

West Africa

Monthly 4Mi Update

Covering data collected by 4Mi in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger in May
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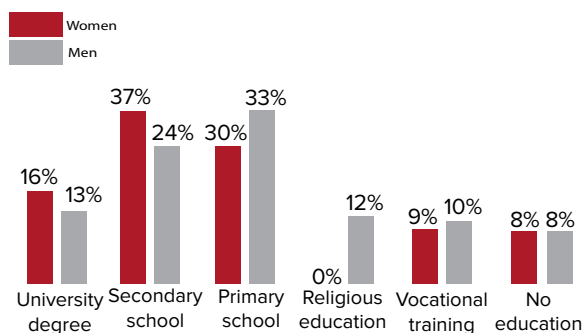
Overview

In May, the Mixed Migration Monitoring Mechanism Initiative (4Mi) conducted 370 in-depth interviews with migrants and refugees in West Africa, including 88 people in Agadez and Niamey in Niger; 200 people in Mopti, Gao, Ber and Timbuktu in Mali and 82 people in Dori in Burkina Faso.

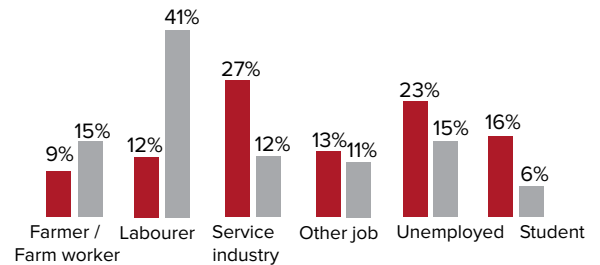
Profiles

In May, 253 men and 117 women from 15 countries in Central and Western Africa were interviewed, with an average age of 28 years.

1. Level of education



2. Employment in country of origin

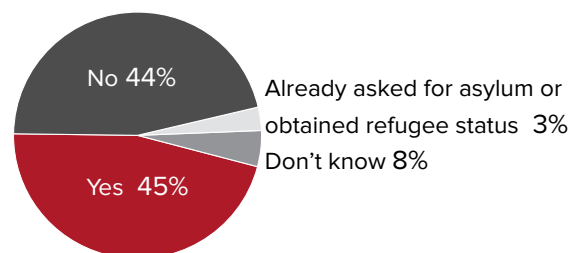


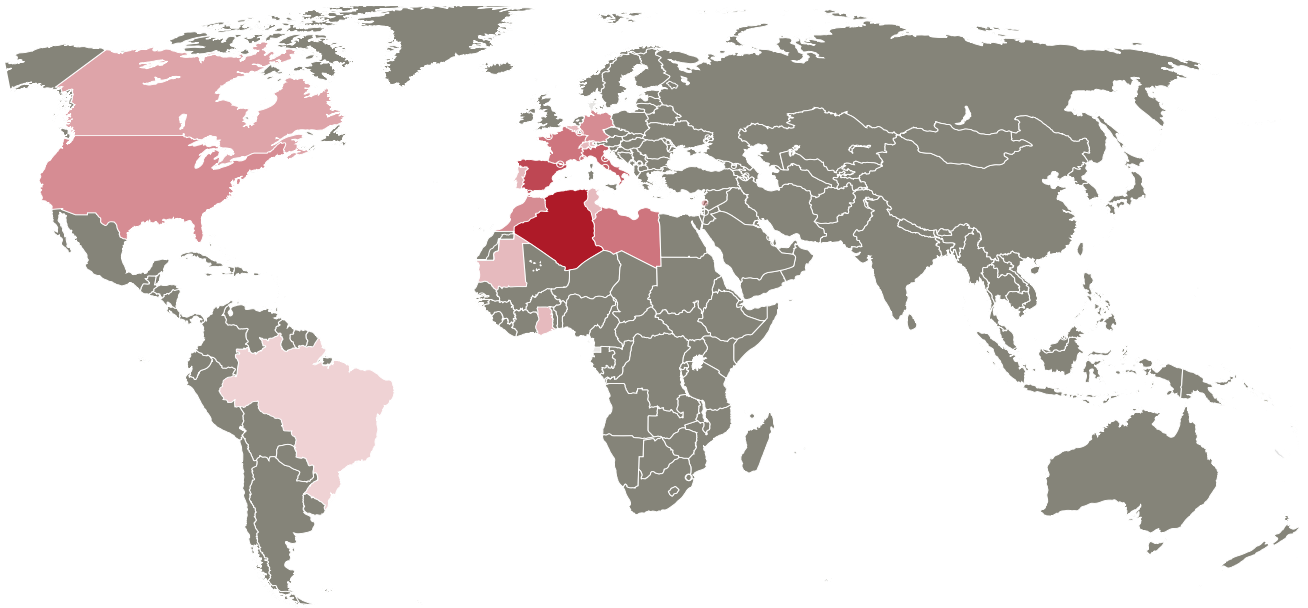
Asylum

Of those interviewed, 11 respondents from Cameroon, Liberia, Mali and Sudan have already applied for asylum in Niger.

