

About

- MHUB is undertaking field surveys with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers along key migratory routes to build up a body of data over time and to map country and regional level mixed migration trends.
- This snapshot presents early survey findings of the profiles, intentions and experiences of those moving in mixed migration flows who have recently arrived in Mali in the last year.
- Even though these findings cannot be considered statistically representative of the migration population, they do provide key insights on the migration process.

Key Findings

*Findings are based on 50 interviews conducted between 3 and 25 March in Gao, Kayes and Yelemane in Mali.

Routes

- Mali is an important transit zone for migrants from West and Central African countries. Migrants are generally localized in the regions of Gao, Kidal, Timbuktu, Kayes, Koulikoro, and Segou. Many pass through these regions to reach North Africa and Europe.
- The region of Gao serves as a passage for most Sub Saharan migrants in transit to Algeria, Libya and Northern borders of Niger.
- On average, 1,814 migrants, refugees and asylum seekers transited through Mali per month between March 2015 and March 2016.

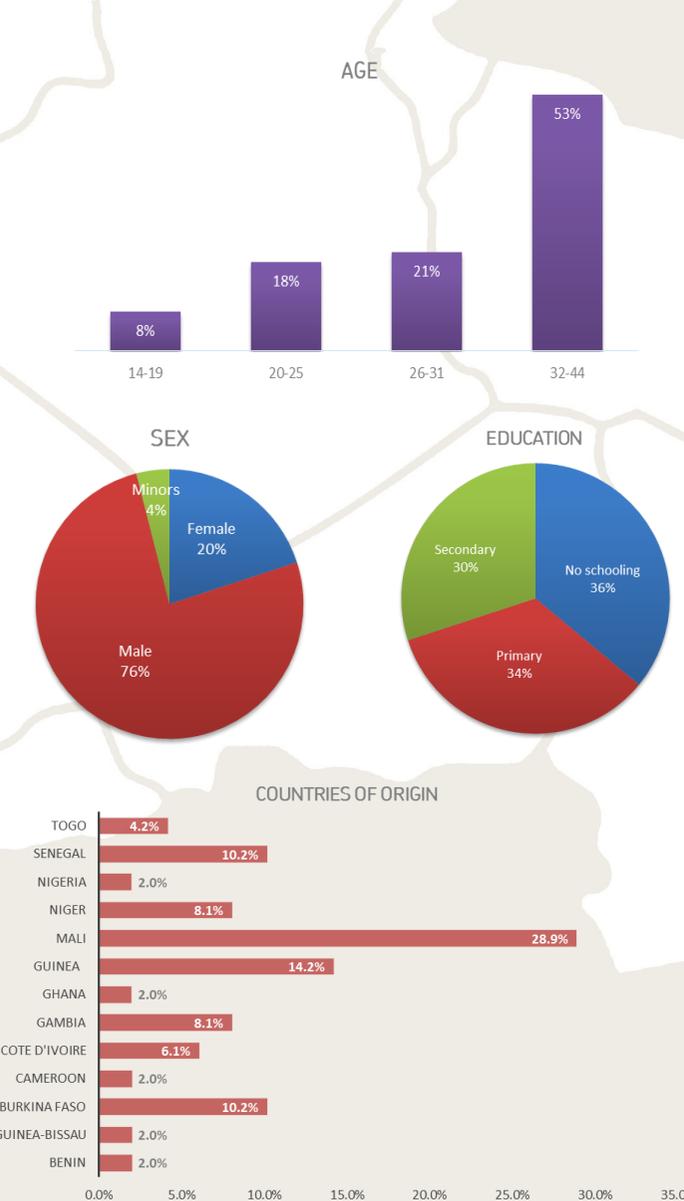
Abuses and Risks

- During their travels, the majority of respondents indicated that they had received threats and/or been victims of abuse at the hands of traffickers and/or authorities. They recounted experiences such as the confiscation of identity papers, forced drug use and physical abuse.
- 46% of respondents stated that they felt unsafe at some point in their journey. Some reported previous failed attempts to cross the Sahara as a result of being abandoned or encountering other issues with smugglers.
- More than 70% of respondents either had and/or witnessed negative encounters with militia or smugglers

Onward Movement

- 96% of respondents indicated that they do not plan to stay in Mali.

Demographic Breakdown of Interviewees



Photos from the Field



Quotes from Respondents

“We have been victims of gunshots between Kidal and Algeria”

“Lack of economic opportunity is the reason to travel, if there were opportunities here, we would stay to work.”

“We have been abandoned by smugglers in the desert between Algeria and Kidal, without the rescue of ICRC, we would all die in the desert.

“I know it is difficult to cross the desert, but we are obliged to seek opportunities for a better life.”