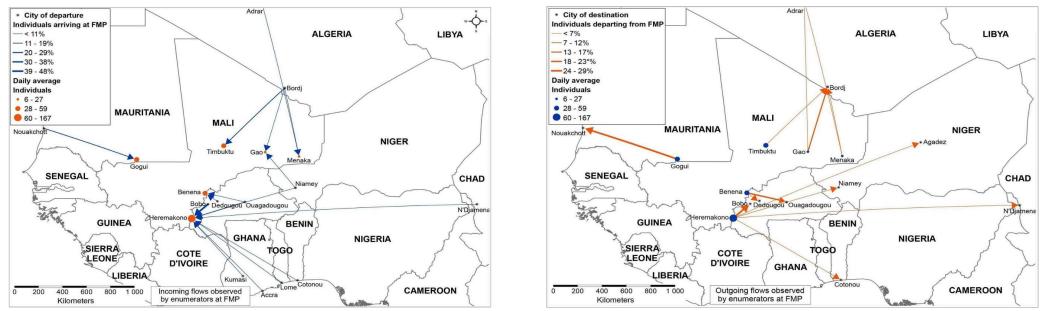
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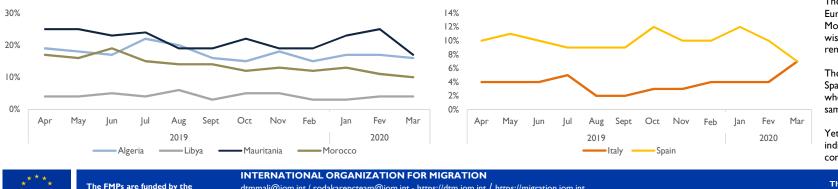
Because of the difficulties in accessing entry and exit points in the Kidal region, and because data from the Inhalid FMP alone does not accurately reflect migration flows in the Kidal region, data collection at the Inhalid FMP has been stopped. To determine incoming and outcoming flows to and from Algeria, DTM used the data collected at the Gao, Timbuktu and Menaka FMPs where migrants headed for Algeria usually begin their journey.

As a result, the figures presented in pages one through three of this report do not include the numbers collected from the Inhalid FMP, nor do they incorporate the numbers from the Bamako, Sevare or Wabaria FMPs, which are transit points and not points of entry or exit.



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#### EVOLUTION OF INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS BETWEEN | APRIL 2019 AND 31 MARCH 2020



The number of migrants wishing to travel to Europe through Mauritania, Algeria and Morocco decreased; however, migrants wishing to travel to Europe via Libya has remained constant.

The number of migrants wishing to travel to Spain have decreased. In addition, migrants who intend to go to Italy incresed to reach the same number as those wishing to go to Spain;

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



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## **Gao - WABARIA**

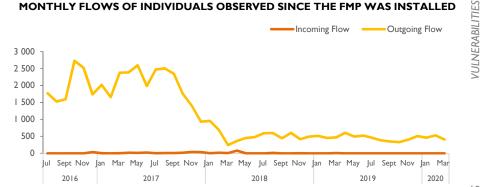
Wabaria, located at the entrance of the city of Gao, is predominantly a crossing point for migrants travelling to Gao, coming from the South and the Centre of Mali or who have transited through those areas.

At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors identify migrants who wish to travel to North African and European countries. Most of them transit through Bamako to reach Gao, where they spend a couple of days before continuing their journey.

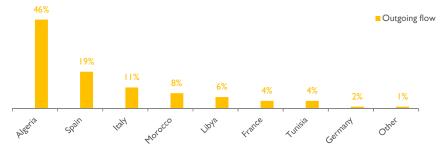
During the reporting period, most migrants transiting through the Wabaria FMP were nationals of Mali (31%), Guinea-Conakry (22%), Senegal (10%), Côte d'Ivoire (10%) and Gambia (7%).

