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## Transhumance

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Cross-border transhumance is a major herding practice in West and Central Africa. An important economic activity and a driver of regional development, transhumance has in the past decades been subject to significant upheavals. Climatic variability, demographic pressure, growing competition over scarcer resources, political volatility and insecurity have deeply affected transhumance routes, patterns and flows. IOM, through its Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) **Transhumance Tracking Tool (TTT)**, works with the Réseau Bilital Maroobe (RBM), a large regional transhumant herders' network, to provide strong and reliable data on transhumance in the region.

The TTT's aim is to bolster the capacity of regional, national and local actors involved in the management of transhumance to contribute to a more accurate and fine-grained understanding of transhumance flows, and to prevent and mitigate conflicts associated with transhumance mobility. Since 2019, in West and Central Africa, the Regional Data Hub supports the implementation of the TTT by ensuring quality collection and compilation of mapping, flow monitoring, early warning systems and individual surveys data.

### TAILORED, LOCAL, ADAPTABLE AND EVENT-BASED DATA ON TRANSHUMANCE

#### TAILORED

The *Transhumance Tracking Tool* is divided into 3 components: flow monitoring, early warning system and individual surveys. Data are collected following the transhumance calendar and dashboards are generated monthly to share key data and highlights. Supplemented by analysis reports, these dashboards support advocacy efforts and decision making processes.

#### LOCAL

IOM partnership with RBM is key in the data process and data use. This close collaboration at each step of TTT exercises implemented in West and Central Africa is a guarantee of data relevance and use. From design to dissemination IOM and RBM work hands in hands to provide strong and reliable data on transhumance

#### ADAPTABLE

The *Transhumance Tracking Tool* data collection components can be used either together or separately depending on the needs and constraints assessed in the area of interest. The TTT can add or adjust thematic modules on demand based on arising needs for data. This flexibility allows for context specific but comparable and scalable data at regional level.

#### EVENT-BASED

The *Transhumance Tracking Tool* early warning system is a local alert system intended to warn local authorities and communities about potential clashes that may occur during the transhumance season, along the main migration route and generate violence and population displacement.

#### REGIONAL FOOTPRINT

In 2021, the *Transhumance Tracking Tool* was active in **8 countries** in West and Central Africa (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Nigeria) and is supported by several Investigators from the herd leaders.

Reports, datasets and methodologies accessible online: [displacement.iom.int](https://displacement.iom.int)



#### ONGOING TRANSHUMANCE TRACKING TOOL

