

# West Africa 4Mi Update

Covering data collected by 4Mi in Mali and Niger between June and December 2017.  
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## Overview

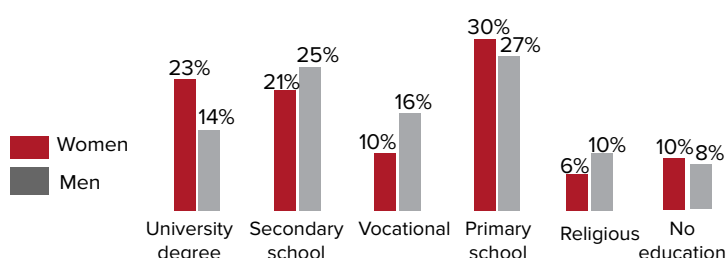
Between June and December 2017, the Mixed Migration Monitoring Mechanism Initiative (4Mi) conducted 1,393 in-depth interviews with migrants and refugees in West Africa, including 521 people in Agadez and Niamey in Niger and 872 people in Mopti, Gao and Timbuktu in Mali.

The data collected by 4Mi are not representative of mixed migration flows in West Africa. The 4Mi aims at providing information on profiles, journeys, protection incidents and needs of people on the move along the main migratory routes.

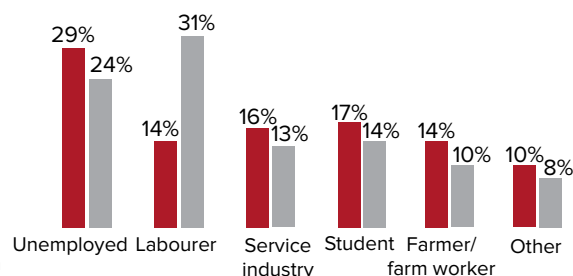
## Profiles

560 women and 833 men from 21 countries in Central and Western Africa were interviewed, with an average age of 27 years old.

1. Education in Country of origin



2. Employment in Country of origin

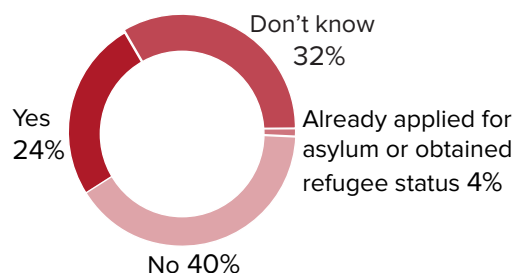


## Asylum

Of those interviewed, 52 respondents reported having applied for asylum or obtained refugee status in Niger (38 cases), Mali (8 cases), Burkina Faso (4 cases) and Nigeria (2 cases).

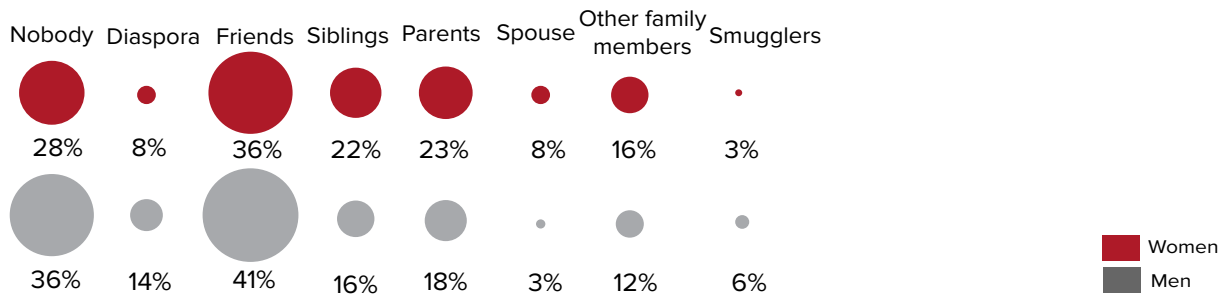
24% of those interviewed intend to apply for asylum in their country of destination.

