INTRODUCTION: IOM works with national and local authorities in order to gain a better understanding of population movements throughout West and Central Africa through the setup of Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs). IOM seeks to quantify migration flows, trends and routines to gain a better understanding of the profiles of observed individuals at entry, transit and/or exit points (such as border crossing posts, bus stations, rest areas, police checkpoints and reception centres). In Nigeria, FMPs were established in March 2017 in several important transit locations in Sokoto and Kano to monitor the movements of passenger buses to and from the Niger. This dashboard is an overview of the data collected in these FMPs in April 2019.

Results show that the daily average number of individuals observed in April at the FMPs in Nigeria was 1,560. This represents a 36 per cent increase compared to March 2019, this increase is due to increased stability experienced in the aftermath of the elections conducted in the previous month. In April, Nigeria, the Niger, Chad, and Cameroon were the main countries of intended destination and departure of individuals passing through FMPs. In addition, the main types of flows identified were: short-term local movements (43% of all flows); economic migration of more than six months (35% of all flows); seasonal migration (15% of all flows); and tourism (7% of all flows).

Four main modes of transport were identified: travel by car (59% of all flows), bus (29% of all flows), bicycle (5% of all flows) and motorbike (5% of all flows). Nigerian (53%), Nigerien (38%), Chadian (4%), Malian (2%) and Cameroonien (2%) nations were the main nationalities recorded this month.

METHODOLOGY: The flow monitoring methodology aims to highlight areas with high internal, cross-border and regional migration. Mobility area assessments are conducted at the national level. DTM teams then collect information at the local level to identify key transit points. Enumerators collect data from key informants (KIs) at the FMPs: KIs may be bus station staff, police, customs officers, bus drivers, or migrants themselves.

Data is collected through a basic form filled out by enumerators following interviews with KIs and combined with direct observations – enabling sex and nationality breakdowns. In Sokoto and Kano, each FMP was selected following consultations with local and national key stakeholders involved in the management of migration in Nigeria and based on location and distinctive characteristics of flows in each area. Data is collected on a daily basis during peak hours.

LIMITATIONS: Data collected for these exercises should be understood as estimations only. They represent only part of the total flows passing through the Gada – Galmi; Sabon-Birni – Guidan-Roundji; Illa – Kormani; Kano – Maradi and Kano – Zinder routes. The spatial and temporal coverage of this data collection activity is therefore incomplete. In addition, although data is collected daily, it is collected only during peak hours. The portion of the flows that occur during hours without an enumerator is thus, not represented. Data on vulnerability is based on direct observation and should be understood as mainly indicative.
The Sokoto FMP observes the cross-border flows of migrants between Nigeria and Niger. The Sokoto FMP has been collecting data since March 2017, covering three migratory routes in Illela, Gada and Sabon-Birnin. Six enumerators, two in each location, carry out the task of monitoring flows travelling through the FMP.

Results show that the daily average number of individuals observed in April 2019 at the Flow Monitoring Point of Sokoto was 454, a 16 per cent increase compared to March 2019, this is as a result of the stability experienced in the elections’ aftermath.

Tahoua (52%), Maradi (38%), Dosso (3%), Zinder (3%), Niamey (3%), in the Niger were the main regions of departure of individuals passing through Sokoto, whereas Maradi (49%), Tahoua (37%), Dosso (5%), Niamey (4%), Zinder (3%) and Diffa (2%) (all of which are located in Niger) were the main regions of intended destination of observed flows.

The main types of flows identified were: short-term local movements of less than six months (58% of all flows), seasonal migration (19% of all flows), economic migration of more than six months (18% of all flows), and tourism (5% of all flows).

Four main modes of transport were identified: cars (52% of all flows), bicycles (13% of all flows), motorbikes (13% of all flows) and buses (16% of all flows). Nigerian (48%) and Nigerien (52%) nationals were the main nationalities recorded this month.

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### Demographics

(adjusted through direct observation and interviews with bus drivers and station managers)

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### Travelers' Profile

- **Average/Day Individuals Recorded:** 454 (+16%)
- **Child Under 5:** 4% (-1 pp)
- **Elderly Person:** 3% (-1 pp)
- **Persons with Physical or Mental Disabilities:** 2% (-3 pp)
- **Pregnant Women:** 4% (-3 pp)

### Origin of the Movements Observed

- **Niger:** 62% -
- **Nigeria:** 38% -

### Main Intended Destination of the Movements Observed

- **Niger:** 62% -
- **Nigeria:** 38% -

### Main Nationalities Observed

- **Nigerien:**
- **Nigerian:**
14 April recorded high inflows and outflows of travellers as a result of Muslim religious event in Hubbare the following day. High inflows and outflows were recorded on 20, 21, 24 and 28 April on which dates the Illela, Gwadabawa and Birni Konni market took place.

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The Kano FMP monitors cross-border flows of migrants between Nigeria and the Niger. The Kano FMP has been collecting data since March 2017, covering two migratory routes in Dala and Nasarawa LGAs in Kano state. Six enumerators, three in each location, carry out the task of monitoring flows travelling through the FMP.

Results show that the daily average number of individuals observed in April 2019 at the Kano FMP Point was 1,106, an 11% increase compared to March 2019, this is as a result of the stability experienced in the elections’ aftermath.

In April, Zinder (53%), Maradi (36%) and Diffa (6%) in Niger, N'djamena (3%) in Chad and Center (1%) in Cameroon were the main regions of departure of travellers passing through Kano, whereas Zinder (56%), Maradi (33%) and Diffa (6%) in Niger, N’djamena (3%) in Chad and Center (1%) in Cameroon were the main regions of intended destination of observed flows.

The main types of flows identified were: economic migration of more than six months (37% of all flows), short term local movements (42% of all flows), seasonal (13% of all flows), and tourism (8% of all flows).

Two main modes of transport were identified: cars (63% of all flows) and buses (37% of all flows). Nigerian (56%), Nigerien (33%), Chadian (6%), Malian (3%) and Cameroonian (3%) nationals were the main nationalities observed.

Variations calculated based on data from the previous month.
Incoming flows to Kano, as observed by enumerators

Outgoing flows from Kano, as observed by enumerators

EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF OBSERVED INDIVIDUALS DURING APRIL 2019

8 – 10 April recorded high outflows and inflows as a result of the market days; traders from Zinder in the Niger came to Nigerian markets to buy and sell goods.

27 April recorded high outflows as a result of the market in Zinder, hence the reduced outflows observed on the previous day (26 April).

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