



IOM PEACEFUL TRANSHUMANCE PROGRAMME IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

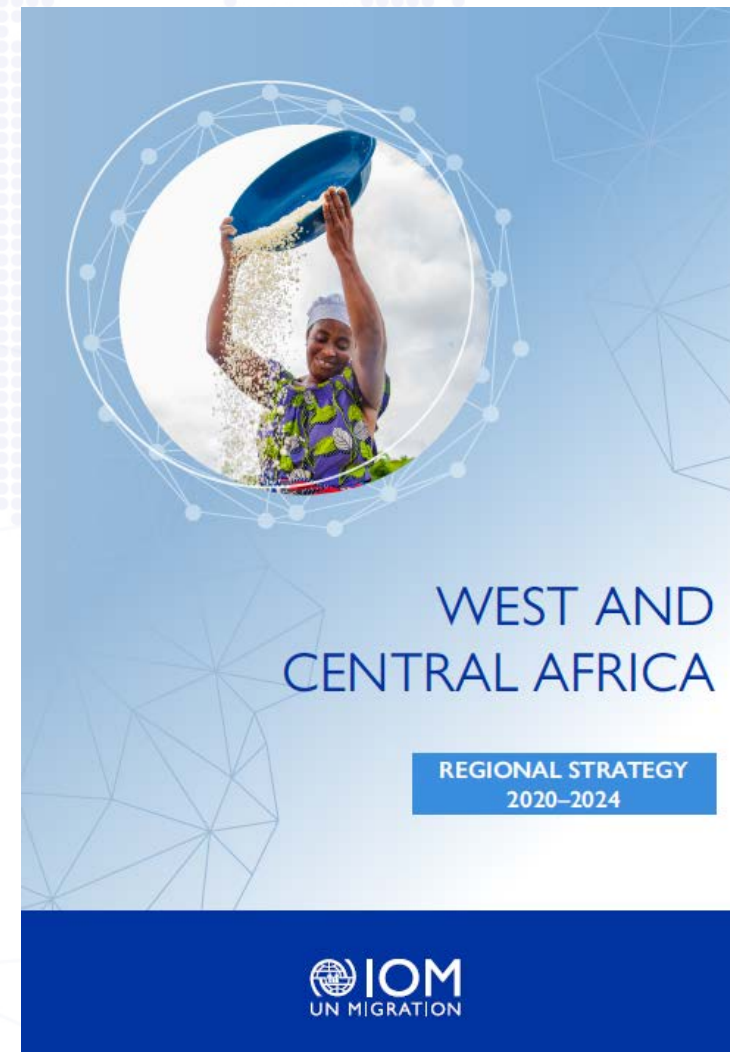
OBJECTIVES

- 1) Presentation of the WCA IOM vision
- 2) Showcase IOM's programmes to promote peaceful transhumance in West and Central Africa
- 3) Raise awareness on the effect of climate change to transhumance practice and mobility in the region
- 4) Explore **partnerships** to scale up successful models & secure sustainable funding.

REGIONAL STRATEGY 2020-2024

The IOM Regional Office for West and Central Africa has a Regional Strategy for the 2020-2024 period based on three pillars that are mutually reinforcing and indicative of the Organization's ambition to be the driving force in the global conversation on migration: [resilience](#), [mobility](#) and [governance](#).

The Strategy is in line with **IOM Strategic Vision 2019-2023** and **IOM Continental Strategy for Africa 2020-2024**, as well as the commitment of IOM to assist Member States in implementing intergovernmental commitments, such as the Global Compact for Migration, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the UN Secretary Agenda for Displacement.



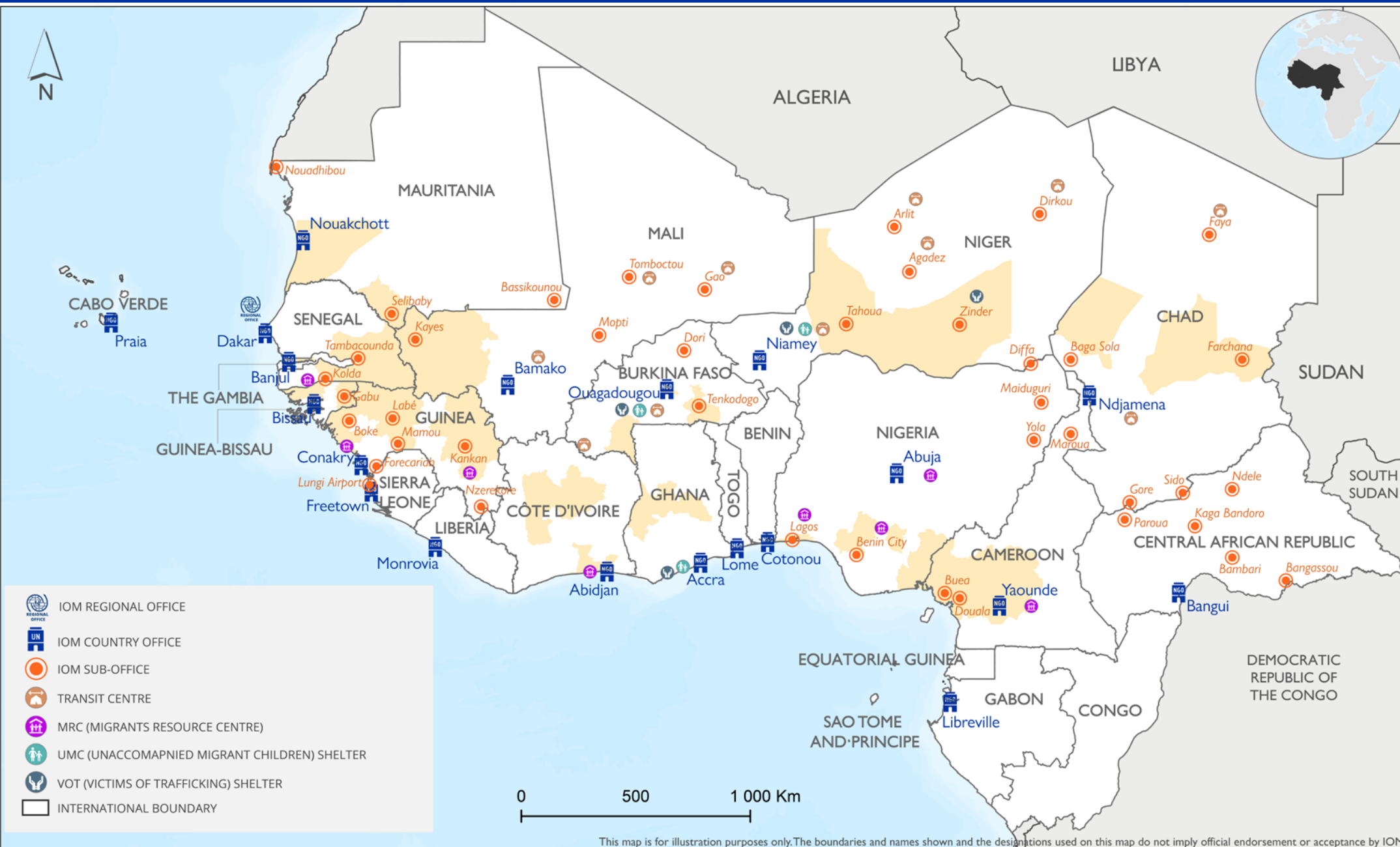
REGIONAL OFFICE THEMATIC AREAS AND UNITS

