

# Migration and Human Trafficking Challenges on Global Border Management



## **Niger delegation**

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# Agadez Region



## Desert Border Management Challenges



# Summary

1. Overview of Agadez Region

2. Community engagement in border management

3. Search and Rescue and Assisted Voluntary return activities (IOM)

4. Mobile Border Post / Police Unit (truck)



# 1. Overview of Agadez Region



# AGADEV, NŒUD DE LA MIGRATION TRANSSAHARIENNE

6 FLOW MONITORING: Migrants transiting Niger

OUTGOING

INCOMING



106,766

88,601



69,430

98,306



333,891

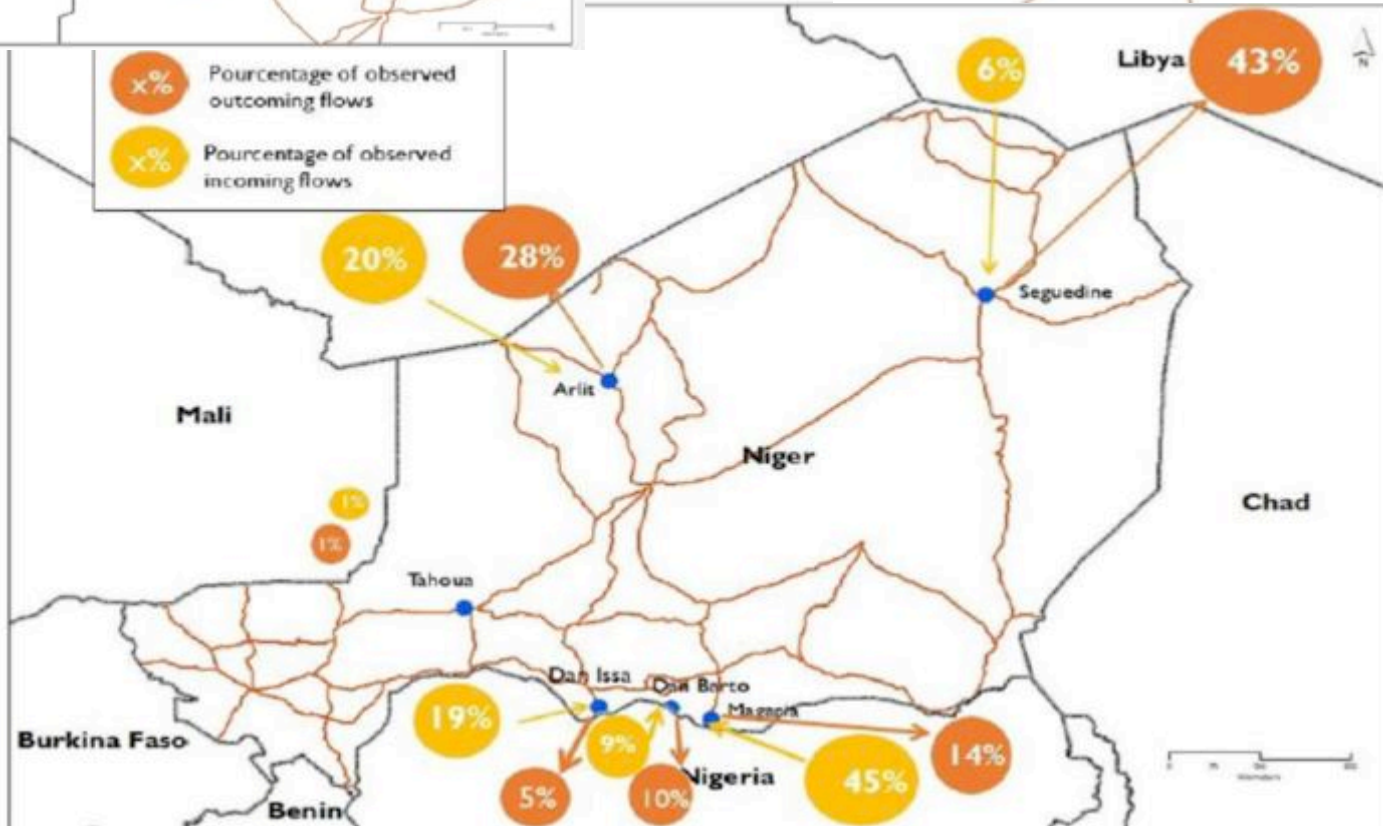
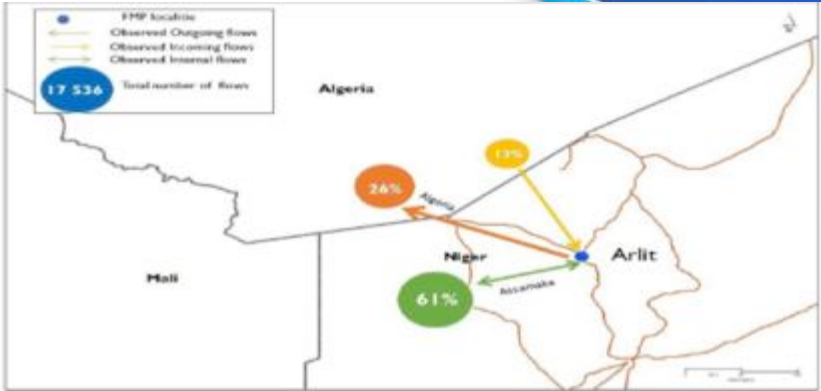
111,230



