

# 4Mi Update West Africa

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Covering data collected by 4Mi in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger in May 2019. Please visit our [website](#) or sign up to the mailing list [here](#).

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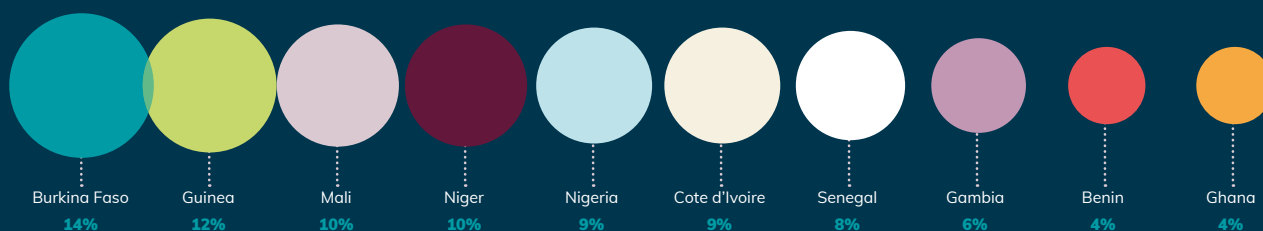
## Overview

In May 2019, the Mixed Migration Monitoring Mechanism Initiative (4Mi) conducted 541 in-depth interviews with refugees and migrants in West Africa. 160 people were interviewed in Burkina Faso (in Bobo Dioulasso, Dori and Kantchari) and in Niger (in Agadez, Diffa, Niamey and Tillabery), 221 in Mali (in Ber, Gao, Kayes, Mopti and Timbuktu).

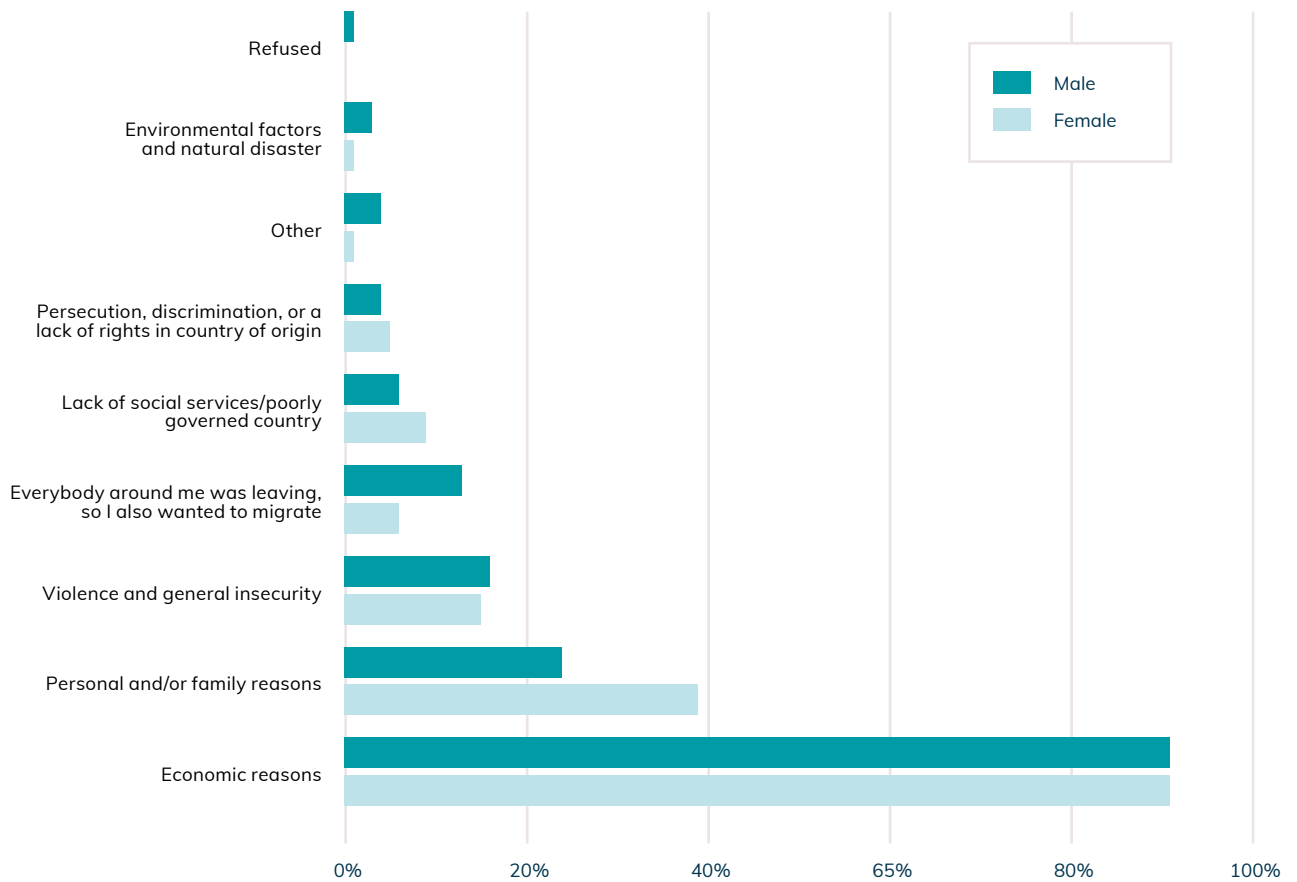
## Profiles

30% of respondents (160) were women vs. 70% (381) men. The average age of respondents was 30 years. The main countries of origin are Burkina Faso (14%), Guinea (12%), Mali and Niger (10%), Nigeria (9%). As is consistently the case, the majority of respondents (91%) cite economic reasons as their main motivation for departure, followed by personal and family reasons (28%) and violence and general insecurity (16%). Gender disaggregated data does not reveal a difference between men and women when it comes to citing economic reasons for departure – a slight deviation from the general trend. Family reasons, as is typically the case, are cited more by women as a reason for departure (39% women vs. 24% men).

