OVERVIEW
The flow monitoring surveys are part of the IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) data collection activities in West and Central Africa, East and Horn of Africa, Libya and Europe (Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania and Spain), that are conducted within the framework of IOM’s research on populations on the move through Africa, the Mediterranean and Western Balkan. Data was collected in 2017 and 2018 in the above mentioned countries.

Migrants on the move are interviewed by IOM field teams; the surveys collects information on migrants’ profiles, including age, sex, areas of origin, levels of education and employment status before migration, key transit points on their route, cost of the journey, reasons for moving and intentions.

The present brief highlights the main characteristics of Middle Eastern and North African migrants (from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Sudan, Iraq, Yemen and Libya) interviewed in Libya, Europe, West and Central Africa and East and Horn of Africa over 2017 and 2018.

Further information about the questionnaire, sampling and survey implementation can be found on DTM Methodological Framework.

**25,028**

Middle Eastern and North African nationals interviewed across 4 regions and 21 countries.

Fact: Interviewed migrants spent in total at least **27,795,000 USD** on their journey.
807 Moroccan Nationals interviewed across 15 countries, of which:

- 361 in Europe
- 417 in Libya
- 28 in West and Central Africa

382 Interviews in 2017
425 Interviews in 2018

COUNTRIES WHERE MIGRANTS WERE SURVEYED

84% of Moroccan Nationals interviewed across 15 countries, of which:

- 361 in Europe
- 417 in Libya
- 29 in West and Central Africa

382 interviews in 2017
425 interviews in 2018

MOROCCAN NATIONALS PROFILE

- 52% of migrants have been on the move for more than 6 months.
- 13% of migrants have been on the move for 2 weeks & 3 months.
- 21% of migrants have been on the move between 3-6 months.
- 8% of migrants have been on the move less than 2 weeks.

- 10% Libya
- 18% Algeria
- 65% Libya

84% of Moroccans started their journey in Morocco, and 10% started in Libya.

DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE

SEX AND AGE GROUP DISAGGREGATION

- 14-17 yrs: 0% 4%
- 18-25 yrs: 10% 40%
- 26-35 yrs: 60% 29%
- 36-50 yrs: 30% 10%
- 51-79 yrs: 10% 2%

- 90% are female

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND PROFESSION

- 41% of migrants completed secondary, vocational and tertiary education
- 22% of migrants worked in agriculture/food
- 18% of migrants worked in tourism
- 14% of migrants worked in construction
- 12% of migrants worked in transport/services
- 9% of migrants worked in household work

53% of migrants were employed before travelling, of which 20% worked in the construction sector.

MARITAL STATUS

- 24% married/united
- 4% divorced/separated
- 72% single

- 44% of migrants travelled for economic reasons,
- 10% due to other reasons and 8% due to insecurity or political reasons.

- 82% of migrants are less than 18 years old.

- Amongst the 53% migrants travelling in a group, 41% travel with family/relatives.
- 48% travel alone.

TRAVELLING: REASONS & CONDITIONS

- 82%Travelled for economic reasons, 10% due to other reasons and 8% due to insecurity or political reasons.
- 53% of the Moroccan migrants are less than 18 years old.
- 82% of migrants have been on the move for more than 6 months.

- More than 6 months: 82%
- Between 2 weeks & 3 months: 10%
- Between 3-6 months: 19%
- Less than 2 weeks: 15%
- Unknown: 4%
- Going back to Morocco: 10%
- No cost: 2%
- Between USD 1,000 and 5,000: 44%
- Between USD 5,000 and 10,000: 35%
- More than USD 5,000: 11%
- Less than USD 1,000: 10%
- More than USD 10,000: 47%

52% of migrants spent more than 1,000 USD for the journey.

MAIN REASONS FOR LEAVING

- 82% of migrants are travelling for economic reasons.
- 10% of migrants are travelling for other reasons.
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COMPOSITION OF GROUP

- 53% Group
- 46% Alone
- 2% Unknown

- 41% Travel with family/relatives
- 2% Alone

- 53% of the Moroccan migrants are less than 18 years old.

52% of migrants have been on the move for more than 6 months.
ALGERIAN NATIONALS PROFILE

749 Algerian Nationals interviewed across 16 countries, of which:
- 465 in Europe
- 276 in Libya
- 8 in West and Central Africa

290 interviews in 2017
459 interviews in 2018

ALGERIAN NATIONALS PROFILE

40% of migrants spent more than 1,000 USD for the journey.