- 80% des migrants africains ne quittent jamais le continent ;
- Seulement 20% des migrants Africains quittent effectivement le continent selon l'Union Africaine ;
- Dans ces 20%, la plupart des migrants subsahariens tentent un périlleux voyage vers le Nord en passant par le Niger selon 2 routes ;
- Agadez est le nœud de la migration internationale, au Niger ;



# PRINCIPAUX POINTS DE PASSAGE





# UN CONTEXTE NOUVEAU



- Agadez représente 52,7% de la superficie du Niger ;
- Subdivisée en 4 départements (Arlit, Tchirozérine, Ingall, Bilma)
- Région la moins densément peuplée du Niger (moins de 1 personne au km<sup>2</sup> soit moins de 4% de la population du Niger) ;
- Région minière riche en matériaux précieux – température moyenne 45°C;
- Entre le Massif de l’Air 70000 km<sup>2</sup> et le désert du Ténéré 400000 km<sup>2</sup> ;

- L’Etat du Niger a adopté en 2016 une loi pénalisant la traite de personnes. C’est la loi N° 2015-36 du 26 mai 2015 sur le trafic illicite des migrants, qui sanctionne également les transporteurs et passeurs de migrants vers le Nord ;
- Impact non négligeable sur l’économie de la Région et acceptation difficile ;
- Recours à des routes alternatives encore plus dangereuses ;

A person is seen from behind, wearing a blue t-shirt with a yellow logo on the back. They are standing in a field with other people in the background. The text is overlaid on this image.

## 2. Community engagement in border management





# Programmatic approach



## Engaging border communities in border management

- Field assessment on security perception
- Prevention committees creation for border communities
- Sensitization on communities/authorities cooperation
- Communication and mobility tools



## Enhancing State capacities on border crisis response

- Border crisis simulation exercise
- National contingency plan for crisis response at borders
- Trainings on humanitarian border management
- Sensitization on communities/authorities cooperation



I. Engaging rural communities in border management

II. Building capacity of Nigerien authorities in humanitarian border management

III. Enhancing crisis response and preparedness



# Border rural communities engagement



## Community engagement on border management mechanism

- 2 field assessments on communities perception towards border security in Agadez and Tillabéri Regions ;
- 2 mass sensitization campaigns in Agadez (16,000 pers) and Tillabéri (27,000 pers)
- Prevention committees establishment in both Agadez (59) and Tillabéri (48) regions together with hotlines (pre-paid phones and solar chargers - **still active beyond the end of the project with a focus on sustainability**)
- Committees focal points invested in regulars coordination forum / good practices workshops



### And more :

- Development and implementation of Municipal Action Plans developed by Mayors, aiming at improving relationships between security and defense forces and populations living in remote areas : caravans, civil-military activities, sport and cultural events, community forums, etc