3. Intention to apply for asylum

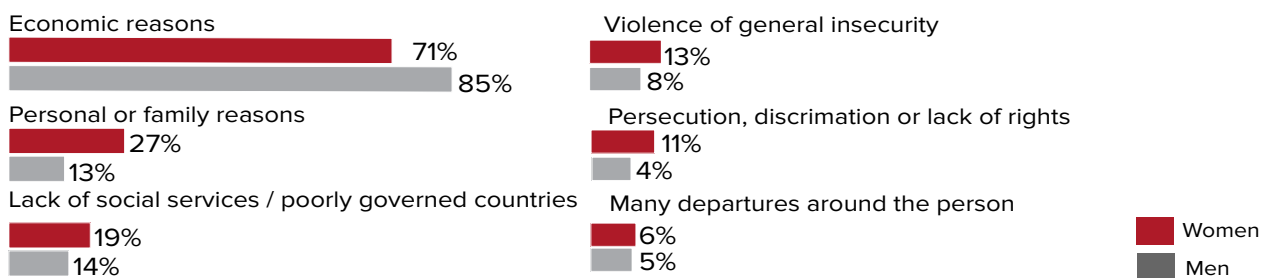


# Departure

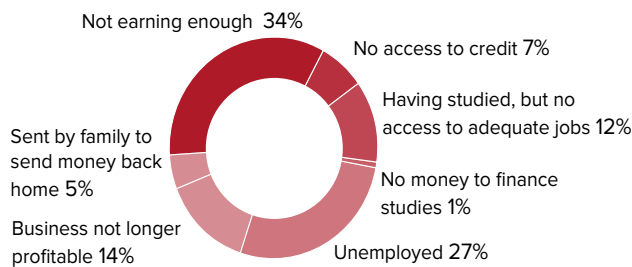
## 4. Encouragement to migrate



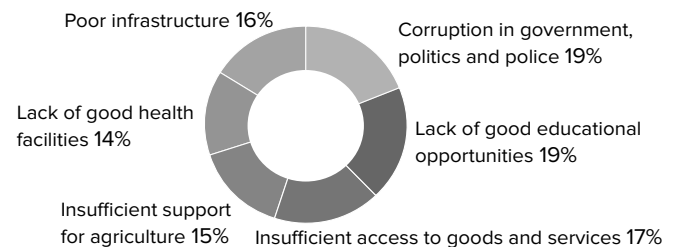
## 5. Motivations for departure



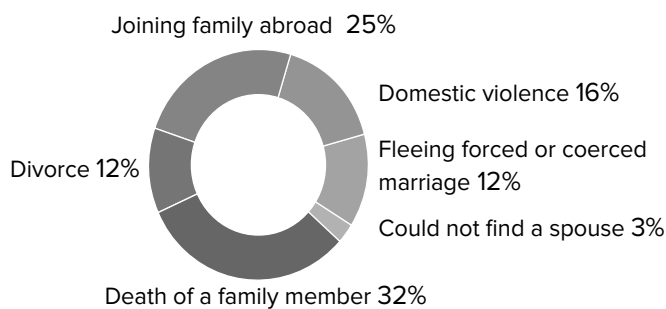
## 6. Motivations for departure if economic reasons



