

About

- MHub is undertaking field surveys with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers along key migratory routes to build up a body of data over time and to map country and regional level mixed migration trends.
- This snapshot presents early survey findings of the profiles, intentions and experiences of those moving in mixed migration flows who have recently arrived in Senegal in the last year.
- Even though these findings cannot be considered statistically representative of the migration population, they do provide key insights on the migration process.

Key Findings

*These findings are based on 117 interviews conducted between 23 and 30 March in the Dakar region of Senegal.

Profile

- Three quarters of respondents that were interviewed in Dakar came from urban areas of their country of origin.
- 79% of respondents identified as Muslim, 19% as Catholic and 2% as Protestant.
- A majority (72%) of respondents were without a valid passport.

Motivations

- More than half of respondents (62%) said they left their home country to seek economic opportunities. Other reasons cited for leaving were driven by family/friends, education opportunities abroad, and safety/security and persecution concerns at home.
- When asked why they came to Senegal, the top three reasons cited were income opportunities (42%), relatives in Senegal (26%), and training and education opportunities (10%).

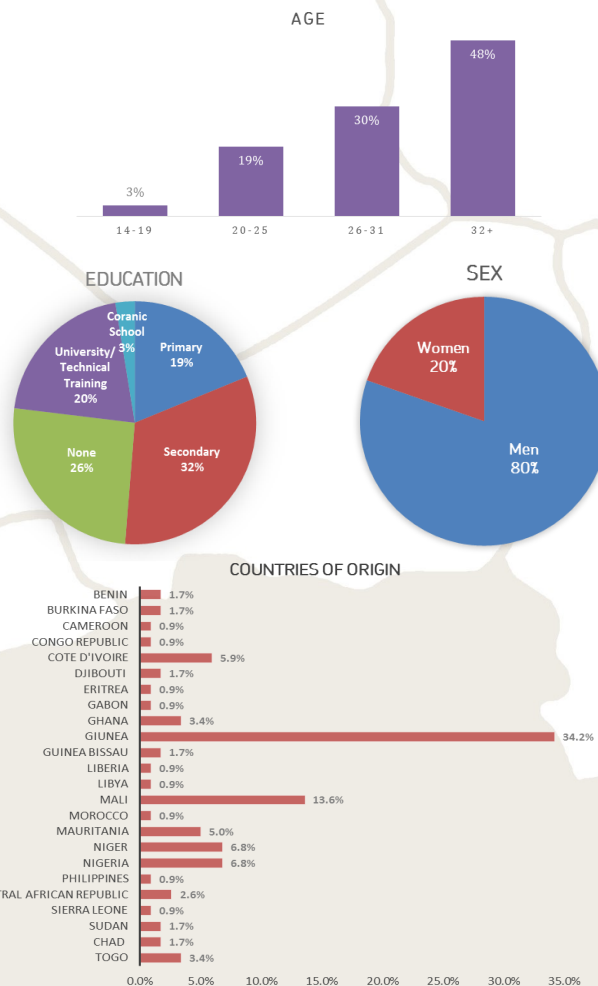
Abuses and Risks

- 5% of respondents indicated that they or someone else they saw experienced detention. Other abuses witnessed/experienced by respondents included documents destroyed (4.3%), robbery (4.3%), physical abuse or torture (2.6%), racism/discrimination (2.6%), death of a person (2.6%) forced labour (less than 1%).
- 92% of respondents said that if they knew what the journey was like and the risks they would face beforehand, they still would have travelled.

Onward Movement

- A majority of respondents (67%) expressed their intention to stay in Senegal, 30% wanted to leave to another country, and 3% were unsure of their future plan.

Demographic Breakdown of Interviewees



Photos from the Field



Quotes from Respondents

"One shall come to seize the opportunity and know how difficult it is to live abroad." - A Malian migrant from Timbuktu

"Come first, so you'll realize that it's not easy at all (to be an immigrant)." - A female migrant from Guinea