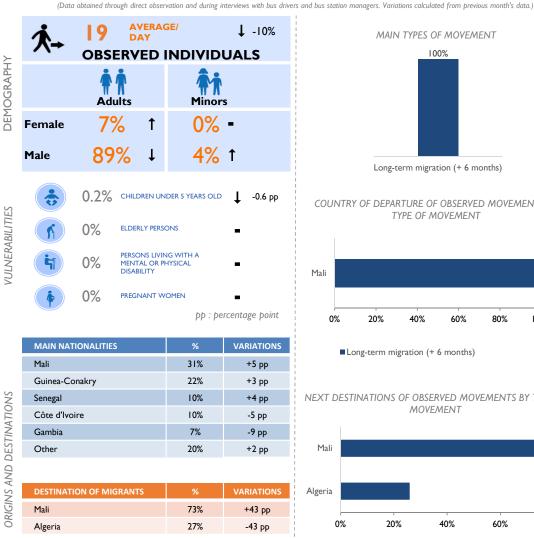
For outgoing flow, Algeria (46%), Spain (19%), Italy (11%), Morocco (8%) or Libya (6%) are the main destinations for migrants.

During the reporting period, 410 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 0; Outgoing flow :410).

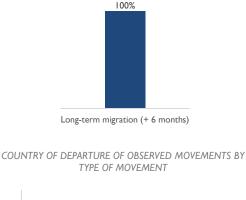


#### MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



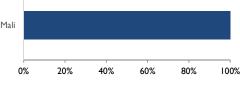


With the methodology, Mali is indicated as the destination country and Gao as the destination city. Then flows continue to Algeria.



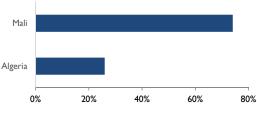
MAIN TYPES OF MOVEMENT

**TRAVELLERS' PROFILE** 



■Long-term migration (+ 6 months)

NEXT DESTINATIONS OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT



■ Long-term migration (+ 6 months)



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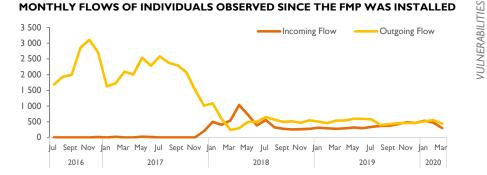
#### Place Kidal is mainly an exit point for migrants leaving Gao.

At this Flow Monitoring Point, the data collectors identify migrants who have spent a number of days in Gao in transit before travelling onwards, predominantly North African and European countries. Incoming migrants who transit through Niger or Algeria and return to Mali or their countries of origin (Guinea-Conakry, Côte d'Ivoire) are also identified at this FMP.

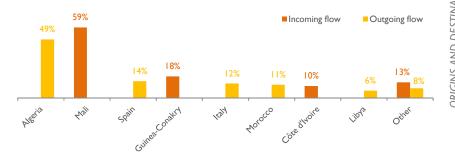
During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Place Kidal FMP were nationals of Mali (43%), Guinea-Conakry (20%), Côte d'Ivoire (11%), Senegal (6%) and Gambia (4%).

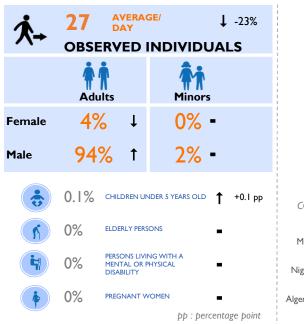
For outgoing flow, Algeria (49%), Spain (14%), Italy (12%), Morocco (11%) or Libya (6%) are the main destination destinations for migrants.

During the reporting period, 736 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 295; Outgoing flow : 441).









**Gao - PLACE KIDAL** 

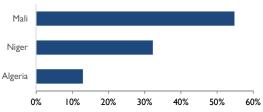
MAIN NATIONALITIES	%	VARIATIONS
Mali	43%	+3 рр
Guinea-Conakry	20%	+2 pp
Côte d'Ivoire	11%	-
Senegal	6%	-I pp
Gambia	4%	-3 рр
Other	16%	-I pp
DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATIONS
Mali	40%	-6 рр
Algeria	60%	+6 рр

# MAIN TYPES OF MOVEMENT 100% Long-term migration (+ 6 months) COUNTRY OF DEPARTURE OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY

**TRAVELLERS' PROFILE** 

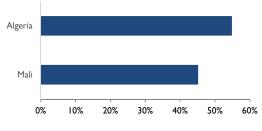
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Long-term migration (+ 6 months)

NEXT DESTINATIONS OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT



DIN

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■ Long-term migration (+ 6 months)



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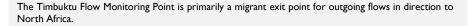
DEMOGRAPH



## TIMBUKTU

#### **TRAVELLERS' PROFILE**

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At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors observe migrants who travel through Timbuktu before going on to North Africa and Europe.