## 7. Motivations for departure if lack of social services or poorly governed country



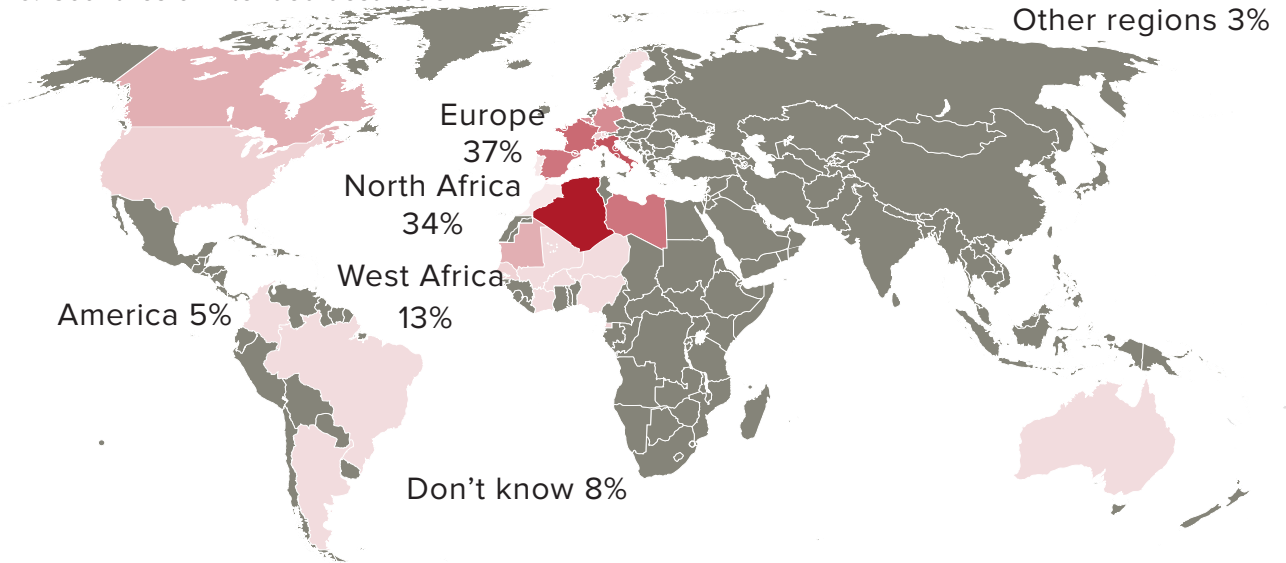
## 8. Motivations for departure if personal or family reasons



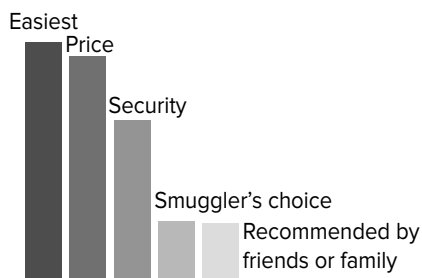
38 respondents, including 31 women and seven men indicated that they had left to flee forced or coerced marriage, in Guinea (13 cases), Burkina Faso (6 cases), Nigeria (5 cases), Cameroon (3 cases), Côte d'Ivoire (3 cases), Gambia (2 cases), Senegal (2 cases), Niger (2 cases) and Ghana (2 cases).

# Journey

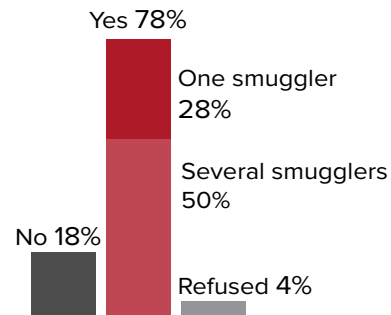
9. Countries of intended destination



10. Choice of the route



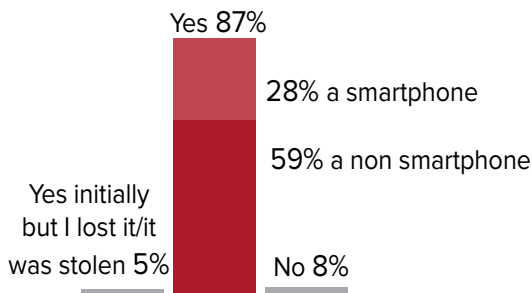
11. Use of smuggler



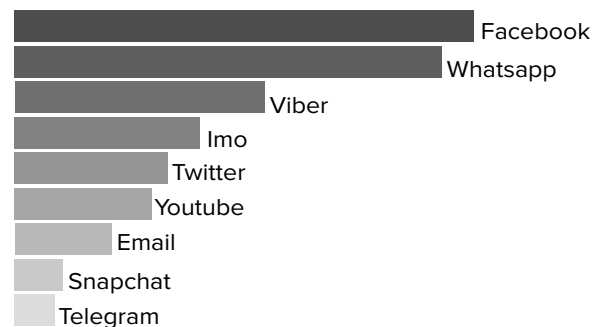
Migrants and refugees interviewed transiting through Mali and Niger reported having mainly used buses (1,217 respondents), pick ups (544 respondents) and trucks (182 respondents) as means of transport.