The Regional Office for West and Central Africa is composed by the following units and thematic areas, which respond to the pressing migratory challenges in the region:

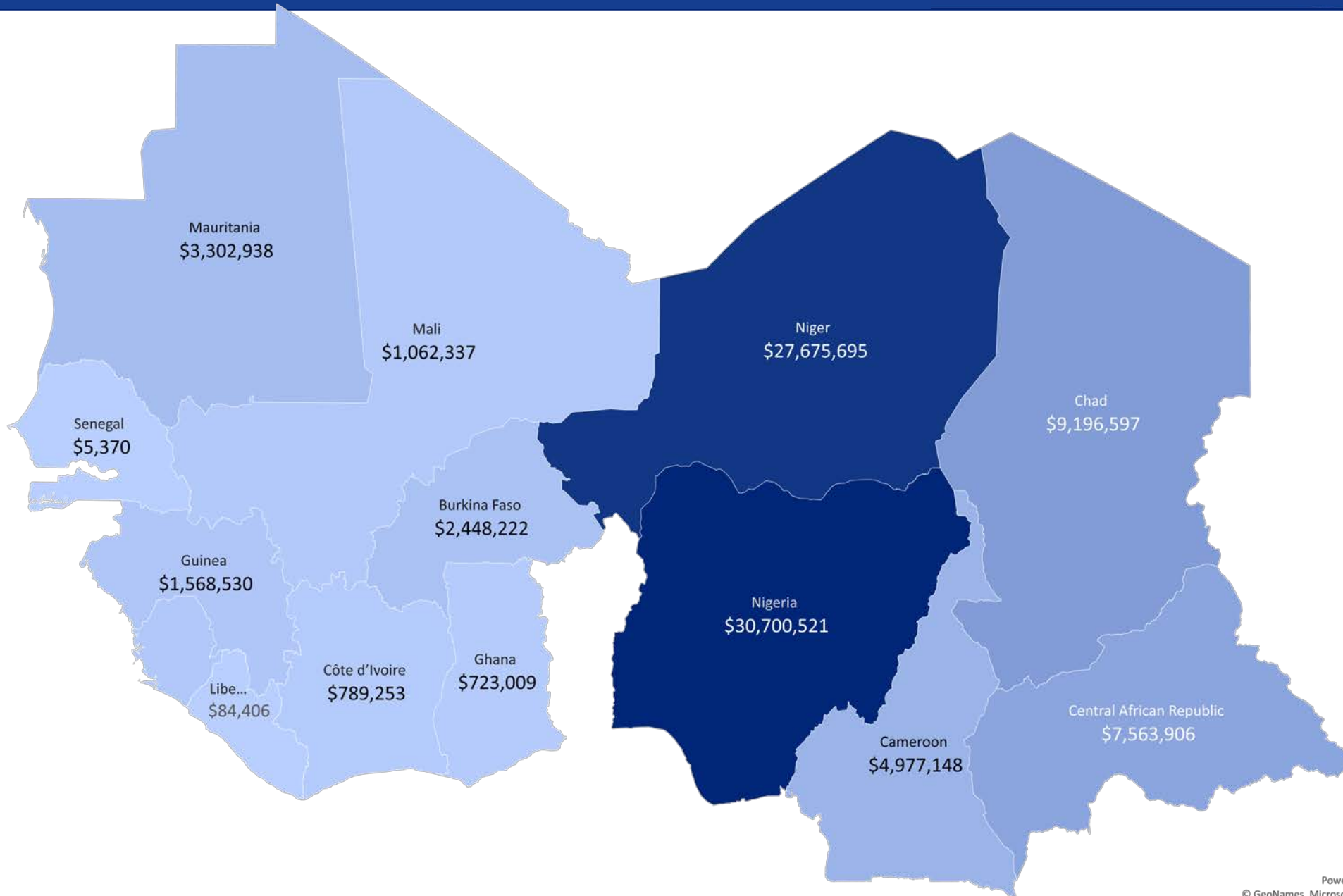


1. Policy
2. Preparedness and Emergency Response
3. Transition and Recovery
4. Migration and Health
5. Labour Mobility and Social Inclusion
6. Migration Environment and Climate Change
7. Migrant Protection and Assistance
8. Immigration and Border Management
9. Awareness Raising Unit
10. Research and Publications

IOM presence in WCA



23
countries
21
country offices
46
Sub offices



- 110 Emergency and Post-Crisis programs in 19 countries with a budget of \$101.7 Million in 2022



TRANSHUMANCE TRACKING TOOL

Background

Some regions of West and Central Africa (WCA) are faced with several layers of vulnerability resulting from:

- weak state presence and capacity
- limited access to basic services
- struggling economies
- slow-onset and rapid impacts of climate change
- exponential demographic growth, rising urbanization
- general insecurity due to the presence of communal conflicts and the expansion of Non-State Armed Groups (NSAGs).