95% Algeria

MAIN ITINERARIES

95% of Algerian migrants completed secondary, 15% vocational and 6% tertiary education.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND PROFESSION

48% of migrants were employed before travelling, of which 11% worked in retail/sales.

TRAVELLING: REASONS & CONDITIONS

6% of migrants travelled for economic reasons, 13% due to targeted violence or persecution, 11% due to other reasons, and 4% for access to services such as health care, education etc.

Amongst the 47% migrants travelling in a group, 11% travel with family/relatives.
718 Tunisian Nationals interviewed across 9 countries, of which:

- **141** in Europe
- **575** in Libya
- **2** in West and Central Africa

372 interviews in 2017
346 interviews in 2018

Routes displayed on the map are based on reported transit and intended destinations.

98% of Tunisians started their journey in Tunisia, and 2% started in other countries.

**DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE**

**SEX AND AGE GROUP DISAGGREGATION**

- 14-17 yrs: 0% (12%)
- 18-25 yrs: 21% (15%)
- 26-35 yrs: 75% (12%)
- 36-50 yrs: 4% (10%)
- 51-79 yrs: 0% (2%)

**MARITAL STATUS**

- Married/Union: 32%
- Divorced/Separated: 3%
- Single: 65%

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND PROFESSION**

- 42% of Tunisian migrants completed secondary, and 28% vocational education.
- 43% of migrants were employed before travelling, of which 21% worked in agriculture/food.

**TRAVELLING: REASONS & CONDITIONS**

- **90%** of migrants travelled due to economic reasons, 5% due to targeted violence and persecution, and 5% due to other reasons.

- Amongst the **39%** migrants travelling in a group, **12%** travel with family/relatives.
- **2%** of Tunisian migrants are less than 18 years old.

**MAIN REASONS FOR LEAVING**

- Travel with family/relatives: 12%
- Group: 39%
- Alone: 55%
- Unknown: 2%

**COMPOSITION OF GROUP**

- 46% of migrants have been on the move for more than 6 months.
- 24% of migrants spent more than 1,000 USD for the journey.
- 97% of migrants travelled due to economic reasons, 5% due to targeted violence and persecution, and 5% due to other reasons.

**LENGTH OF JOURNEY SO FAR**

- Less than 2 weeks: 14%
- Between 2 weeks & 3 months: 16%
- Between 3 to 6 months: 24%
- More than 6 months: 46%

**ESTIMATED COST OF JOURNEY**

- Less than USD 1,000: 45%
- Between USD 1,000 and 5,000: 24%
- Between USD 5,000 and 10,000: 20%
- Unknown: 7%
- No cost: 3%
- More than USD 5,000: 0%
289 Libyan Nationals interviewed across 13 countries, of which:

- 248 in Europe
- 41 in WCA

102 interviews in 2017
187 interviews in 2018

LIBYAN NATIONALS PROFILE

91% of Libyans started their journey in Libya, and 3% started in Turkey.

MAIN ITINERARIES

Country of interview
- 81% N. Macedonia
- 9% Bosnia & Herzegovina
- 1% Turkey
- 23% Bosnia & Herzegovina
- 19% Montenegro

DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE

SEX AND AGE GROUP DISAGGREGATION

14-17 yrs: 8%, 17% of migrants are less than 18 years old.
18-25 yrs: 31%, 22% of migrants are between 18-25 yrs.
26-35 yrs: 30%, 19% of migrants are between 26-35 yrs.
36-50 yrs: 23%, 9% of migrants are between 36-50 yrs.
51-79 yrs: 8%, 1% of migrants are between 51-79 yrs.

MARITAL STATUS

18% MARRIED/ UNION
3% DIVORCED/ SEPARATED
79% SINGLE

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND PROFESSION

22% of Libyan migrants completed secondary, 31% vocational and 2% tertiary education.

48% of migrants were employed before travelling, of which 28% worked in retail/sales.

TRAVELLING: REASONS & CONDITIONS

MAIN REASONS FOR LEAVING

68% of migrants traveled due to targeted violence or persecution, 25% due to economic reasons, and 7% due to other reasons.

COMPOSITION OF GROUP

11% Travel with family/relatives
39% Group
56% Alone

4% of the Iraqi migrants are less than 18 years old.