In order to finance their journey, respondents indicated different financial resources: 791 financed their journey through their own savings, 297 received financial support from their community in their home country, 245 received financial support from their community abroad and 210 sold assets.

12. Mobile phone

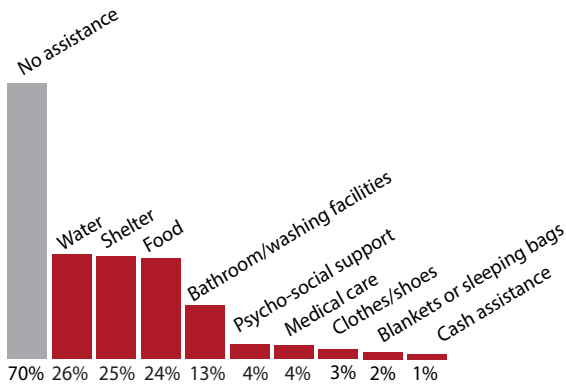


13. Social media

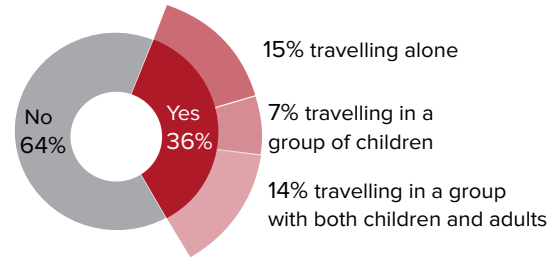


# Protection

14. Assistance during the journey

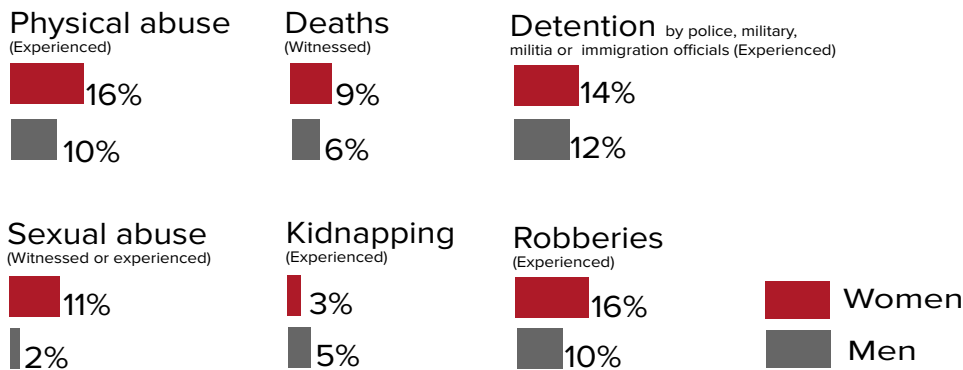


15. Children on the move (Witnessed)

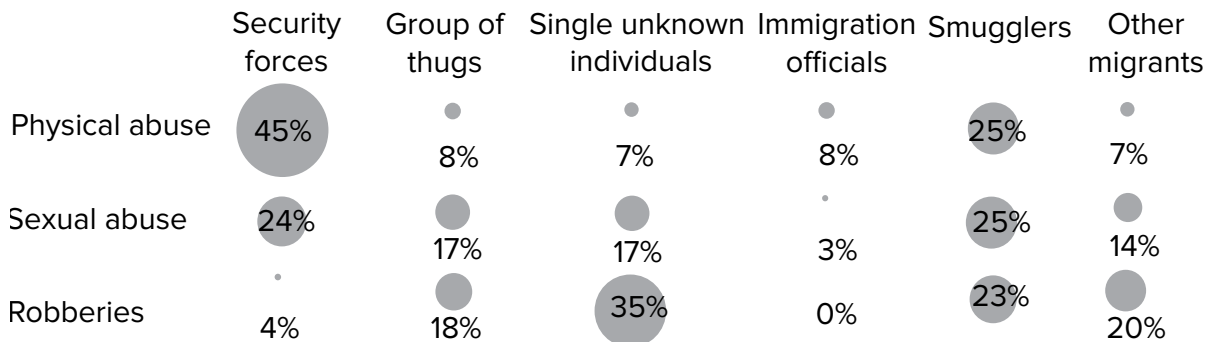


70% of migrants and refugees interviewed indicated that they did not receive assistance during their journey. Among those who indicated that they received assistance, the help was provided by smugglers (190 respondents), friends or family (94 respondents), local population (58 respondents), NGOs (38 respondents) and other migrants (20 respondents).