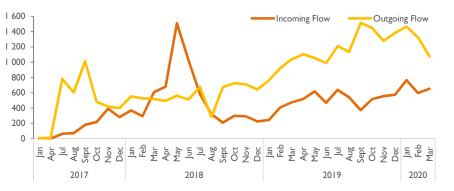
Incoming migrants who transit through Algeria and return to Mali or their countries of origin are also identified at this FMP. Some identified migrants were also going to or returning from Mauritania.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at the Timbuktu FMP were nationals of Guinea-Conakry (33%), Mali (31%), Gambia (11%), Senegal (5%) and Côte d'Ivoire (5%).

Most outgoing migrants reported either Algeria (32%), Morocco (30%), Italy (19%) or Spain (14%) as their intended final destination.

During the reporting period, 1,729 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 653; Outgoing flow : 1,076).

MONTHLY FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED SINCE THE FMP WAS INSTALLED



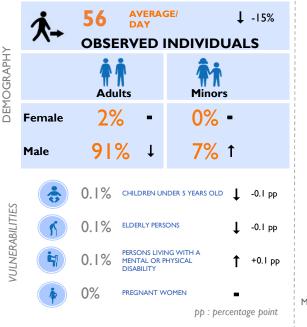
#### MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS



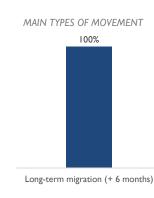


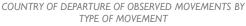
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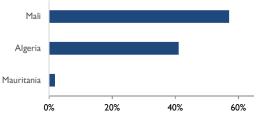
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	MAIN NATIONALITIES	%	VARIATIONS
	Guinea-Conakry	33%	-4 рр
	Mali	31%	+2 рр
	Gambia	11%	-I pp
	Senegal	5%	-I pp
	Côte d'Ivoire	5%	-
	Other	15%	+4 рр
	DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATIONS
5	Mali	99%	+1 pp
5	Other	۱%	+1 pp

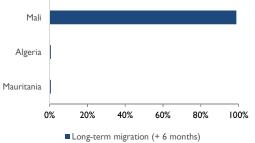






Long-term migration (+ 6 months)

NEXT DESTINATIONS OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT





## **MENAKA**

OGRAPHY

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#### **TRAVELLERS' PROFILE**

(Data obtained through direct observation and during interviews with bus drivers and bus station managers. Variations calculated from previous month's data.)

The Menaka Flow Monitoring Point is located in the city of Menaka, in the Menaka region.

According to information received by data collectors, some migrants, following the reinforcement of security measures in the Niger, cross the Menaka border from the Niger into Mali in order to get to Algeria.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Menaka were Malians (45%), followed by nationals of the Niger (19%), Nigeria (15%), Ghana (9%) and Burkina Faso (3%).

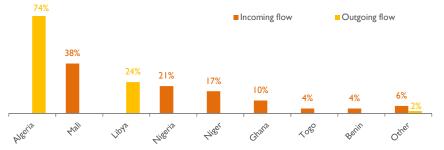
Most outgoing migrants reported Algeria (74%), followed by Libya (24%) as their intended final destination.

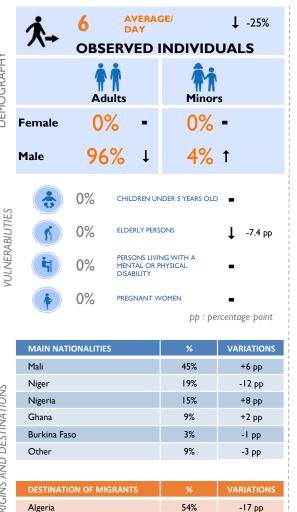
During the reporting period, 200 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 92; Outgoing flow : 108).



