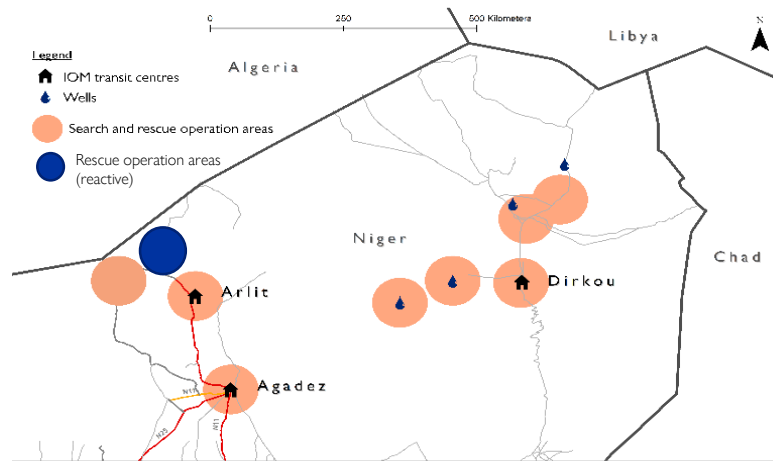


In the framework of the Migrant Resource and Response Mechanism, IOM Niger assists migrants in distress through search and rescue missions in the Agadez region. The region of Agadez covers 703,000 km² of desert with average daily temperatures around 45°C/113°F. Within this challenging landscape, migrants are moving around within Niger trying to cross the border to or from Libya or Algeria. These movements may at times lead to migrants being stranded or abandoned. Since October 2016, IOM, in collaboration with the Direction Générale de la Protection Civile (DGPC), undertakes search and rescue operations to find and bring migrants in distress to the nearest safe urban centre (Agadez, Arlit and Dirkou) in the Agadez region. Search and rescue operations are performed both pro-actively and reactively to distress calls received. The migrants are often mentally and physically stressed, suffering from trauma, dehydration and/or physical wounds. As well as providing medical first aid and psychosocial support, IOM staff sensitize the migrants on alternatives to dangerous migration through the desert including IOM's Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) program and referrals to other protection partners.



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OPERATIONS

AGADEZ	15
ARLIT	2
ASSAMAKA	82
DIRKOU & BILMA	39



21,094
MIGRANTS IN DISTRESS SIGNALLED

AGADEZ	445
ARLIT	42
ASSAMAKA	15,663
DIRKOU & BILMA	4,944



13,085
MIGRANTS RESCUED

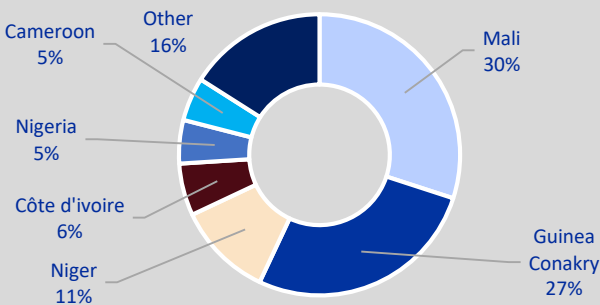
AGADEZ	448
ARLIT	42
ASSAMAKA	11,606
DIRKOU & BILMA	989



12,425
MIGRANTS WHO JOINED IOM TRANSIT CENTER

AGADEZ	91%	406
ARLIT	95%	11,061
DIRKOU	91%	958

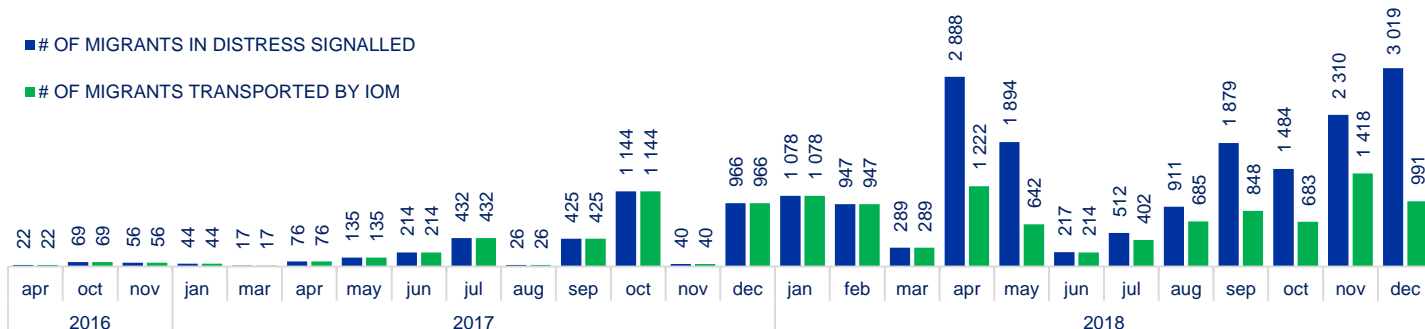
MAIN NATIONALITIES OF MIGRANTS RESCUED



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. BURKINA FASO	4. CÔTE D'IVOIRE	4. GHANA

NUMBER OF MIGRANTS THAT SENT DISTRESS SIGNAL VERSUS THOSE TRANSPORTED BY IOM (APRIL 2016 – DECEMBER 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, for various reasons, at times not all migrants who signalled in distress in the original call are transported to the nearest safe urban centre. 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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