4Mi Update West Africa January - February 2019



Covering data collected by 4Mi in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger in January and February 2019. Please visit our <u>website</u> or sign up to the mailing list <u>here</u>.

Overview

In January and February 2019, the Mixed Migration Monitoring Mechanism Initiative (4Mi) conducted 1011 in-depth interviews with refugees and migrants in West Africa. 326 people were interviewed in Burkina Faso (in Bobo Dioulasso, Dori and Kantchari), 377 in Mali (in Ber, Gao, Kayes, Mopti and Timbuktu), and 308 in Niger (in Agadez, Diffa, Niamey and Tillabery).

Profiles

33% of respondents (331) were women vs. 67% (680) men. The average age of respondents was 29 years. Most cited countries of origin are Burkina Faso (17%), Guinea (13%) and Côte d'Ivoire (11%). The vast majority of respondents (89%) cite economic reasons as their main motivation for departure, followed by personal and family reasons (31%) and violence and general insecurity (15%). Gender disaggregated data shows the biggest difference in the category relating to personal and family reasons, with 26% of men and 43% of women citing this as a reason for departure.

Nationalities of refugees and migrants interviewed January-February 2019



Reasons for departure



Asylum

Among the respondents, 43% had the intention to apply for asylum in their country of destination. Five people (from Sudan, Nigeria and Côte d'Ivoire) responded that they had already applied for asylum. Nationalities with the highest intention of applying for asylum were Burkina Faso, Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire (14%, 14% and 13% of Yes answers respectively).

Intention to apply for asylum in destination country





Nationality of those with the intention to apply for asylum