45% of those interviewed said that they intend to apply for asylum in their country of destination.

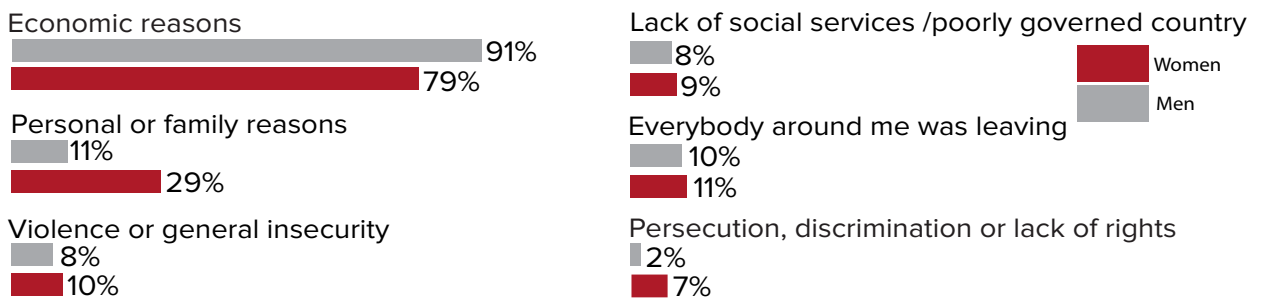
3. Intention to apply for asylum





Countries of intended destination

4. Motivations for departure



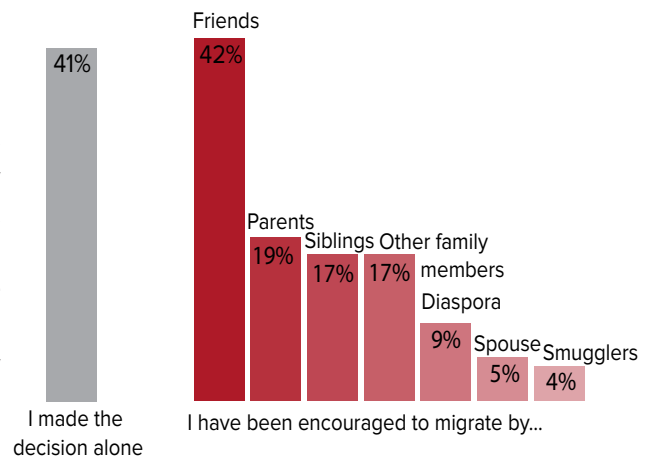
29% of women and 11% of men reported that personal or family reasons were a part of their motivation for leaving their home country. Among these respondents, 17 respondents reported having fled because of domestic violence and 27 respondents because of a death in their family. 6 women said they had fled forced marriages in Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire.

Journey

Those interviewed in May indicated different criteria for choosing their migration route, including ease of access (229), price (191), recommendations from friends or family (129) security (122) or choice of route by the smuggler (29).

41% of respondents indicated that they made the decision to leave on their own. 42% of respondents were encouraged to migrate by friends, 19% by parents, 17% by siblings and 17% by other family members.

5. People who encourage to migrate



Protection and vulnerabilities

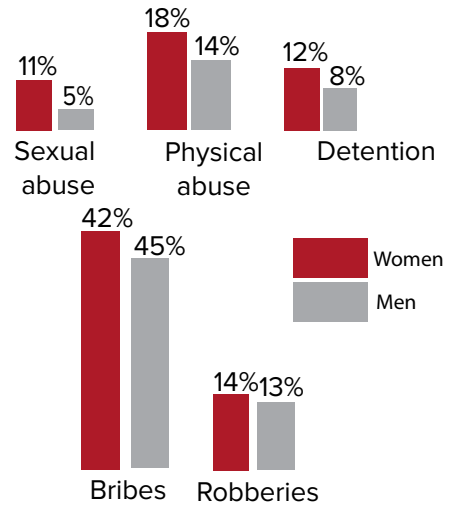
11% of women and 5% of men interviewed reported that they witnessed or experienced sexual abuse. 30 cases were reported, most often committed by smugglers (11 cases), other migrants or non-related person on the move (11 cases) and security forces, police or military (7 cases).