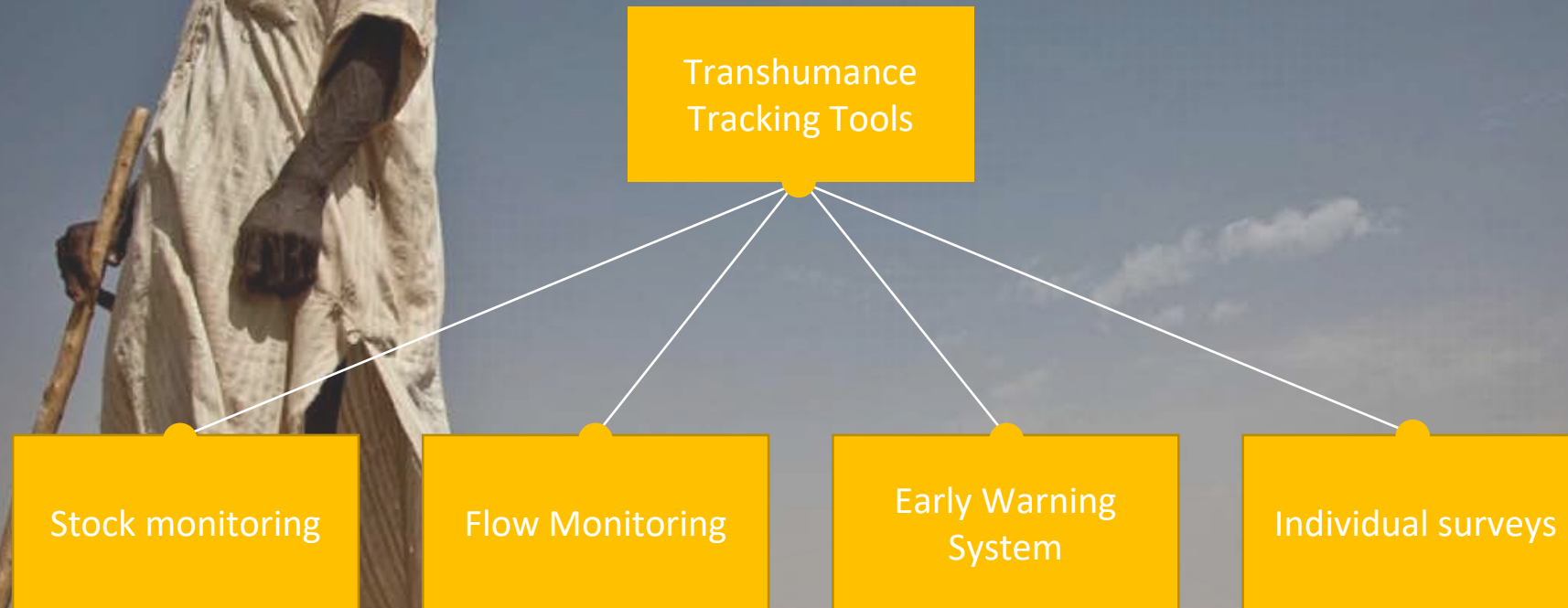
In this context, weak governance systems and growing insecurity leave local populations to compete for dwindling natural resources, thereby placing further strain on social cohesion and undermining peaceful coexistence within and between communities. This is especially the case with respect to transhumance.