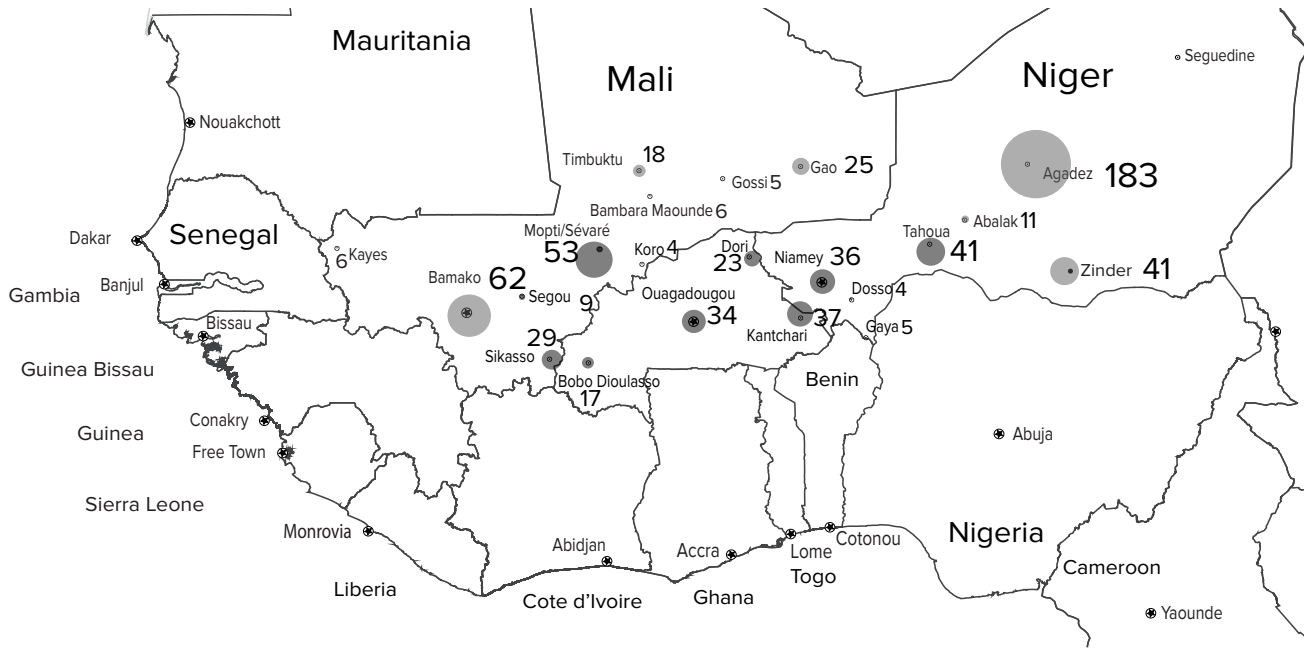
16. Protection Incidents



17. Perpetrators



18. Incidents map



This map shows the protection incidents reported in Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso by 4Mi between June and December 2017, including cases of death, physical and sexual abuse, kidnappings, detentions and robberies. In total, 649 protection incidents were reported by migrants and refugees interviewed by 4Mi, including 321 in Niger, 217 in Mali and 111 in Burkina Faso.

The Mixed Migration Monitoring Mechanism Initiative (4Mi) is an innovative low-cost approach to collection and analyzing 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 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 derive 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.

