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 such as Sokoto and Kano to monitor the movements of passenger buses to and from Nigeria. This dashboard is an overview of the data collected at these FMPs in October 2019.

Results show that the average daily number of individuals observed in October, at the FMPs in Nigeria, was 1,192. The data was collected from 1 – 25 October. This represents a <1 per cent decrease compared to the daily average of September 2019. In October, Nigeria, Niger, Chad, and Cameroon were the main countries of departure and intended destination for individuals passing through FMPs. In addition, the main types of flows identified were: short term local movements (41% of all flows); economic migration of more than six months (39% of all flows); seasonal migration (14% of all flows); and tourism (6% of all flows).

Four main modes of transport were identified: travel by car (50% of all flows), bus (27% of all flows), motorbike (10% of all flows) and bicycle (8% of all flows). Nigerian (54%), Nigerien (33%), Chadian (5%), Malian (3%) and Cameroonien (2%) 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 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 only. They represent only part of the total population flows passing through the Gada – Galmi; Sabon-Biri – Guidan-Roumdji; Illela – Kornni; 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 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 average daily number of individuals observed in October 2019 at the FMP of Sokoto was 116, this represents a 12 per cent decrease compared to September 2019. The decrease was a consequence of the partial closure of Nigerian land borders which is a border control measure at the Nigeria – Niger border.

Tahoua (55%) and Maradi (43%) in Niger were the main regions of departure of individuals passing through Sokoto, whereas Maradi (61%), Tahoua (37%) and Zinder (1%) (all of which are located in Niger) were the main regions of intended destination for the observed population.

The main types of population flows identified were short term local movements of less than six months (52% of all flows), seasonal migration (25% of all flows), economic migration of more than six months, (21% of all flows), and tourism (1% of all flows).

Four main modes of transport were identified: motorbikes (36% of all flows), bicycles (32% of all flows), foot (13% of all flows) and cars (11% of all flows). Nigerian (46%) and Nigerien (54%) nationals were the main nationalities recorded this month.

In the month of October, 38% of the flows captured in Sokoto FMP were outflows to Niger, while 62% were inflows to Nigeria.
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The peak days in October (6, 13 and 20) coincided with days at which markets in Gada, Illela & Sabon Birni were held. Sokoto FMP also experienced increases in flows observed on 9 and 23 October because of the annual religious event of the Tijaniyyah group, while dips were attributed to extreme weather conditions and tight border control measures.

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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 October 2019 at the Kano FMP Point was 1,077, a 2 per cent increase compared to September 2019.

In October, Zinder (49%), Maradi (39%) and Diffa (7%) in Niger, Ndjamena (3%) in Chad and Centre (1%) in Cameroon were the main regions of departure for travellers passing through Kano, whereas Zinder (54%), Maradi (35%) and Diffa (7%) in Niger, Ndjamena (3%) in Chad and Centre (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 (44% of all flows), short term local movements (39% of all flows), seasonal migration (10% of all flows), and tourism (7% of all flows).

Two main modes of transport were identified: cars (64% of all flows) and buses (36% of all flows). Nigerian (57%), Nigerien (32%), Chadian (6%), Malian (3%) and Cameroonien (2%) nationals were the main nationalities recorded this month.

The demography of the flows was observed as follows:

- **5%** children under 5
- **14%** Elderly persons
- **1%** persons with physical or mental disabilities
- **3%** Pregnant women

The main intended destinations were:

- **Nigeria**: 75% (mainly to Kano)
- **Niger**: 24% (mainly to Niamey)
- **Chad**: less than 1% (mainly to N’Djamena)
- **Cameroon**: less than 1% (mainly to Yaoundé)

The data was collected through direct observation and interviews with bus drivers and station managers.
Inflow flows to Kano, as observed by enumerators:

- City of Departure: Kano
- Inflow through Kano: 1 - 7%
- Intented Destination: Diffa, Maradi
- Average/Day: 269 Individuals

Outflow flows from Kano, as observed by enumerators:

- Intended Destination: Kano
- Outflow through Kano: 1 - 7%
- Average/Day: 808 Individuals

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