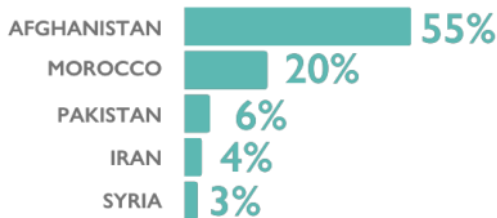
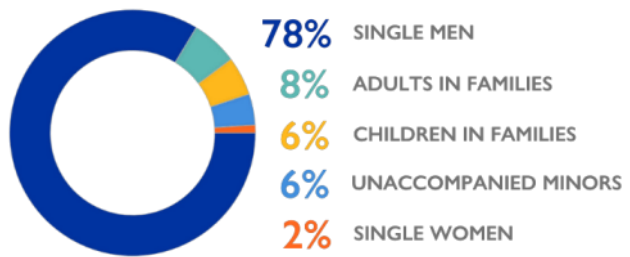


	TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)		
	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	265	580	6
LIPA	846	1,512	6
BLAŽUJ	1,073	1,700	5
UŠIVAK	335	800	9
TOTAL:	2,519	4,592	

TOP 5 NATIONALITIES IN TRCs



SEX AND AGE DISAGGREGATED DATA



MONTHLY ARRIVALS RECORDED BY THE MINISTRY OF SECURITY OF BIH

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL
2017	77	66	37	5	22	11	29	60	52	105	76	215	755
2018	237	479	598	1,801	2,242	2,295	2,489	2,293	3,710	5,057	1,931	935	24,067
2019	732	1,117	1,721	2,631	2,603	2,096	4,465	2,913	4,557	3,326	1,925	1,110	29,196
2020	882	2,001	1,540	112	512	1,722	2,194	2,618	1,889	1,087	1,064	529	16,150
2021	670	773	1,269	1,271	1,937	1,855	2,236	1,362	1,591	1,547	704	525	15,740
2022	429	578	907	1,567	1,972	2,214	2,615	2,389	4,640	5,010	1,856	3,252	27,429
2023	1,781	1,460	1,960	2,065	2,893	2,772	3,967	3,542	3,440				23,880

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 19 September, the Minister of Security, Nenad Nešić, the Minister of Human Rights and Refugees, Sevid Hurić, and representatives of the Minister of Civil Affairs, reiterated their commitment to lead the ongoing transition plan towards a state-led migration response in BiH, in the presence of the EU Special Representative in BiH, Ambassador Johann Sattler. Over the past years, BiH authorities, notably through the leadership of the MoS, have demonstrated their commitment to steer the coordination and management of the mixed migration response, with positive achievements in the management of temporary reception centers (TRCs).

The intensive flow of arrivals and departures of migrants continued in TRCs in BiH. To respond to the high turnover, IOM in coordination with the Service of Foreigners' Affairs (SFA), works towards improving the initial reception systems, procedures and services. For example, in TRC Borić, the pre-registration system is available for migrants who still need to undergo a medical examination and register with the SFA, which enables access to services for beneficiaries immediately upon arrival at the centre.



MEETING ON THE MIGRATION RESPONSE TRANSITION PLAN HELD IN SARAJEVO. ©IOM 2023

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

Between 18 September and 1 October, IOM recorded a total of 6,120 people who arrived in four temporary reception centres, including newly registered and those previously registered who returned for assistance and 5,374 new departures.

In TRC Ušivak, a meeting between representatives of IOM, the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies (DCPB), the UN Department for Security and Safety (UNDSS) and the Service for Foreigner's Affairs (SFA) was organized on 21 September to discuss security related issues, including the entry and exit controls and security risks control for reception centres in the Sarajevo Canton. Partners agreed that all involved agencies would work to improve the security and safety in TRCs within their mandate. Particularly, the DCPB will ensure that police officers exercise increased supervision over the entries and exits of persons and vehicles. IOM and UNDSS will organize a training for DCPB police officers on the cultural groups present in the TRCs, and security procedures established by UNDSS and the IOM Office of Staff Security (OSS). In TRC Blažuj, a Mine Risk Education (MRE) awareness class was delivered to nine migrants from Afghanistan who actively participated.