Transhumance in WCA

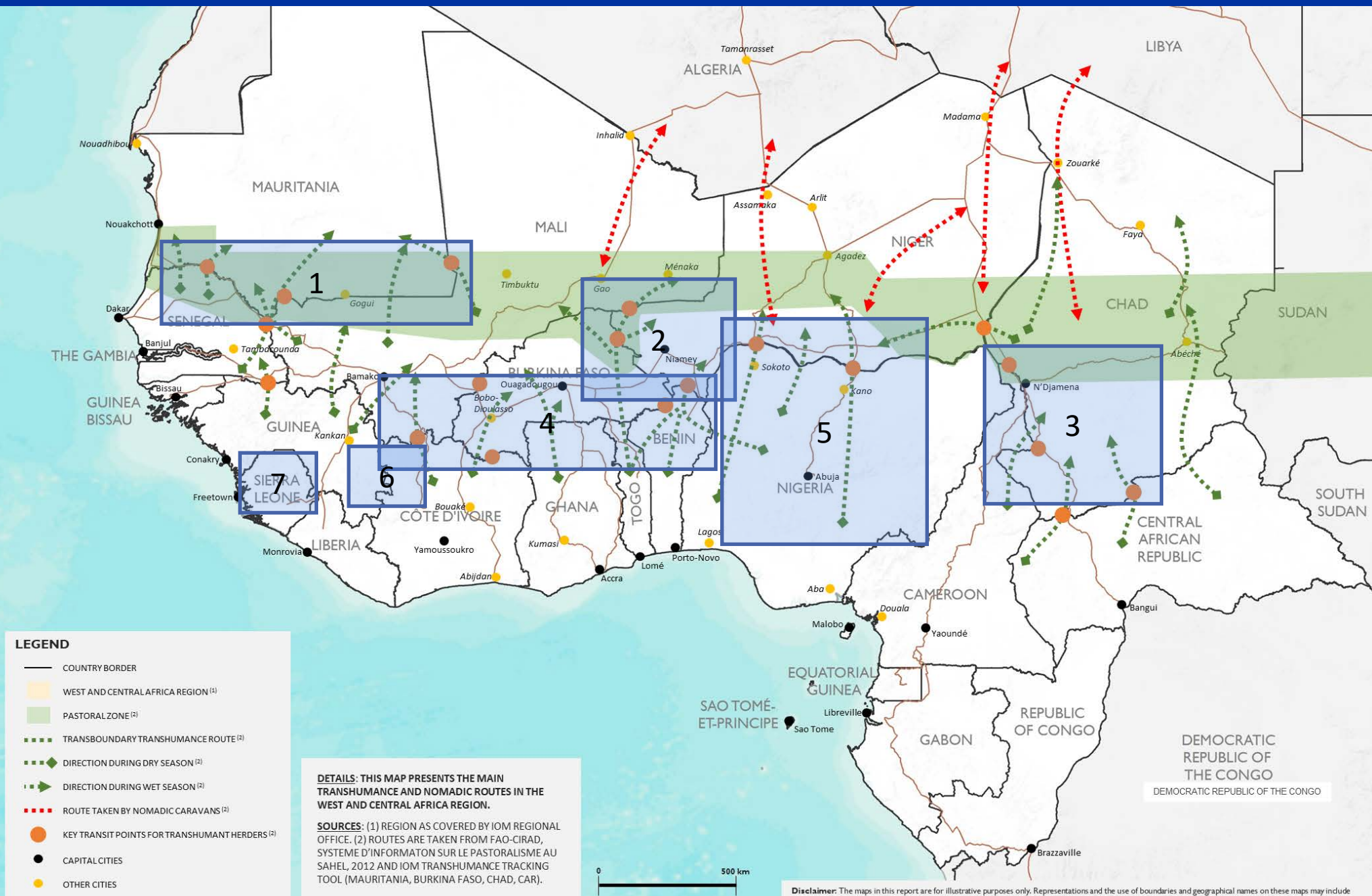
- Cross-border transhumance is a longstanding traditional pastoral practice
- In the Sahel and coastal countries of West Africa, a region characterized by long dry seasons, livestock mobility is an important livelihoods adaptation to increase resilience to climatic and economic vulnerabilities and risks.
- Transhumance is a highly productive economic activity upon which both mobile and sedentary communities depend for food and income.
- Transhumance also serves as an important driver for regional integration and the strengthening of inter-community ties.
- Climate change and environmental stresses have shifted migratory routes and seasonal migrations, increasing tensions between farmer and herder communities, often linked to mounting competition for scarce natural resources
- There is a clear need for more inclusive and effective governance of shared resources to help maintain and restore social cohesion

TRANSHUMANCE TRACKING TOOL - METHODOLOGY

Transhumance Tracking Tool (TTT) combines tools including Flow Monitoring, early warning systems, and surveys. Through these activities, IOM is working with a region-wide network of partners, the regional pastoralist organization **Reseau Billital Maroobe (RBM)**, which represents 750,000 herders in 12 countries in West and Central Africa.



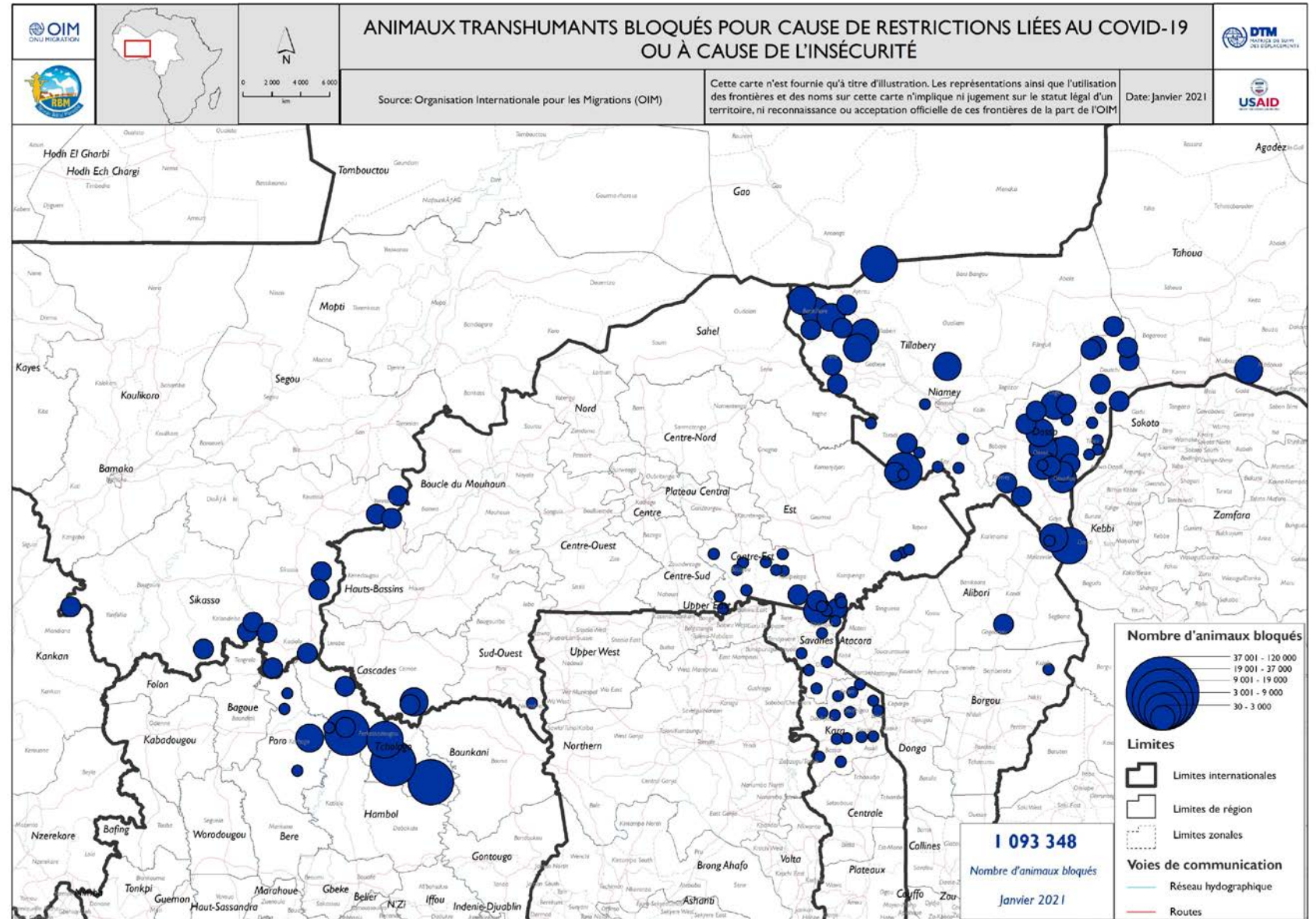
TRANSHUMANCE TRACKING TOOL - OPERATIONS (2020-2022)



