

4Mi Update West Africa

March 2019



Covering data collected by 4Mi in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger in March 2019. Please visit our [website](#) or sign up to the mailing list [here](#).

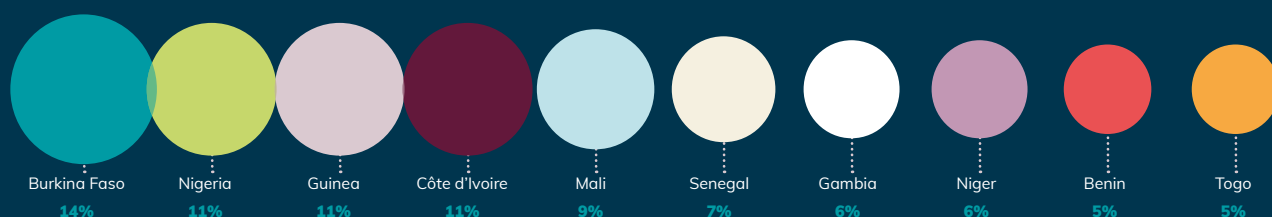
Overview

In March 2019, the Mixed Migration Monitoring Mechanism Initiative (4Mi) conducted 503 in-depth interviews with refugees and migrants in West Africa. 168 people were interviewed in Burkina Faso (in Bobo Dioulasso, Dori and Kantchari), 175 in Mali (in Ber, Gao, Kayes, Mopti and Timbuktu), and 160 in Niger (in Agadez, Diffa, Niamey and Tillabery).

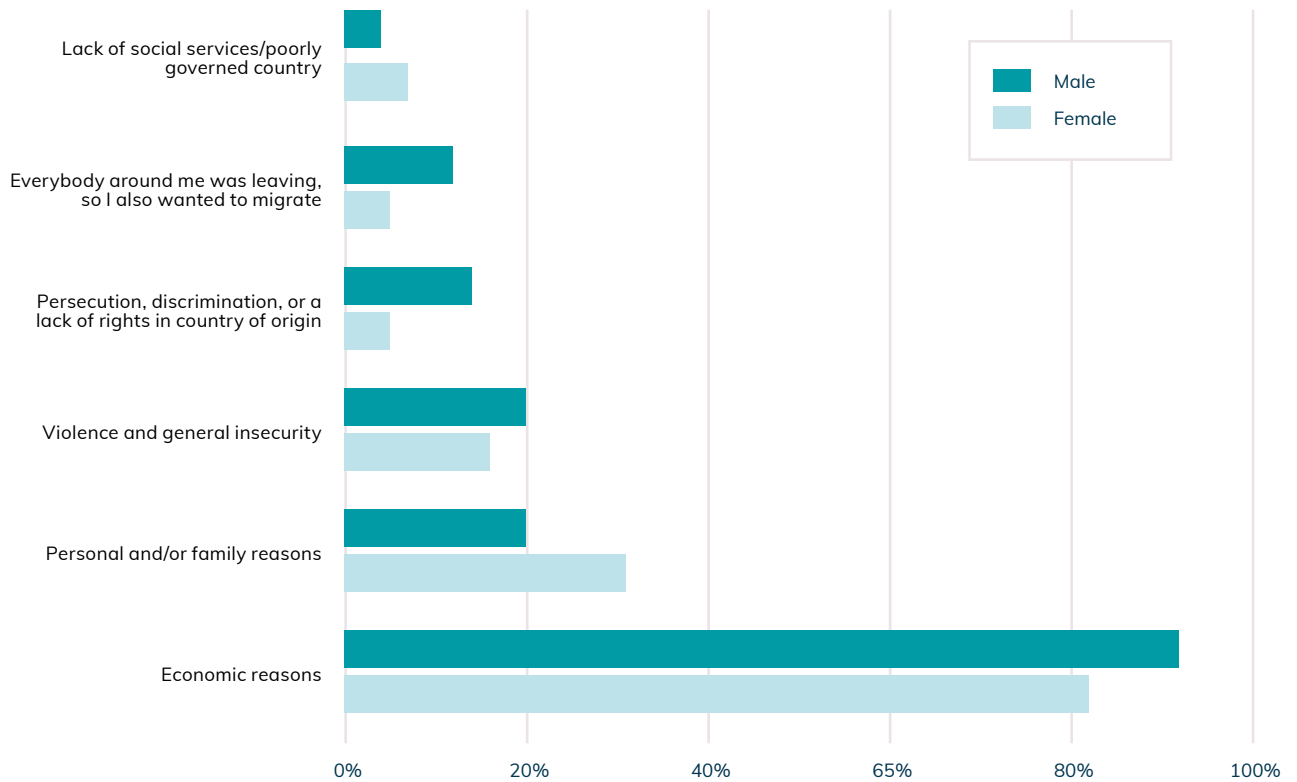
Profiles

29% of respondents (147) were women vs. 71% (357) men. The average age of respondents was 29 years. The main countries of origin are Burkina Faso (14%), Nigeria (11%), Guinea (11%) 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 (21%) and violence and general insecurity (19%). Gender disaggregated data reveals several differences most notably women citing economic reasons less often (women: 82% and men: 92%) and personal and family reasons more often (women: 31% and men: 20%).