## MONTHLY FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED SINCE THE FMP WAS INSTALLED

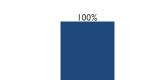






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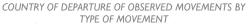
+17 pp

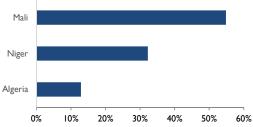




MAIN TYPES OF MOVEMENT

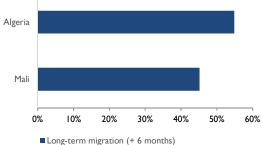
Long-term migration (+ 6 months)





■Long-term migration (+ 6 months)

NEXT DESTINATIONS OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF



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AND DESTINATIONS

ORIGINS

Algeria

Mali

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The Sevare Flow Monitoring Point is a transit point located in Sevare town.

## SEVARE

#### **TRAVELLERS' PROFILE**

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AVERAGE/ At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors observed migrants traveling to Gao and Timbuktu. L -31% MAIN TYPES OF MOVEMENT DAY 99% During the reporting period, most migrants identified at the Sevare FMP were of Guinea-Conakry **OBSERVED INDIVIDUALS** (41%), Côte d'Ivoire (17%), Mali (15%), Senegal (9%) and Guinea-Bissau (3%). DEMOGRAPHY A small proportion of forced movements due to conflict was also observed at the FMP of Sevare during this month. Adults Minors For outgoing migrants, Algeria (27%), Spain (26%), Italy (19%), Morocco (17%) and France (11%) are the 4% Ļ **1%** 1 Female main final destinations envisaged by migrants. 4% t 1% 91% During the reporting period, 1,014 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 126; Outgoing -Male flow : 888). Long-term migration Forced movement (+ 6 months) due to conflict 0% CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD COUNTRY OF DEPARTURE OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY MONTHLY FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED SINCE THE FMP WAS INSTALLED IES TYPE OF MOVEMENT *IULNERABILIT* 0% ELDERLY PERSONS 3 000 Outgoing Flow Incoming Flow 2 500 PERSONS LIVING WITH A 0.1% MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY 2 000 Mali 0% 1 500 PREGNANT WOMEN 1 000 *pp* : *percentage point* 20% 100% 0% 40% 60% 80% 500 MAIN NATIONALITIES VARIATIONS Forced movement due to conflict 0 Guinea-Conakry 41% +4 pp ■ Long-term migration (+ 6 months) Côte d'Ivoire 17% +6 pp DESTINATIONS 2019 2020 2017 2018 Mali 15% NEXT DESTINATIONS OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF -MOVEMENT MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS 9% -2 pp Senegal Guinea-Bissau 3% -2 pp 53% Incoming flow Outgoing flow Other 15% -6 pp AND Mali 19% 18% ORIGINS 15% **DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS** 11% 12% 2% Mali 100% +l pp rhorocco France Algeria 14214 Other <Na<sup>ji</sup> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% Coredinoii Forced movement due to conflict Long-term migration (+ 6 months) INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION DIN The FMPs are The FMPs are funded by the dtmmali@iom.int / rodakarepcteam@iom.int - https://dtm.iom.int / https://migration.iom.int implemented by IOM **EUROPEAN UNION** IOM DISPLACEMENT Credentials: When quoting, paraphrasing or in any way using the information mentioned in this report, the source needs to be stated appropriately as follows: "Source: International Organization for Migration (IOM), [month, year], Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)". TRACKING MATRIX

explains the high number of women and children under five.

Most expelled individuals obtain a pass and return to Mauritania.

by Côte d'Ivoire (13%).

flow : 1.032).

2 500

2 000

1 500

1 000

500

0

their intended final destination.

2017

80%

85%

Incoming Flow

The Gogui Flow Monitoring Point is located at the border post between Mali and Mauritania.

At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors identify outgoing flows of migrants travelling to Mauritania

or Morocco. Some of them say they want to gather enough savings to continue their journey to Europe.