TRANSHUMANCE TRACKING TOOL - STOCK MONITORING

HERDERS & CATTLES
STRANDED ACROSS THE
SAHEL DUE TO SECURITY
REASONS (OR COVID
BORDER CLOSURE) IN 2020

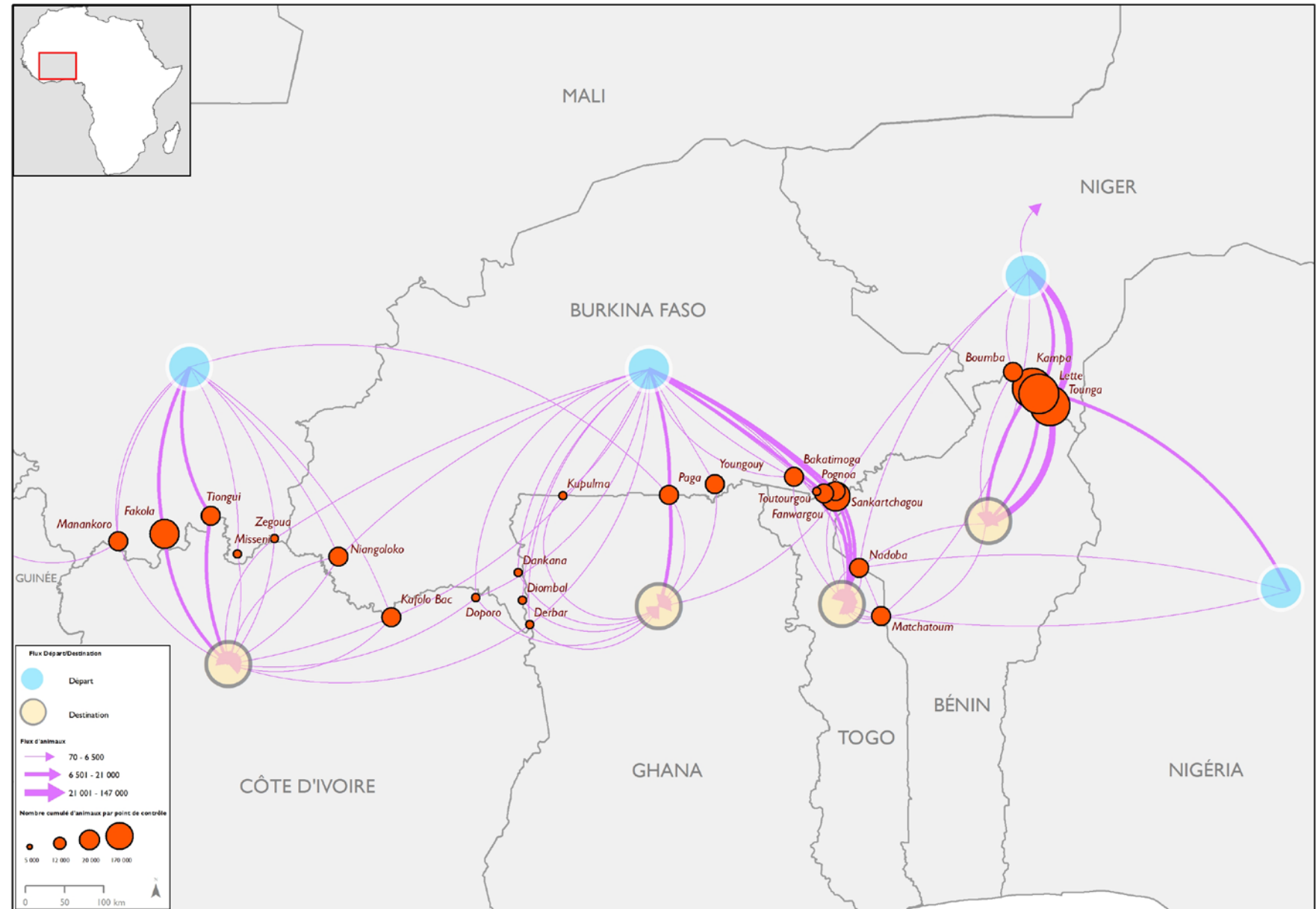
TOTAL OF 57,000 herders
and 1,093,000 animals
stranded