# Phase II : Border rural communities engagement

## THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY PREVENTION COMMITTEES :



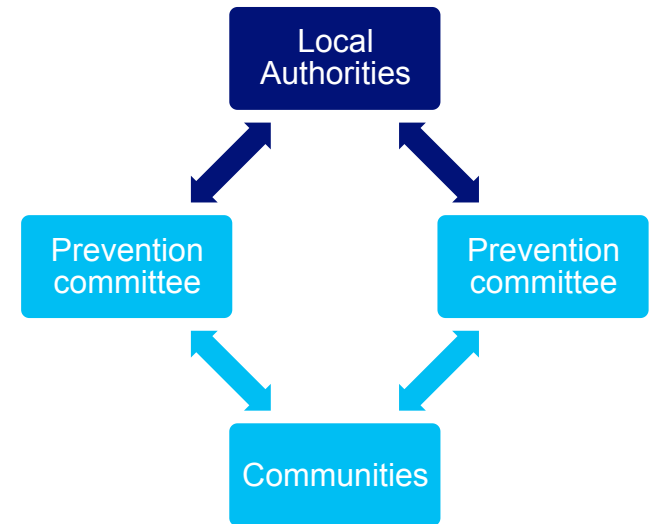
### Toward communities

- Listen
- Sensitize
- Share information



### Toward authorities

- Inform
- Dialog
- Analyse



**Community engagement does not mean self-defense / Prevention committees are not militias**



# Results / success stories

Populations of approximately 78,000 people in Tillaberi and 23,000 people in Agadez live in the villages covered by CPCs. The CPCs have noted some important successes :

- **Arrest of cattle thieves** and key information about **movements of armed groups** in Agadez Region ;
- **Firearms seized by the police** (Agadez Region) ;
- **Human trafficking networks identified** in Agadez Region, for instance by the Committee of Zongo (Arlit Department) : two adults were arrested on their way to Algeria and five children have been cared for by the social services and sent back to their parents ;
- Numerous **arrests of criminals** (car robbery in Ingall, killer and rapist arrested)



A person wearing a blue t-shirt with a logo on the back, holding a radio to their ear, stands in a field. The background is a bright, hazy outdoor setting. The text '3. Search and Rescue and AVRR programs' is overlaid in a white box with a blue border.

# 3. Search and Rescue and AVRR programs



# IOM SAR operations in Northeast Niger



- **SAR project** funded by the Dutch Government
- **IOM truck** and light vehicles, Ambulance and light vehicle provided by IOM ;
- Partnership with **Nigerien Civil Protection and Dirkou Army base (MOU signed in March 2017)** ;

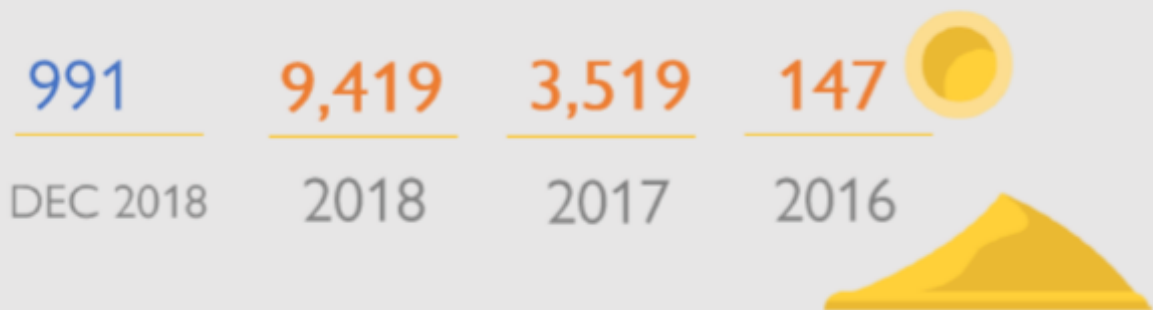
1. The alert can come from a variety of sources: migrants, local authorities, the Red Cross, civil society, an individual citizen, etc
2. Verify the information and the eligibility of the request
3. Coordination with the Civil Protection and agree on mission details (itinerary, resources and personnel deployed, security).
4. Mobilization of resources and the field team
5. Deployment of the SAR mission
6. Coordination with the team at the transit centre and transmission of basic information to facilitate assistance upon arrival.
7. Return to the nearest transit centre, process migrants rescued and refer to medical assistance,



# SAR operations in 2018

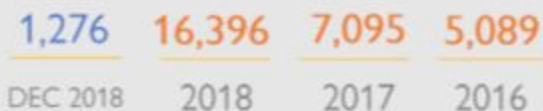
## SEARCH AND RESCUE AND ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN

### 1 SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS



### 4 MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

From Niger to Countries of Origin



#### MIGRANTS REINTEGRATED IN 2018



### 1 SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS

# this month | # in 2018

Since October 2016, IOM assists migrants in distress through search and rescue missions in the Agadez region.