Many women go to Mauritania, sometimes accompanied by their babies, to work as housekeepers. This

A large number of incoming migrants who had transited through Mauritania, or were deported from Mauritania and were returning to Mali or to their countries of origin, were also identified at this FMP.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at the Gogui FMP were from Mali (79%) followed

Most outgoing migrants reported either Mauritania (80%), followed by Morocco (11%) or Spain (7%) as

During the reporting period, 1,816 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 784; Outgoing

MONTHLY FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED SINCE THE FMP WAS INSTALLED

MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS

10%

Côte d'Ivoire

Outgoing Flow

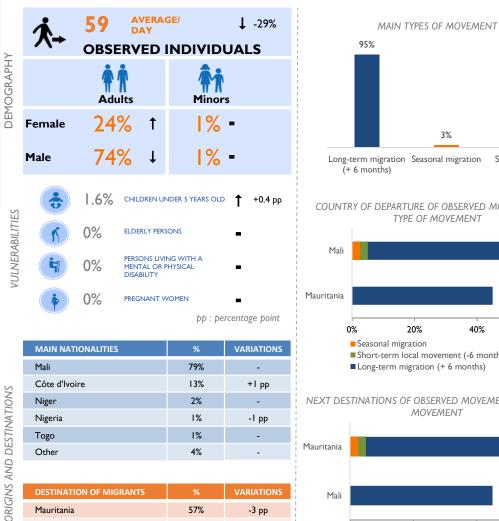
2018

Morocco

GOGUI

**TRAVELLERS' PROFILE** 

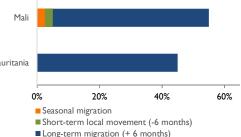
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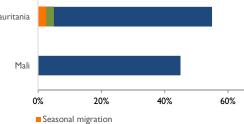
DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATIONS	Mali	
Mauritania	57%	-3 рр		
Mali	43%	+3 pp	0'	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

# 3% Long-term migration Seasonal migration Short-term local movement (-6 months)

COUNTRY OF DEPARTURE OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT



NEXT DESTINATIONS OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT



Short term local movement (-6 months)

Long-term migration (+ 6 months)



Mauritania

#### **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

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Burkina Faso

2019

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2020

4% 2%

Other

Outgoing flow

Spain

Incoming flow

7%

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## BENENA

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The Benena Flow Monitoring Point is located at a border post between Mali and Burkina Faso, in the Segou region.

At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors observe outgoing flows of migrants who intend to travel to West and Central African, North African and European countries after having transited through Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, as well as incoming migrants entering Mali after having transited through Burkina Faso.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Benena were nationals of Nigeria (24%), Togo (19%), Mali (18%), Guinea-Conakry (9%) and Benin (7%).

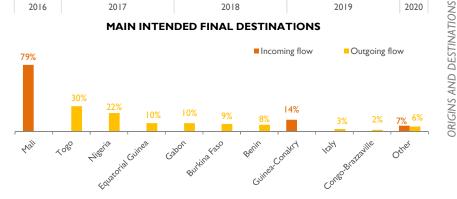
Most outgoing migrants reported either Togo (30%), Nigeria (22%), Equatorial Guinea (10%), Gabon (10%), Burkina Faso (9%) or Benin (8%) as their intended final destination.

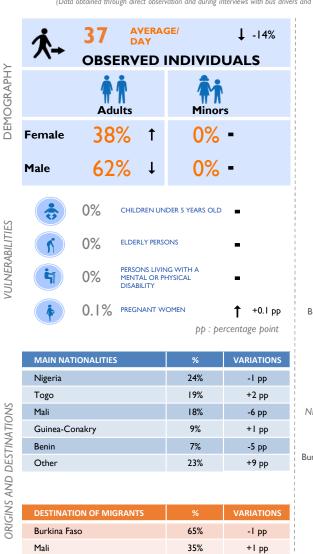
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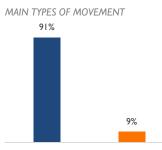
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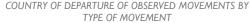
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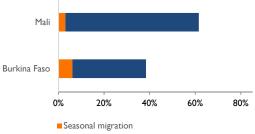






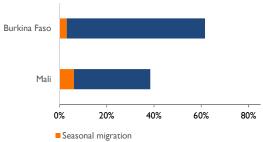
Long-term migration Seasonal migration (+ 6 months)





■ Long-term migration (+ 6 months)

NEXT DESTINATIONS OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT



■ Long-term migration (+ 6 months)