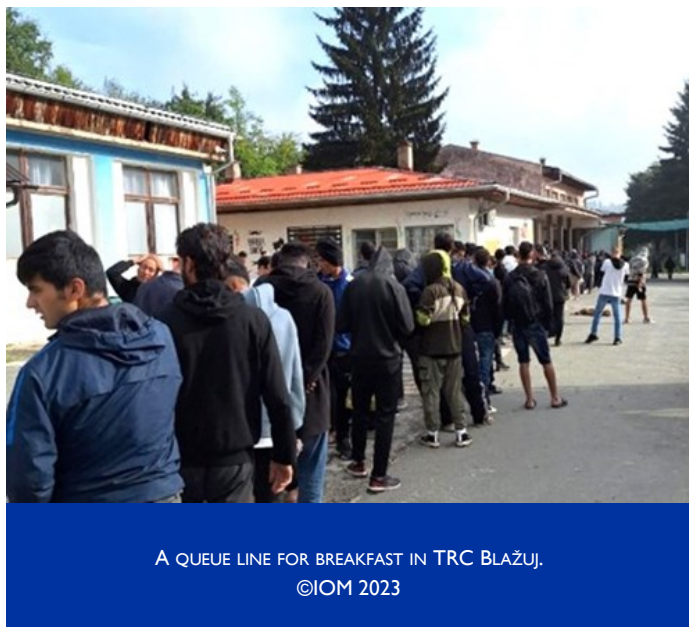
In TRC Ušivak, IOM and DRC closely coordinated assistance on two medical cases, demonstrating collaborative efforts to provide adequate healthcare solutions for migrants. The joint approach ensured that patients receive the needed health care and support, including secondary health care by the local health care centre.

In TRC Borići, IOM and the SFA organized the interagency bi-weekly coordination meeting with participation of partner organizations. The focus of the discussion was the increasing number of migrants arriving at the centre in the last two weeks. Partner organizations will continue with intensive communication with regards to service provision and will seek common solutions in addressing the emerging needs, where applicable.

of emergency screenings in TRCs: **3,518**

of persons with protection risks and needs: **764**

of individual assistance: **359**



A QUEUE LINE FOR BREAKFAST IN TRC BLAŽUJ.
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PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

Between 18 September and 1 October, IOM facilitated a total of 3,518 emergency screenings, through which 764 persons with protection needs were identified. IOM provided individual assistance, including interpretation and logistical support (such as orientation at the TRCs, provision of documents) to 359 persons while 2,528 individuals were reached through information provision and awareness raising sessions.

In TRC Blažuj, during an initial vulnerability screening, IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) team identified two persons with disabilities i.e. with a hearing impairment. Both beneficiaries were assisted during the registration procedures, accommodated and provided with additional NFIs. To prevent the risks, IOM's Protection and MHPSS team issued additional cards to ensure them a priority in service provision including in ques for meals and laundry.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM Protection and MHPSS team held an Info Legal Session in cooperation with local free legal aid organization Vaša Prava. The session was intended for beneficiaries from Afghanistan and Iran. They received information about legal residence in BiH, the process of seeking asylum, and information about the IOM assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) assistance.

The Mine Risk Education (MRE) session was held in TRC Ušivak for 12 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) from Afghanistan. The participants were informed about the mine risks in the country and advised to download BH Mine Situation Map. MRE leaflets were also distributed.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM organized a screening of "Mr Bean" movie in coordination with Caritas NCM-Ivan Pavao II, in response to migrants' suggestions shared through the Community Representatives Council meetings recently held in TRC Ušivak. Around 20 migrants enjoyed the movie, beverages, and snacks which created a cinema experience.



ADDITIONAL INFO BOARD WAS PLACED AT THE GATE OF TRC BLAŽUJ.
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SHELTER, WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

IOM's maintenance and cleaning team inspects all TRC installations daily, with two cleanings per day, weekly disinfection, disinfestation, and derating measures, and regular repairs on shelters and sanitary installations.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM's Maintenance team worked to ensure that all accommodation units were adequately equipped with a sufficient number of beds and mattresses to meet the needs of residents.

In TRC Blažuj, one additional info board was installed at the gate for better communication and information sharing with migrants early upon arrival to the centre.

In TRC Borići, due to the recent increase in migrant arrivals observed over the past week, additional 40 mattresses were transferred from TRC Lipa to ensure adequate accommodation for all beneficiaries.