Amongst the 39% migrants traveling in a group, 11% travel with family/relatives.

LENGTH OF JOURNEY SO FAR

- 19% Less than 2 weeks
- 20% Between 2 weeks & 3 months
- 32% More than 6 months

- 42% Between 3-6 months
- 39% Less than 2 weeks
- 20% Between 2 weeks & 3 months
- 32% More than 6 months

ESTIMATED COST OF JOURNEY

- 49% of migrants spent more than 1,000 USD for the journey.
- 42% between USD 1,000 and 5,000
- 39% Less than USD 1,000
- 7% More than USD 5,000
- 1% No cost

Routes displayed on the map are based on reported transit and intended destinations.
11,020 Egyptian Nationals interviewed across 18 countries, of which:
- 64 in Europe
- 10,955 in Libya
- 1 in West and Central Africa
4,217 interviews in 2017
6,803 interviews in 2018

Routes displayed on the map are based on reported transit and intended destinations.

99.5% of Egyptians started their journey in Egypt, and 0.5% started in other countries.

98% of migrants traveled for economic reasons, 1% for access to services such as health care, education etc.

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Amongst the 81% migrants travelling in a group, 21% travel with family/relatives.

17% of migrants spent more than 1,000 USD for the journey.
10,546 Sudanese Nationals interviewed across 8 countries, of which:
- 391 in East and Horn of Africa
- 291 in Europe
- 9,689 in Libya
- 175 in WCA

3,711 interviews in 2017
6,835 interviews in 2018

SUDANESE NATIONALS PROFILE

95% of Sudanese started their journey in Sudan, and 3% started in other countries.

Routes displayed on the map are based on reported transit and intended destinations.

QUALITATIVE DATA

95% Sudanese started their journey in Sudan, and 3% started in other countries.

Sex and age group disaggregation

Marital status

Agriculture/Food

30% of Sudanese migrants completed secondary, 18% vocational and 7% tertiary education.

Education, employment status and profession

29% of migrants were employed before travelling, of which 28% worked in agriculture and food industry.

Main reasons for leaving

76% of migrants travelled for economic reasons, 10% due to targeted violence or persecution, 6% due to other reasons, and 3% for access to services such as health care, education etc.

Main itineraries

Composition of group

21% Travel with family/relatives

22% Travel with family/relatives

Amongst the 79% migrants traveling in a group, 22% travel with family/relatives.

Length of journey so far

Estimated cost of journey

67% Less than USD 1,000

1% Less than USD 1,000

224% Between USD 1,000 and 5,000

7% Between USD 1,000 and 5,000

15% More than USD 5,000

56% More than USD 5,000

1% No cost

21% More than USD 5,000

25% of migrants spent more than 1,000 USD for the journey.
701 Iraqi Nationals interviewed across 11 countries, of which:
- 64 in Libya
- 637 in Europe

400 interviews in 2017
301 interviews in 2018

84% of migrants spent more than 1,000 USD for the journey.

84% Iraqis started their journey in Iraq, and 6% started in Turkey.

84% of migrants travelled due to targeted violence or persecution, 16% due to economic reasons, 1% due to other reasons.

Amongst the 70% migrants travelling in a group, 48% travel with family/relatives.

57% of migrants have been on the move for more than 6 months.

59% of migrants were employed before travelling, of which 23% worked in retail/sales.

50% of Iraqi migrants completed secondary, and 14% tertiary education.

5% of the Iraqi migrants are less than 18 years old.
198 Yemeni Nationals interviewed across 7 countries, of which:
- 176 in East and Horn of Africa
- 21 in Europe
- 1 in West and Central Africa
3 interviews in 2017
195 interviews in 2018

COUNTRIES WHERE MIGRANTS WERE SURVEYED

**DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE**

- **Sex and Age Group Disaggregation**
- **Marital Status**
- **Education, Employment Status and Profession**
- **Travelling: Reasons & Conditions**

**MAIN ITINERARIES**
- **Departure countries**
- **Transit countries**
- **Country of interview**

**INTENDED DESTINATIONS**

**TRAVELLING: REASONS & CONDITIONS**
- **Main reasons for leaving**
- **Composition of group**
- **Length of journey so far**
- **Estimated cost of journey**

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86% of Yemenis started their journey in Yemen, and 14% started in other countries.