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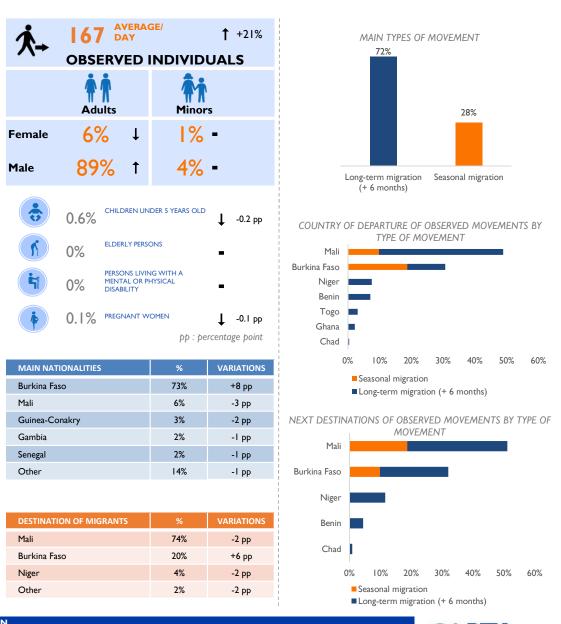


## HEREMAKONO

DEMOGRAPHY

#### **TRAVELLERS' PROFILE**

(Data obtained through direct observation and during interviews with bus drivers and bus station managers. Variations calculated from previous month's data.)



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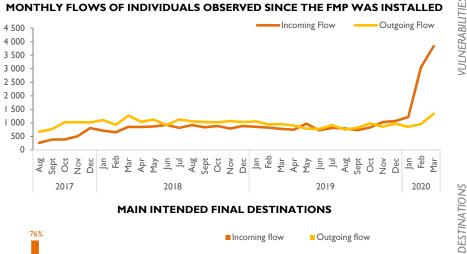
The Heremakono Flow Monitoring Point is located at a border post between Mali and Burkina Faso, in the Sikasso region. At this Flow Monitoring Point, data collectors observe outgoing flows of migrants who intend to travel to West African, North African and European countries after having transited through Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, as well as incoming flows of migrants who enter in Mali after having transited through Burkina Faso.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at Heremakono were nationals of Burkina Faso (73%) or Mali (6%).

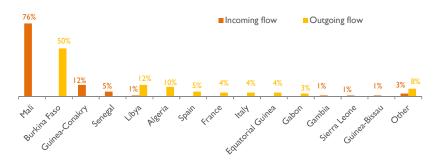
During the reporting period, 5,171 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow: 3,833; Outgoing flow: 1.338).

The information collected at this FMP shows a notable number of migrants who declared that they came to Mali to work in the mining and agricultural regions, among other activities. From February 2020, an emphasis was placed on registration seasonal migration flows, hence the large numerous of seasonal migrants from February 2020. In March 2020, this FMP was particularly less affected by the closure of the borders compared to the others. This could be explained mainly by the high representativeness of Burkinabés who pass through this point to go to their country.

#### MONTHLY FLOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED SINCE THE FMP WAS INSTALLED



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AVERAGE/ L -29% MAIN TYPES OF MOVEMENT DAY 99% **OBSERVED INDIVIDUALS** Adults Minors 4% 0% -93% **3%** 1 Ţ <| < Long-term migration Seasonal migration Short term local (+ 6 months) movement (-6 months) 0% CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD COUNTRY OF DEPARTURE OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT 0% ELDERLY PERSONS Mali PERSONS LIVING WITH A 0% MENTAL OR PHYSICAL -0.1 pp DISABILITY Algeria 1% +0.1 pp 0. PREGNANT WOMEN Côte d'Ivoire *bp* : *percentage point* 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% VARIATIONS Seasonal migration 31% -4 pp Short term local movement (-6 months) ■ Long-term migration (+ 6 months) +6 pp 28% 11% +2 pp NEXT DESTINATIONS OF OBSERVED MOVEMENTS BY TYPE OF MOVEMENT 9% +3 pp Mal 9% -3 pp 12% -4 pp Mauritania Nige 20% 0% 40% 60% 80% Seasonal migration Short term local movement (-6 months) ■ Long-term migration (+ 6 months) 

The capital city of Bamako is a major transit point for migrants travelling to West and North African countries.

In Bamako, migrant flows are recorded at bus stations where data collectors primarily observe migrants travelling to Gao or Timbuktu, as well as to border areas on their way to neighbouring countries such as Mauritania and Burkina Faso.