MAIN NATIONALITIES: 34% MALI | 29% GUINEA-CONAKRY | 7% NIGER | 30% OTHER





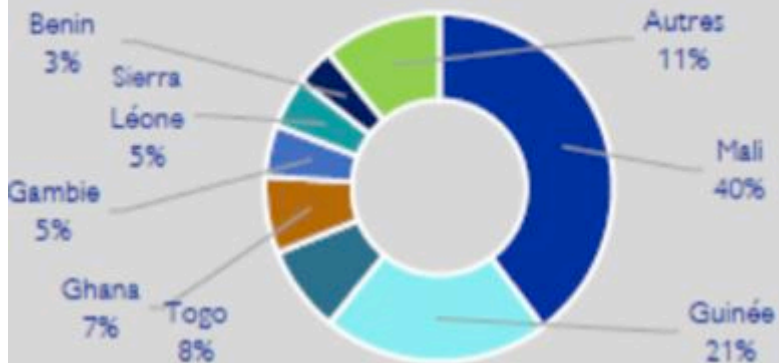
# SAR operations in 2019

## SEARCH AND RESCUE

### PRINCIPAUX RESULTATS OBTENUS EN 2019

10 OPERATIONS		1,266 MIGRANTS EN DETRESSE SIGNALES		1,145 MIGRANTS SAUVÉS		1,120 MIGRANTS AYANT INTEGRE LES CT				
	PROACTIVE	REACTIVE			PROACTIVE	REACTIVE				
AGADEZ	02	00	AGADEZ	04	AGADEZ	04	AGADEZ	04	100%	
ARLIT	00	00	ARLIT	00	ARLIT	00	ARLIT	1,108	98%	
ASSAMAKA	00	06	ASSAMAKA	1,262	ASSAMAKA	00	1,132			
DIRKOU	02	00	DIRKOU	00	DIRKOU	09	00	DIRKOU	08	89%

