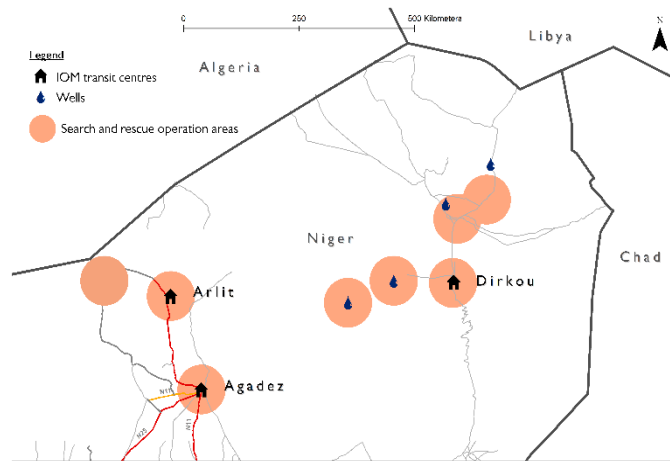


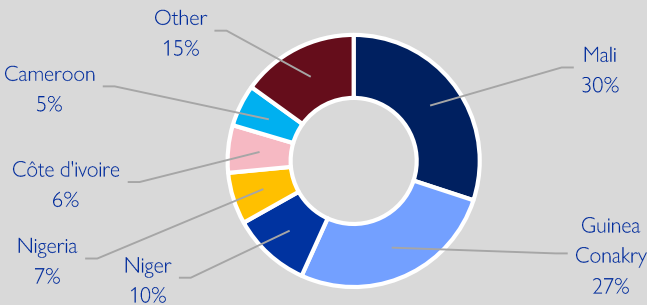
In the framework of the Migrant Resource and Response Mechanism, IOM Niger assists migrants in distress through search and rescue missions in the Agadez region. The region of Agadez covers 703, 000 km² of desert with average daily temperatures around 45°C/113°F. In this landscape migrants are moving around within Niger, trying to cross the borders or else are entering Niger from Libya or Algeria. These movements can lead to migrants being sometimes stranded or abandoned in this challenging landscape.

Since October 2016, IOM, in collaboration with the Direction Générale de la Protection Civile (DGPC), undertakes search and rescue operations to find and bring these migrants to safety at IOM Niger's three transit centers (Agadez, Arlit and Dirkou) in the Agadez region. The migrants are often mentally and physically stressed, suffering from trauma, dehydration and other wounds. As well as providing medical first aid and psychosocial support, IOM staff sensitize the migrants on the option to participate in IOM's Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) program, as an alternative to dangerous migration through the desert. This document provides a brief snapshot of the results of the rescue missions carried out in the past months.



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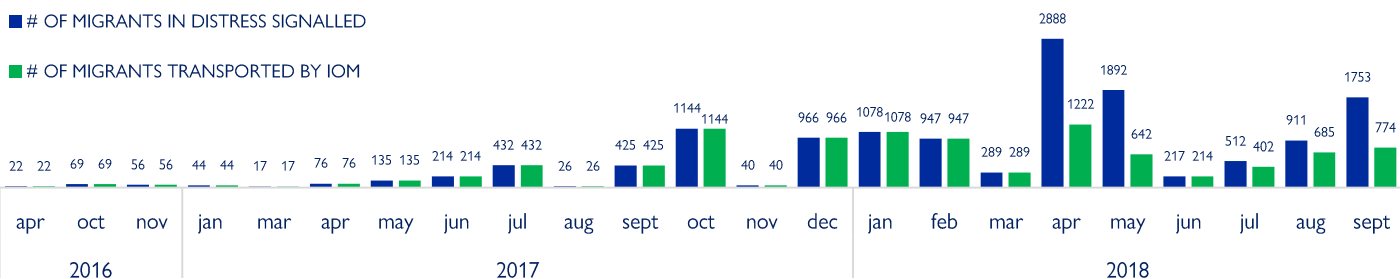
MAIN NATIONALITIES OF MIGRANTS RESCUED



MAIN NATIONALITIES RESCUED BY LOCATION

AGADEZ	ARLIT & ASSAMAKA	DIRKOU & BILMA
1. NIGERIA	1. MALI	1. NIGERIA
2. GHANA	2. GUINÉE CONAKRY	2. NIGER
3. SENEGAL	3. NIGER	3. SIERRA LÉONE
4. GAMBIA	4. CÔTE D'IVOIRE	4. GHANA

NUMBER OF MIGRANTS THAT SENT DISTRESS SIGNAL VERSUS THOSE TRANSPORTED BY IOM (APRIL 2016 – SEPTEMBER 2018)



IOM responds to every distress call received alongside the DGPC. Upon arrival, IOM stands ready to assist all migrants in distress who wish to board IOM transport. However, at times not all migrants who were signalled in the original call are transported to an IOM transit centre. Some migrants have already left the area (either on foot or through other means of transport) to go find help in another location while others, as is the case of those who came from Algeria or Libya choose to go back to those countries. Of those migrants assisted with transport, most but not all migrants choose to join IOM's AVRR program in the transit center.

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