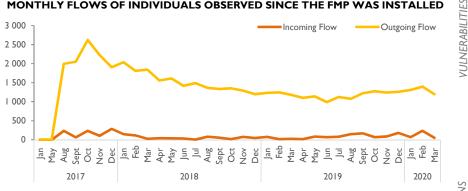
Most outgoing migrants reported either Algeria (37%), Spain (18%), Italy (16%), France (9%), Morocco (9%) or Mauritania (9%) as their intended final destination.

During the reporting period, most migrants identified at the Bamako FMP were from Guinea-Conakry (31%), Mali (28%), Côte d'Ivoire (11%), Burkina Faso (9%) and Senegal (9%).

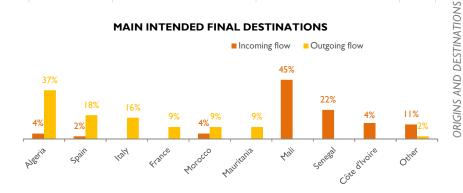
According to the information received from data collectors, migrants from Côte d'Ivoire transit through Sikasso, where they then travel to Mopti, bypassing Bamako. This explains the low number of Ivorian nationals observed at the Bamako FMP.

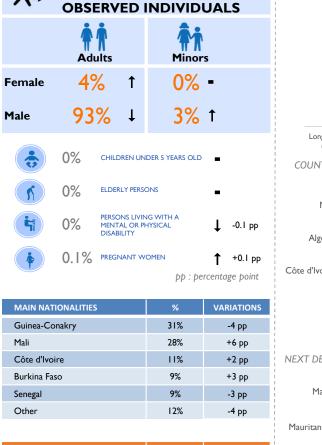
During the reporting period, 1,246 migrants were recorded at this FMP (Incoming flow : 51; Outgoing flow : 1,195).





MAIN INTENDED FINAL DESTINATIONS





DESTINATION OF MIGRANTS	%	VARIATIONS
Mali	74%	+1 рр
Mauritania	18%	-
Niger	8%	-I pp



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## WHAT IS FLOW MONITORING?

Flow monitoring is a component of IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM). It has been developed to track migrant flows (groups or individuals) through data collection carried out at key points of origin, transit and/or destination. The purpose of flow monitoring is to provide regularly updated information on the scale and profiles of population movements (migrants, internally displaced persons, returnees, etc.) through specific locations. The information and analysis provided through the flow monitoring methodology also helps to better understand and define shortcomings and priorities in the provision of assistance along the displacement/ migration routes. The purpose of flow monitoring is not to replace border monitoring or border surveillance. Data collected by IOM flow monitoring exercises does not replace government border controls and should not be interpreted as such.

## A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MIGRATION FLOWS - A REGIONAL INITIATIVE IN WEST AFRICA

Monitoring population movements in West and Central Africa represents an important regional initiative. It allows for a better understanding of intentions, trends, routes, and risks as well as demographic and socio-economic profiles of migrants. It serves as a common source of data contributing to inform policymaking by authorities in countries of origin, transit and destination. IOM aims to install over thirty of these flow monitoring points throughout the West and Central African region to assist in reducing the operational challenges of migration; advance understanding of migration; and uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants.

**METHODOLOGY** Flows Monitoring of Populations (FMP) is an investigative work that aims to highlight areas that are particularly vulnerable to cross-border and intraregional migration. Areas of high mobility are identified across the country. DTM teams then work at the local level to identify strategic transit points. Trained agents collect data from key informants at the flow monitoring point: the latter may be bus station staff, police or customs officials, bus drivers or migrants themselves. A basic questionnaire mixed with direct observations allows to collect disaggregated data by gender and nationality. In Mali, ten data collection points are active in the regions of Gao, Timbuktu, Kidal, Menaka, Mopti, Sikasso, Segou, Kayes and the district of Bamako. Daily data collection is performed in the FMPs.

**LIMITATIONS** The data used in this analysis are estimates and represent only a part of the existing flows in Mali. The geographic and temporal coverage of these surveys is partial insofar as the flow monitoring activities do not cover some private bus stations existing in the various cities including Gao, Timbuktu, Kidal, Menaka, Mopti and Bamako. The data on the final destinations of migrants are obtained based on their declaration and must be taken with caution because they indicate only an intention. The data on the vulnerabilities are based on direct observations of the enumerators and must be taken only for information.

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