Nationalities of refugees and migrants interviewed March 2019



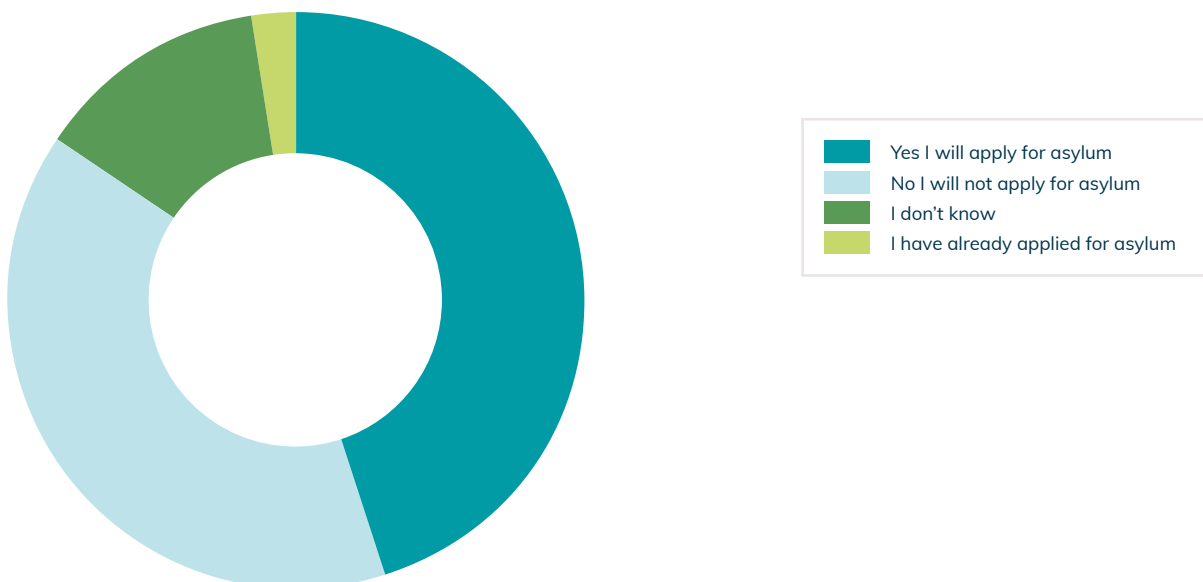
Reasons for departure



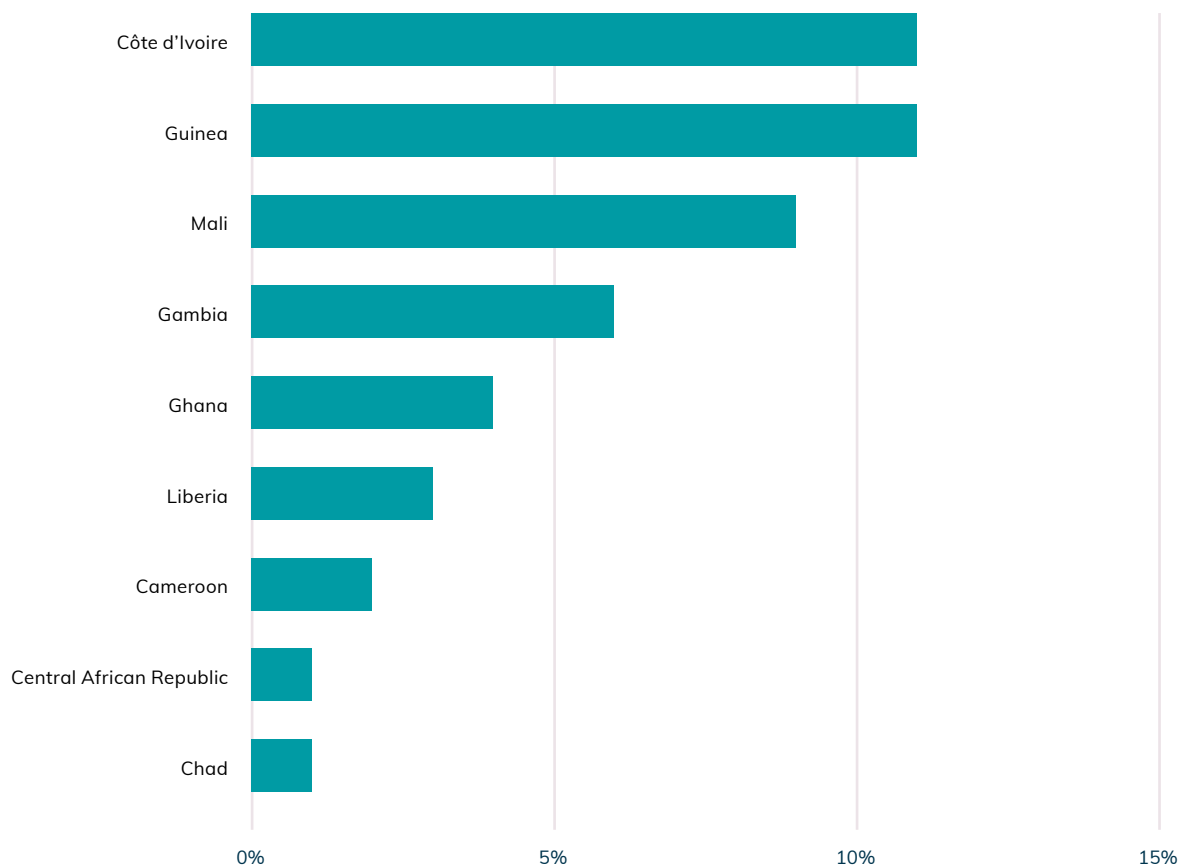
Asylum

Among the respondents, 38% had the intention to apply for asylum in their country of destination. Nine people (from Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Liberia, Mali and Senegal) responded that they had already applied for asylum. Nationalities with the highest intention of applying for asylum were Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Mali (11%, 11% and 9% of Yes answers respectively).

Intention to apply for asylum in destination country



Nationality of those with the intention to apply for asylum



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, Mali and Burkina Faso, 4Mi seeks to help fill the knowledge gaps regarding the nature of mixed migratory movements and the protection risks for refugees and migrants 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 refugees and migrants 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 should not be used to make any inferences about the total population.

