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 routes 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 Niger. This dashboard is an overview of the data collected at these FMPs in January 2020.

Results show that the average daily number of individuals observed in January, at the FMPs in Nigeria, was 1,208. This represents a 5 per cent decrease compared to the daily average of December 2019. The 5% decrease from the previous month was largely due to the government’s tight security at the Nigeria-Niger borders. Nigeria, Niger, Chad, and Cameroon were the main countries of departure and intended destination for individuals passing through FMPs. In addition, the types of flows identified were: short-term local movements (43% of all flows); economic migration of more than six months (36% of all flows); seasonal migration (11% of all flows); and tourism (10% of all flows).

Five main modes of transport were identified: car (54% of all flows), bus (29% of all flows), bicycle (5% of all flows), motorbike (5% of all flows) and foot (5% of all flows).

Nigerian (51%), Nigerien (34%), Chadian (5%), Malian (3%), Cameroonien (2%) and Libyan (2%) nationals were the main nationalities recorded transiting through FMPs 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 gender 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 the population 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. They represent only part of the total population flows passing through the Gada – Galmi; Sabon-Birni – Guidan-Roumdji; Illela – Konni; 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 (8:00 am – 5:00 pm). The portion of the flows that occur during off-peak seasons without an enumerator is thus, not represented. Data on vulnerability is based on direct observation and should be understood as mainly indicative.

The depiction and use of boundaries, geographic names, and related data shown on maps and included in this report are not warranted to be error free nor do they imply judgment on the legal status of any territory, or any endorsement or acceptance of such boundaries by IOM.
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 Illala, 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 average daily number of individuals observed in **January 2020** at the FMP of Sokoto was 150, this represents an 8 per cent decrease compared to December 2019. The absence of any major religious event which could have increased cross-border movements was a contributing factor to the decrease in individuals recorded in January as well as the tight security at the Nigeria-Niger borders. Also, Sokoto FMP experienced partial scarcity of fuel for vehicles hence, affecting the number of vehicular movements across the Nigeria-Niger border.

Tahoua (54%), Maradi (45%), Zinder (<1%), Dosso (<1%) and Niamey (<1%) in Niger were the regions of departure of individuals passing through Sokoto, whereas Maradi (50%), Tahoua (45%), Zinder (2%), Dosso (2%) and Diffa (1%) (all of which are located in Niger) were the regions of destination for the observed population.

The types of population flows identified were short-term local movements of less than six months (72% of all flows), seasonal migration (18% of all flows), economic migration of more than six months, (7% of all flows), and tourism (3% of all flows).

Four modes of transportation were identified: foot (24% of all flows), motorbike (23% of all flows), bicycle (21% of all flows) and car (20% of all flows). Nigerian (36%) and Nigerien (63%) nationals were the main nationalities recorded this month.
Generally, the incoming and outgoing flows observed at Sokoto FMPs in January were low compared to the previous month due to tight security at the borders. However, the market days on 6, 12, 19 and 26 January recorded peak flows in Sokoto FMP.

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The Kano FMP monitors cross-border flows of migrants between Nigeria and Niger. The Kano FMP (Kofar Ruwa Park and Yankaba Park) has been collecting data since March 2017, covering two migratory routes in Dala and Nasarawa Local Government Areas 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 January 2020 at the Kano FMP was 1,058, a 4 per cent decrease compared to December 2019.

In January, Zinder (45%), Maradi (41%) and Diffa (10%) in Niger, Ndjamena (3%) in Chad and Centre (1%) in Cameroon were the regions of departure for travellers passing through Kano, whereas Zinder (46%), Maradi (39%) and Diffa (11%) in Niger, Ndjamena (3%) in Chad and Centre (1%) in Cameroon were the regions of destination of observed flows.

The types of flows identified were economic migration of more than six months (41% of all flows), short-term local movements (38% of all flows), tourism (11% of all flows) and seasonal migration (10% of all flows).

Two modes of transport were identified: cars (64% of all flows) and buses (36% of all flows). Nigerian (56%), Nigerien (32%), Chadian (6%), Malian (3%) and Cameroonian (3%) nationals were the nationalities recorded this month.

**Demographics** (collected through direct observation and interviews with bus drivers and station managers)

- **1,058 AVERAGE/DAY INDIVIDUALS RECORDED**
- **-4%**

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**Children under 5**:
- 6%

**Elderly persons**:
- 14%

**Persons with physical or mental disabilities**:
- 1%

**Pregnant women**:
- 2%

**Country of departure**
- Nigeria: 75%
- Niger: 23%
- Chad: 1%
- Cameroon: <1%

**Country of destination**
- Nigeria: 72%
- Niger: 25%
- Chad: 2%
- Cameroon: 1%

**Variations** calculated based on data from the previous month:
- Nigeria: -1%
- Niger: -1%
- Chad: -1%
- Cameroon: -1%

**Main intended destination of the movements observed**:
- Nigeria: 56%
- Niger: 32%
- Chad: 6%
- Malian: 3%
- Cameroonian: 3%
Kano FMP experienced a relatively stable flow of individuals in January. However, the notable 4% decrease from the previous month was largely due to the government’s tight security at the Nigeria-Niger borders.

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