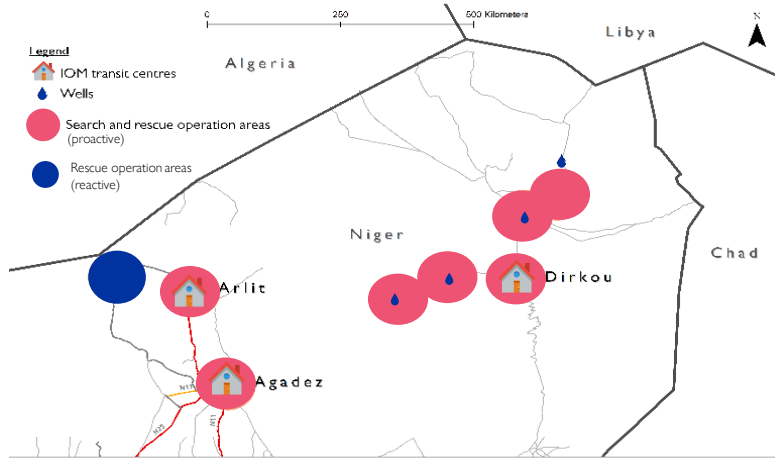


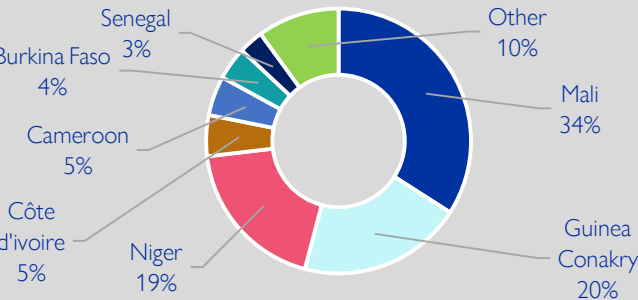
In the framework of the Migrant Resource and Response Mechanism, IOM Niger assists migrants in distress through search and rescue missions in the Agadez region. The region of Agadez covers 703,000 km² of desert with average daily temperatures around 45°C/113°F. Within this challenging landscape, migrants 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 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.



MAIN RESULTS OBTAINED IN 2019

OPERATIONS	20		MIGRANTS IN DISTRESS SIGNALLED	2,833		MIGRANTS RESCUED	2,473		MIGRANTS WHO JOINED IOM TRANSIT CENTER	2,439	
	PROACTIVE	REACTIVE			PROACTIVE		REACTIVE				
AGADEZ	03	00	AGADEZ	24	AGADEZ	24	00	AGADEZ	24	100%	
ARLIT	00	00	ARLIT	00	ARLIT	00	00	ARLIT	2,407	99%	
ASSAMAKA	00	14	ASSAMAKA	2,796	ASSAMAKA	00	2,440	DIRKOU	08	89%	
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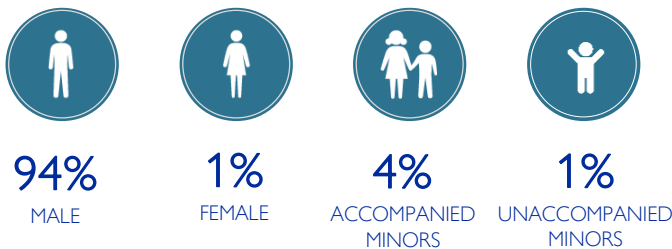
MAIN NATIONALITIES OF MIGRANTS RESCUED IN 2019



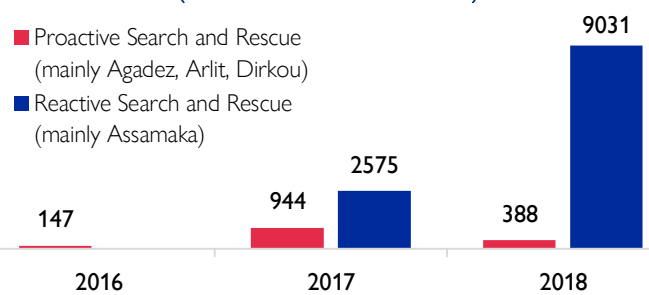
MAIN NATIONALITIES RESCUED BY LOCATION IN 2019

AGADEZ	ARLIT & ASSAMAKA	DIRKOU & BILMA
1. NIGER	1. MALI	1. NIGER
	2. GUINEA CONAKRY	
	3. NIGER	
	4. CÔTE D'IVOIRE	

DISTRIBUTION OF MIGRANTS RESCUED BY GENDER & VULNERABILITY IN 2019



NUMBER OF MIGRANTS RESCUED BY TYPE OF OPERATION (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 signaled 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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