## Nationalities of refugees and migrants interviewed May 2019



## Reasons for departure



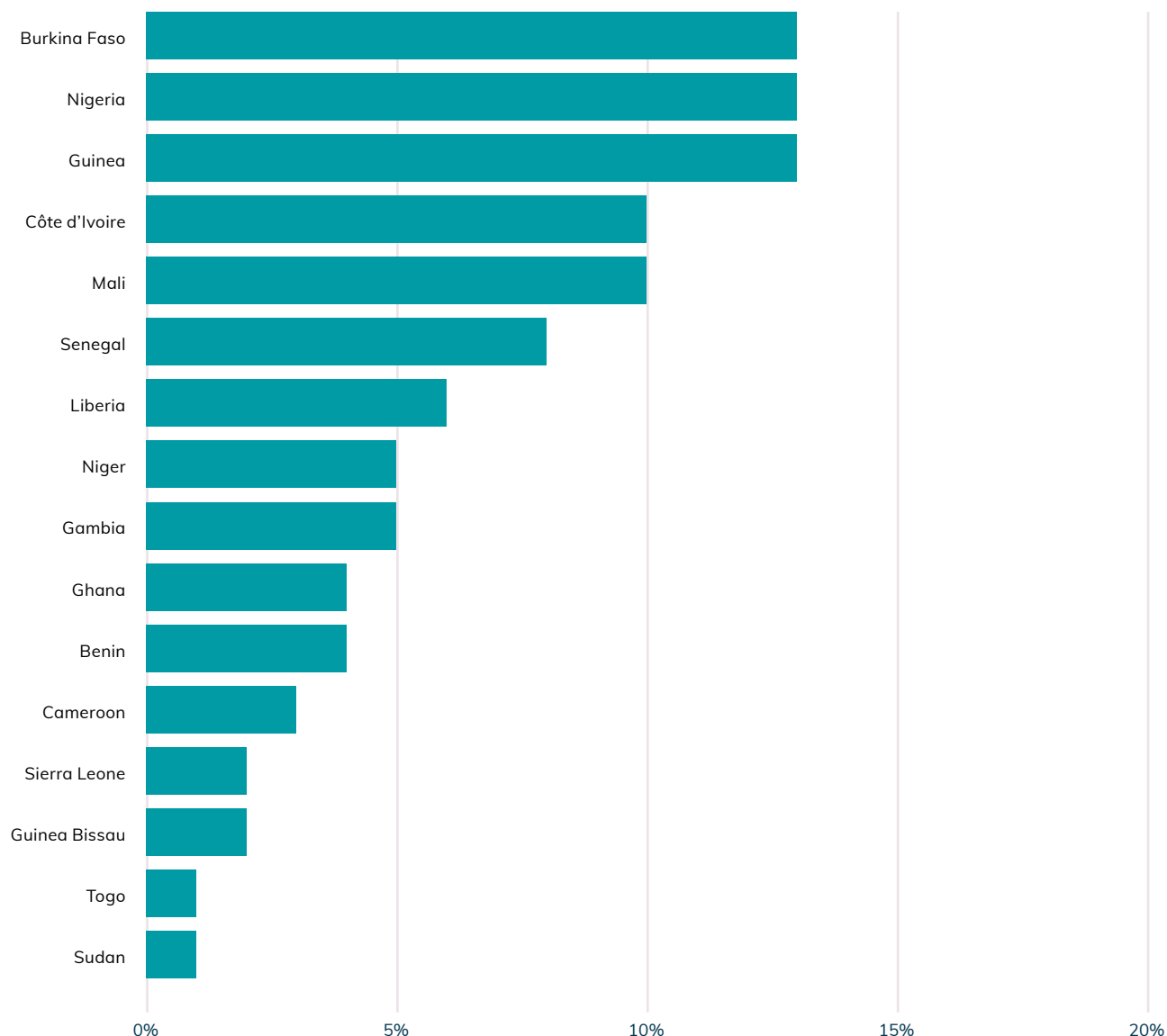
## Asylum

Among the respondents, 42% had the intention to apply for asylum in their country of destination. Five people (from Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Guinea and Senegal) responded that they had already applied for asylum. Nationalities with the highest intention of applying for asylum were Burkina Faso, Nigeria and Guinea (13%), Côte d'Ivoire and Mali (10%), Senegal (8%).

## Intention to apply for asylum in destination country



## Nationality of those with the intention to apply for asylum



The Mixed Migration Monitoring Mechanism Initiative (4Mi) is an innovative approach for the collection and analysis of 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 mixed migratory movements and the protection risks for refugees and migrants 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 refugees and migrants on the move. Sample sizes are clearly indicated and represent a limited section of those on the move. All findings derived from the surveyed sample of migrants/refugees should not be used to make any inferences about the total population.