### PRINCIPALES NATIONALITES DES MIGRANTS SAUVES EN 2019



### PRINCIPALES NATIONALITÉS SAUVÉES PAR LOCALITE EN 2019

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





# 4. Innovative solutions - mobile border post

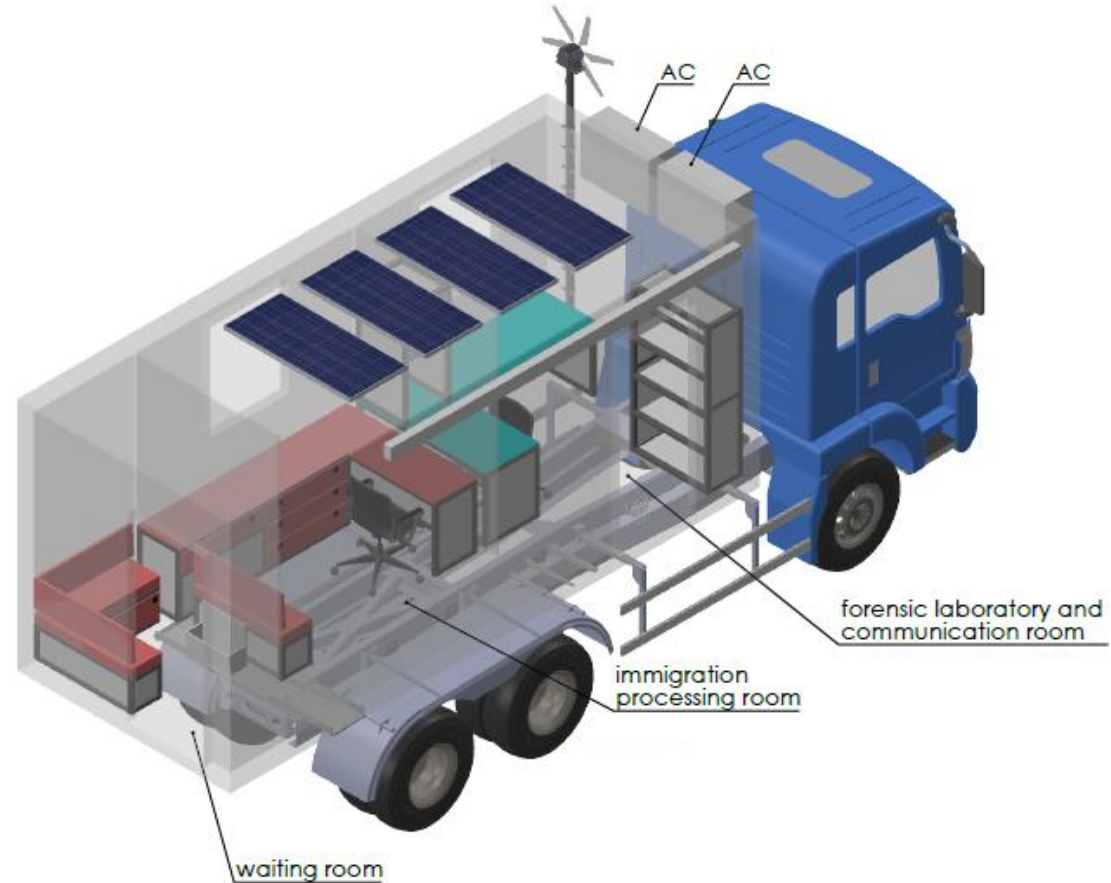


# Mobile Border Post (MBP)

Invented and designed by IOM (under Canadian funds)

## Main features

- Kamaz truck – 6x4
- Office container 20 ft
- 2 desks & IT equipment
- AC & Fans
- Rolling tent outside
- Water tank
- Rotative solar panels
- Wind turbine
- Generator
- MIDAS Equipment included
- Ku Band VSAT Antenna (optional)





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## Added value

- Adapted to desertic borders
- Mobile solution for immigration management
- Autonomous solution for temporary deployment (5-8 days)
- Environment friendly hybrid energy solution
- Possible extension to Mobile
- Border Unit (MBU) with 1 pick up car and 2 motorbikes
  
- Approximative cost: 100,000 euros
- Production: 3 months
  
- More info: [bamieux@iom.int](mailto:bamieux@iom.int)



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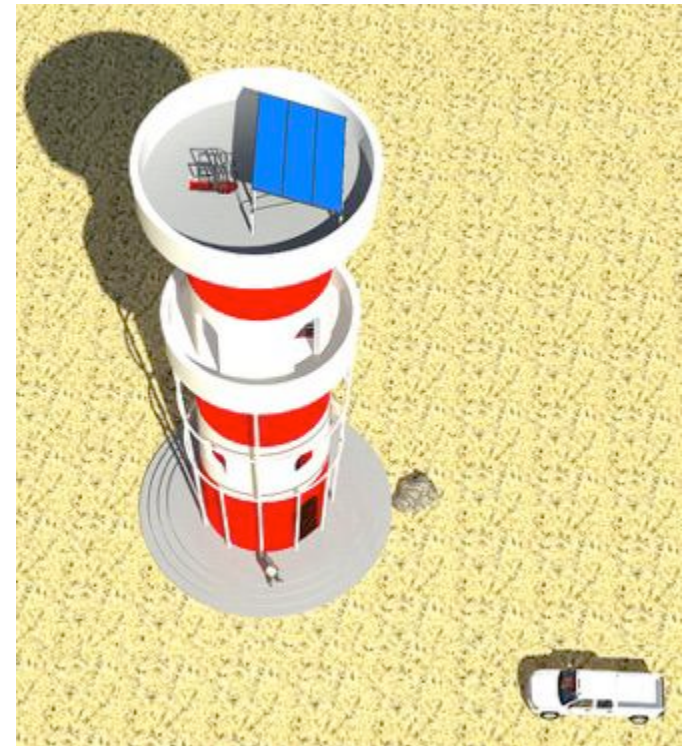
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## And more...

- Border post construction (Assamaka under Italian funds) ;
- MIDAS equipment under Italian funds ;
- Health facilities rehabilitation and WASH infrastructure building in Assamaka and Seguedine (Swedish funds) ;
- Dotation of 2 4x4 ambulances ;
- Desert lighthouse (not funded yet)





**Thank you for your attention**

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