TRANSHUMANCE TRACKING TOOL - FLOW MONITORING

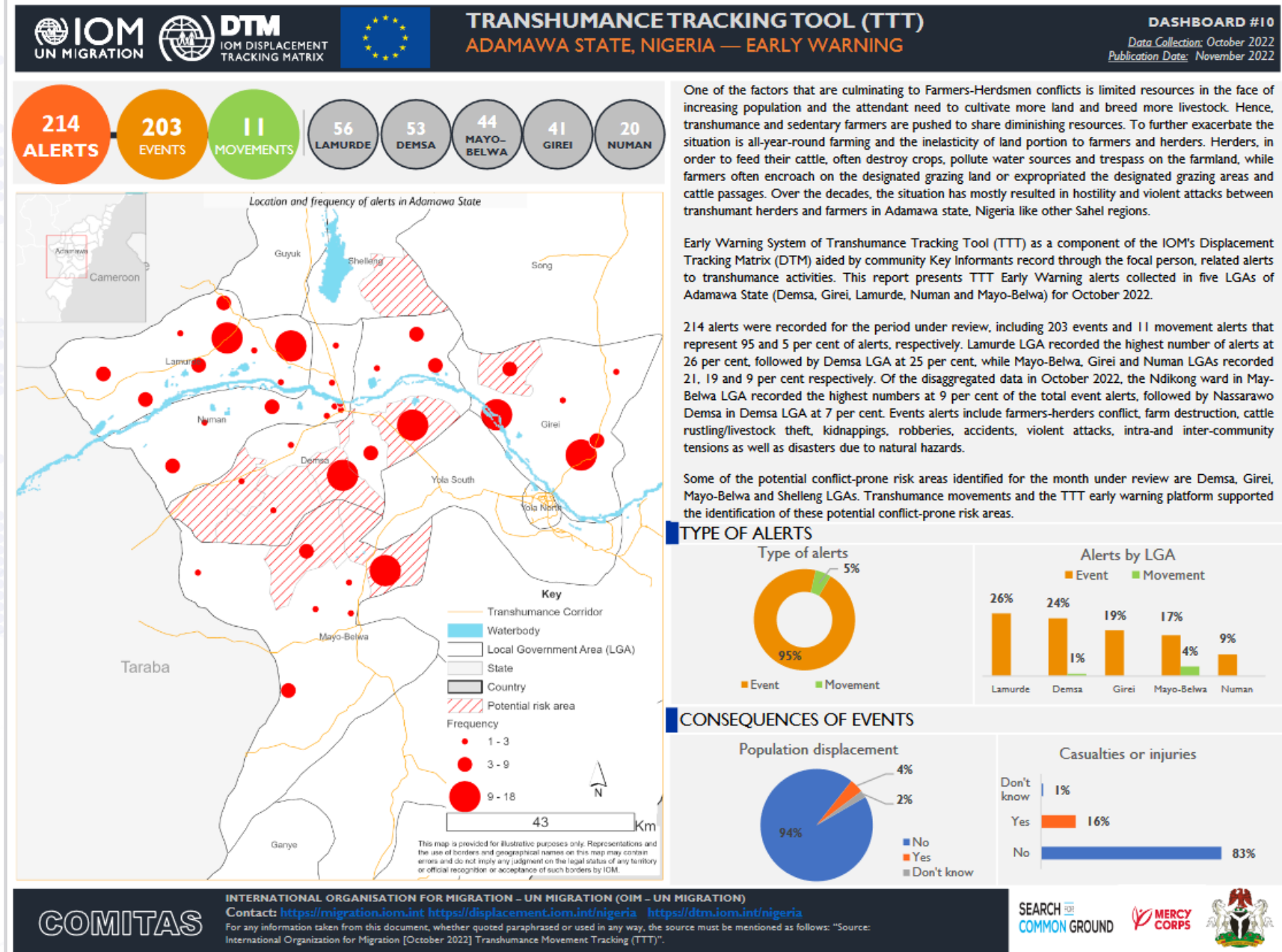
HERDERS &
LIVESTOCK STRANDED
CROSSING BORDER DURING
THE TRANSHUMANCE
SEASON (2021)

TOTAL OF 18,849 herders and
966,179 animals counted
during this flow monitoring
exercise



TRANSHUMANCE TRACKING TOOL – EARLY WARNING

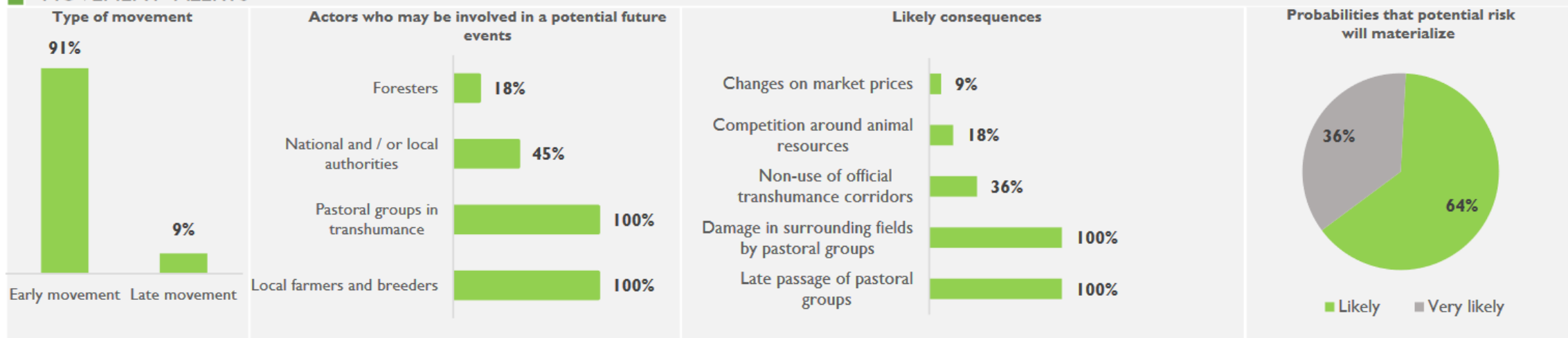
IN 2020-2022 IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA, MORE THAN 6,000 ALERTS WERE SENT THROUGH THE TTT EARLY WARNING TOOLS IN THESE 10 COUNTRIES.