Women and men surveyed reported 90 cases of physical abuse, most often committed by security forces, police or military (50 cases), smugglers (20 cases), single unknown individuals (11 cases) and groups of thugs (10 cases).

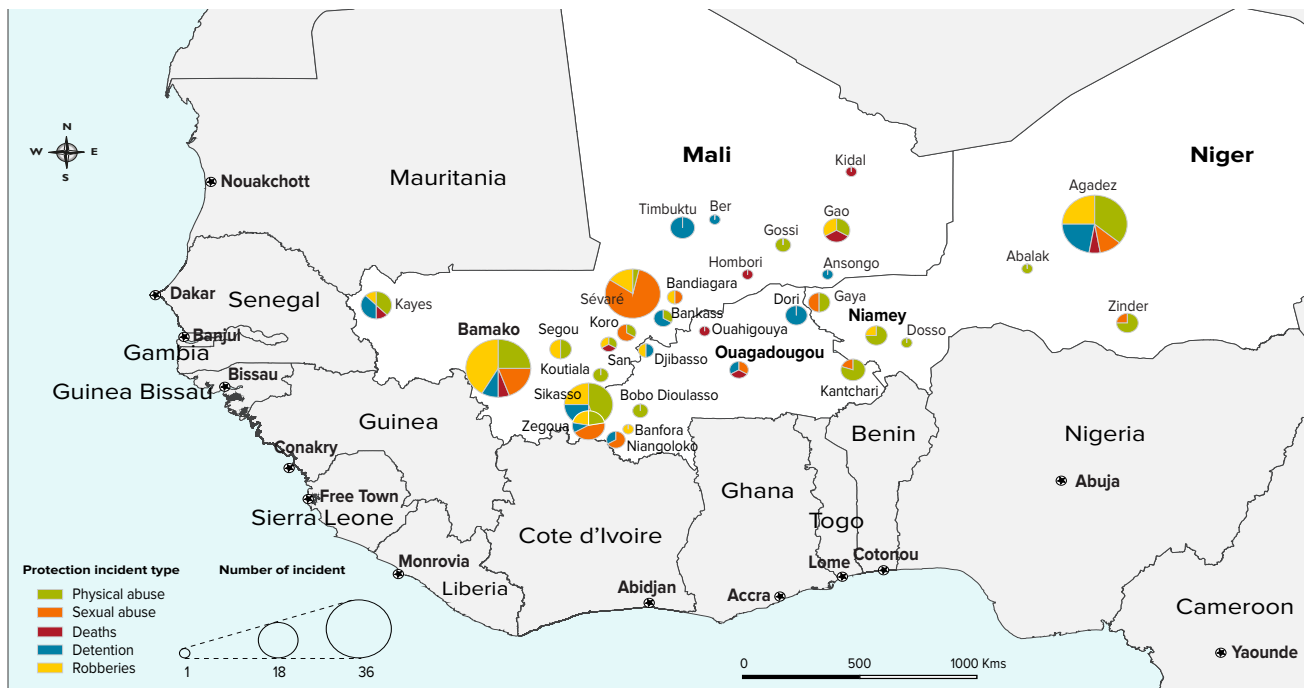
Migrants and refugees interviewed also reported 49 cases of theft. These robberies most often concerned money (32 cases) and/or personal belongings (26 cases).

42% of women and 45% of men paid bribes to immigration officers, an average of three times during their journey and an average of 10,000CFA francs per bribe (18 USD).

6. Protection Incidents



7. Incidents map



This map includes cases of physical and sexual abuses, deaths, detention and robberies reported by migrants and refugees interviewed by the 4Mi in May in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger. These reported protection incidents were witnessed or experienced by respondents. In total, 201 incidents were reported in May, including 36 in Agadez, 36 in Bamako, 26 in Mopti and 20 in Sikasso.

The Mixed Migration Monitoring Mechanism Initiative (4Mi) is an innovative approach for the collection and analysis of data along major mixed migration corridors, responding to the need for better data on protection issues with regards to asylum seekers, refugees and other people on the move. In Niger and Mali, 4Mi seeks to help fill the knowledge gaps regarding the nature of the mixed migratory movements and the protection risks for migrants and refugees on the move within and from West Africa.

4Mi data, graphics and analysis are based on the accumulated, ongoing data collection by 4Mi field monitors through direct interviews with migrants/refugees on the move. Sample sizes are clearly indicated and represent a limited section of those on the move. All findings derived from the surveyed sample of migrants/refugees and should not be used to make any inferences about the total population of any mixed migration flow.

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