SAHEL MIGRATION PATTERNS 2014
Mapping the flow of Refugees, IDPs and Migrants Related to Conflict in West and Northern Africa

Migration Overview
Migration across, within, and from the Sahel region is not new. Traditions of pastoralism, seasonal migration, and urbanization are longstanding aspects of organizing livelihoods. In recent years, however, the region has seen new patterns of migration and forced displacement resulting from political shifts, new security threats, and by intensified competition for natural resources induced by environmental changes.

Sources of Vulnerability
As patterns of migration shift, these migrants, IDPS and refugees are met with new challenges along their journey through the Sahel and North African countries. These risks include:
- Dangerous desert crossings & risk of drowning
- Localized, communal conflict
- Armed conflict zones
- Rise of radical non-state armed groups (Boko Haram, AQIM, MUJAO, Ansar Dine)
- Human trafficking and drug smuggling
- Risk of disease (e.g. Ebola Outbreaks)
- Lack of resources (water, food, shelter)

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Migration Patterns
Countries of Origin
- Senegal
- Mauritania
- Mali
- Burkina Faso
- Guinea-Bissau
- Gambia
- The Gambia
- Guinea
- Sierra Leone
- Liberia
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Nigeria

Countries of Asylum
- Algeria
- Turkey
- Tunisia
- Egypt
- Libya
- Chad
- Nigeria
- Tunisia
- Niger
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Senegal

Total Population of Concern 2014 | Sahel Region

Migration Routes
- Route Popularity
  - Principal
  - Major
  - Minor
  - Maritime

Migrant Hubs
- Major - Capital
- Minor - Capital
- Major - Connecting
- Minor - Connecting
- Major - Target Hub
- Minor - Target Hub

High Risk Zones
- Drought
- Saharan Desert
- Ebola Outbreaks 2014

Conflict Zones 2014

Data Sources
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- Routes & Hub Locations: Imag. UNHCR

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