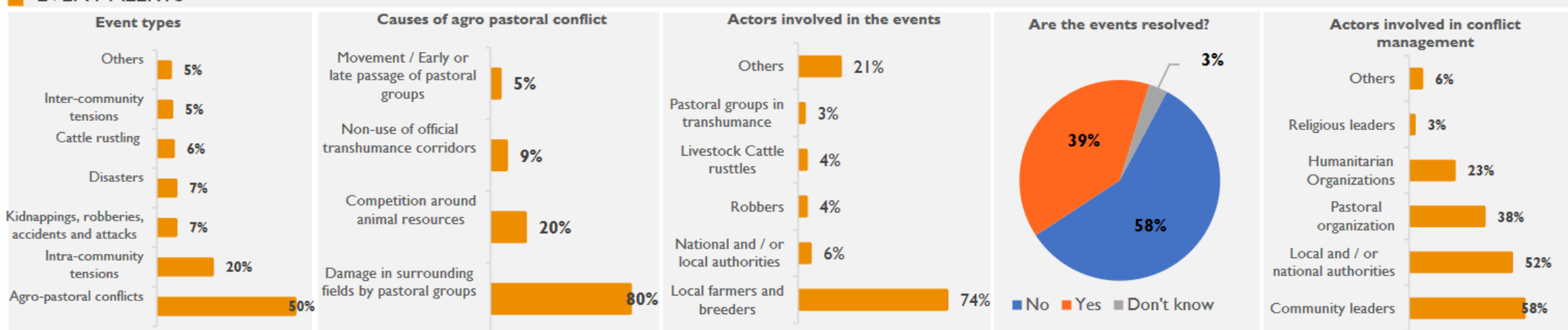
TRANSHUMANCE TRACKING TOOL – EARLY WARNING

humanitarian organizations (23%) and religious leaders (3%). Other actors, such as community youth groups, market leadership and associations also participated in the management of conflicts in 6 per cent of instances.

MOVEMENT ALERTS



EVENT ALERTS



COMITAS

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR MIGRATION – UN MIGRATION (OIM – UN MIGRATION)

Contact: <https://migration.iom.int> <https://displacement.iom.int/nigeria> <https://dtm.iom.int/nigeria>

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SEARCH FOR
COMMON GROUND

MERCY
CORPS



TRANSHUMANCE TRACKING TOOL – PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

1st transhumance project: Cross-border Peacebuilding initiative to restore dialogue between communities affected by farmer-herder conflict (Chad/CAR) December 2018-December 2020

Currently 12 projects in 10 countries, integrating the Transhumance Tracking Tools in WCA, most of them are cross border programmes.

Partners agencies: FAO, WFP, UNWOMEN, UNDP INGOs: RBM, Mercy Corps, Search for Common Ground
National Pastoral organisations (CRUS, TASSAGHT, AREN, etc.)

TRANSHUMANCE TRACKING TOOL part of natural resource-based conflict prevention/resolution programme

INFORMS community-based conflict prevention and conflict resolution mechanisms through real-time data on transhumant mobility (calendar, route, destination, vulnerabilities)

CAPACITATES stakeholders to draft evidence-based policy in support of a more peaceful transhumance

GUIDES the definition of concrete interventions responsive to the needs of all layers of a community

EFFECTS OF THE PEACEFUL TRANSHUMANCE PROGRAMS – EXAMPLES

At **community** level, the TTT :

- Provides accurate and timely information to community-based conflict resolution mechanisms - focus on conflict management
- Supports community-level collaboration on natural resource management
- Helps identify infrastructure to be supported for better access to basic services and sustainable livelihoods
- Guides the definition of targeted interventions towards more inclusive dialogues and strengthened social cohesion

At **national** level:

- Helps elaborate national plans and policies for peaceful transhumance
- Improves the quality of public information on the issues related to agropastoral conflicts

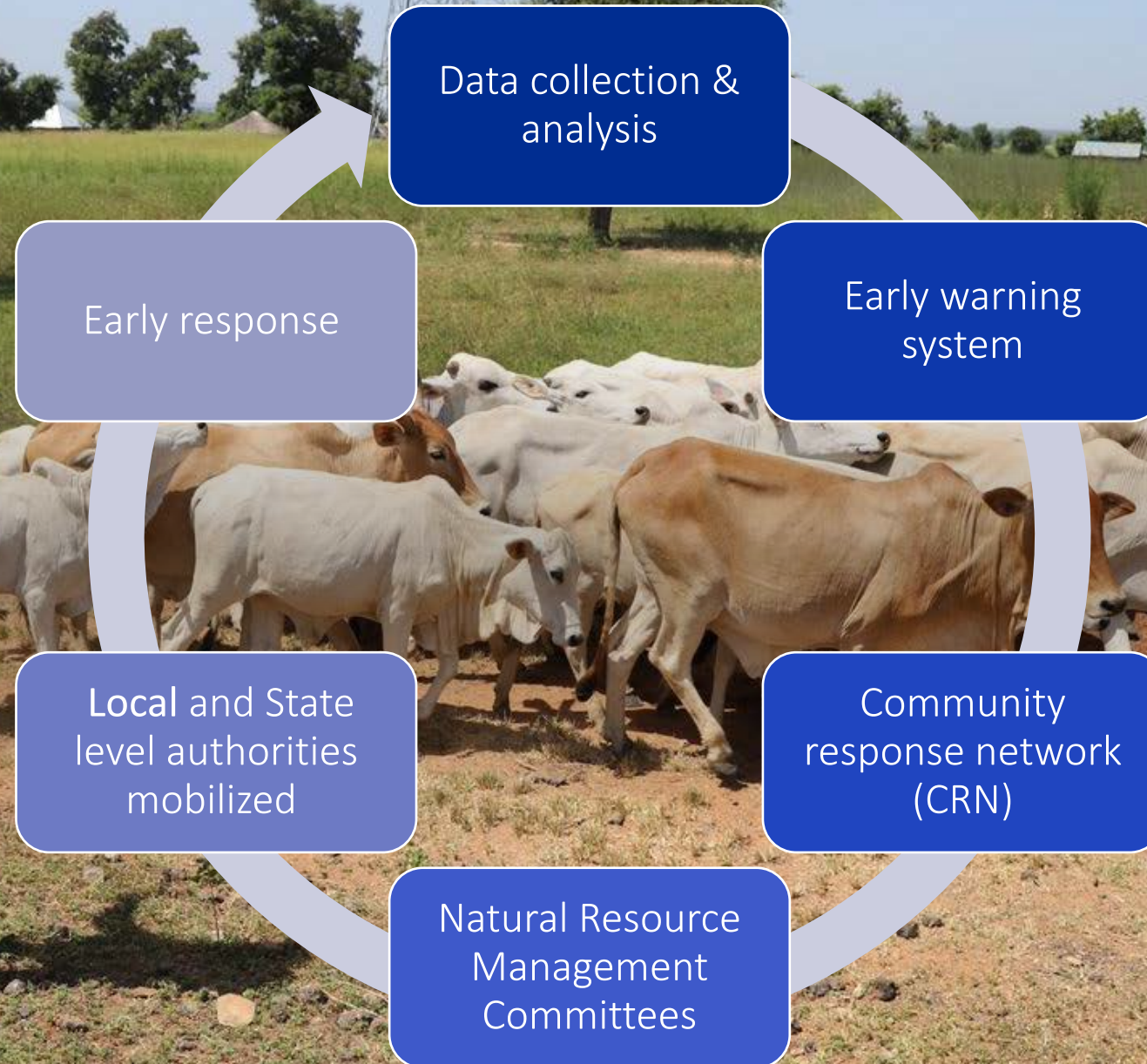
At **regional** level:

- Supports cross border cooperation for the development of regional action plans to facilitate transhumance movements
- Supports policy-level discussions by intra-regional bodies to formulate cohesive regional strategies to prevent further risk of tensions in their states



PEACEFUL TRANSHUMANCE – PROGRAM EXAMPLES

EWER mechanism in Northeast Nigeria project "Contributing to the mitigation of conflict over natural resources between farmer and herder communities in Adamawa State, Nigeria"



INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

IOM works closely with the **Liptako Gourma Authority (LGA)** to identify and discuss risks and vulnerabilities in the tri-State zone, alongside national herders' associations and local authorities to integrate both local community perspectives and those within the wider international community.

IOM participates in the **Ministerial Sessions of the High-Level Regional Consultation for Peaceful Transboundary Transhumance** organized by **ECOWAS** and **RBM** for the Transhumance corridor across Sahel that gathers relevant ministers from Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Niger and Togo.

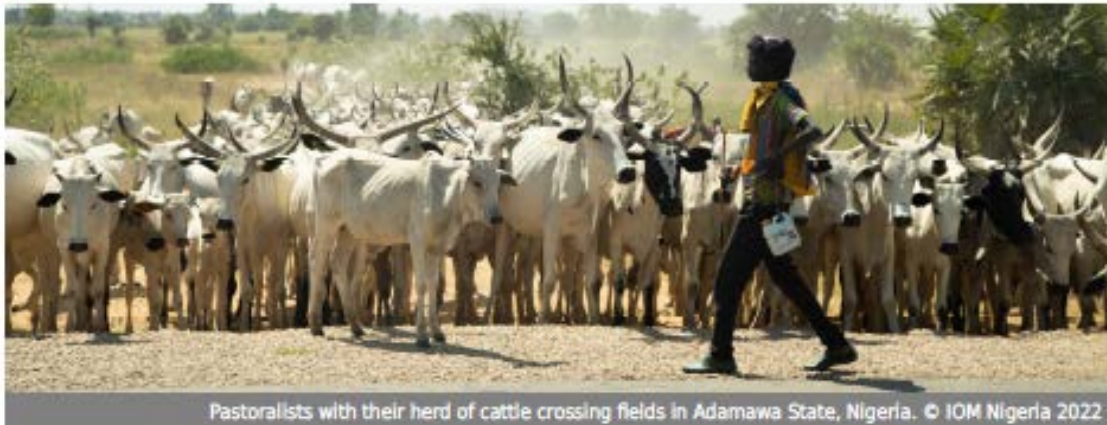
IOM extends its support to its Member States on data collection and on localized conflict mitigation approaches through coordination with representatives of relevant line ministries and, where established, representatives of the **National Transhumance Committees (CNT)**. A recent roadmap was developed with **ECCAS** to reinforce policies related to mobility in the Central African countries.

NEXT STEPS

- Conduct a follow up study to update the 2017 report on "**Regional Policies and Response to Manage Pastoral Movements within the ECOWAS Region**" and conduct a similar study for ECCAS countries.
- **Increase engagement with women pastoralists** to strengthen their role in conflict resolution as well as enhance their socioeconomic resilience
- Develop **quick-impact youth employment** projects to stimulate the longer-term recovery of agriculture and trade (**PVE**)
- Reinforce **cross-border dialogue** and decision-making mechanisms in support of continued and better coordinated transhumant mobility between countries of origin and host countries.



West and Central Africa Transhumance Crisis Response Plan 2023



Pastoralists with their herd of cattle crossing fields in Adamawa State, Nigeria. © IOM Nigeria 2022

IOM VISION

Climate change impacts the route and calendars of nomadic herders throughout Western and Central Africa; challenging peaceful co-existence between groups as competition to access natural resources fuels violence and forced displacement. At the local level, IOM supports Member States through the Transhumance Tracking Tool to develop early alert mechanisms and reinforces local conflict mitigation strategies to pre-empt conflict associated with transhumant mobility. At the regional level, IOM assists ECOWAS and ECCAS, Member States, the Réseau Bilatéral Maroobé (RBM) and its national members; and ensures that ECOWAS and ECCAS remain the fora to manage international transhumance in a harmonized and coordinated way.

\$32,500,000
Funding Required

3,000,000
People Targeted

276
Entities Targeted

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITY AREAS

2023

Address the drivers and longer term impacts of crises and displacement through investments in recovery and crisis prevention

Community stabilization 16,169,000

Peacebuilding and peace preservation 9,265,000

Strengthen preparedness and reduce disaster risk

Disaster Prevention 2,500,000

Contribute to an Evidence Based and Efficient Crisis Response System

Displacement Tracking 4,566,000

TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED

32,500,000

<https://crisisresponse.iom.int/response/west-and-central-africa-transhumance-crisis-response-plan-2023-0>

Thank you

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