Mother and Baby Wash Unit (MBWU) services in TRC Ušivak were used by 76 beneficiaries, 45 mothers and 31 children (15 female and 16 male), and 80 bags of clothes were washed. Regular cleaning of MBWU premises and the area around the unit was conducted daily.

of persons sheltered in the TRCs: 2,519

of laundry services: 1,817



IOM ENSURES THAT ALL ACCOMMODATION UNITS ARE EQUIPPED WITH HEATERS AHEAD OF THE HEATING SEASON.
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FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

In all TRCs, IOM conducted its regular food and non-food items (NFI) distribution activities with partner organizations such as the Red Cross and Pomozi.ba. During the reporting period, a total of 78,559 meals and 32,664 NFIs were distributed.

TRC Ušivak received a donation from the Federation of BiH Red Cross, consisting of blankets, baby blankets, sleeping bags, mixed bedding and clothes.

of meals distributed: 78,559

of NFIs distributed: 32,664

ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

IOM has mobile teams that are present at locations outside of TRCs to increase access to information and services for migrants staying outside of formal reception facilities, with the aim to reduce the number of migrants camping or squatting in abandoned buildings.

During the reporting period, IOM's mobile teams provided 87 transportation services mainly to reception centres for 347 migrants and conducted 767 general information sessions.

27 per cent more migrants have been identified by IOM's mobile teams in the second week of the reporting period, compared to the first week. Also, the number of transported migrants to TRCs for accommodation increased by seven per cent.

Afghanistan (55 %) was the main declared nationality of assisted migrants, followed by Pakistan (19%), Morocco (8%), Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Sierra Leone (3% each), China and Türkiye (2% each), Nepal (1%), Mongolia, Iran, Guinea and India (less than 1% each).

of persons transported: 347

of information sessions: 767

RETURN & ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

IOM provides administrative, logistical and financial support, including reintegration assistance to migrants who decide to voluntarily return to their country of origin.

Between 18 September and 1 October, IOM voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) team reached 586 migrants of which 313 in TRCs and 273 migrants in other locations off-site through information sessions on AVRR. A total of 163 counselling sessions were held to ensure that beneficiaries are well informed and aware of the assistance available during pre-departure, travel, and post-arrival.

One person returned to their country of origin (Ghana), while nine others applied for AVRR and their return preparations are currently in progress.

Virtual counseling sessions with IOM/AVRR in countries of origin (Ghana and Algeria) were organized for two beneficiaries. These sessions aimed to connect the beneficiaries with their families and counterparts in their home countries, as well as to provide information about the possibilities within AVRR assistance and reintegration opportunities upon their return.

On September 27, 2023 in TRC Blažuj, IOM AVRR hosted a visit of the team for the evaluation of projects supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark. The overall objective of this visit was to assess the performance of migration-related development engagements in support of Denmark's efforts to promote cooperation on return, as well showcasing AVRR activities and accomplishments.

Applications for Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2023: 85 (M77, F8)

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,378 (M1,214, F164)

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2023: 54 (M48, F6)

IOM's youngest beneficiary

Emilia* and her husband left Cuba seven months ago. After spending a few months in Serbia, they decided to continue their journey to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). When Emilia arrived at the Temporary Reception Center (TRC) Ušivak, she was nine months pregnant.

In the TRC, IOM provided Emilia and her husband with shelter, food and non-food items (NFI), access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services, health, protection, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), as well as access to information on specialized services. In collaboration with DRC, IOM organized regular visits to the hospital for pregnancy check-ups and ultrasound monitoring.

One sunny September morning, Emilia gave birth to a healthy boy in the Maternity Hospital in Sarajevo. Upon arrival from the hospital, IOM staff provided Emilia and the newborn baby all necessary baby and newborn items. The baby received his first gift from the IOM staff, who knitted small red welcome socks to celebrate the baby's arrival at the centre.



WELCOME SOCKS FOR BABY'S ARRIVAL.
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*Name was changed to protect privacy

"I hope that my child will not have to face financial and political difficulties like we had. We've travelled a lot and now I think we'll stay in Sarajevo. I like it here, and my baby is a bit from Sarajevo too!" Emilia, migrant women from Cuba.

In BiH, IOM provides tailored service to ensure that the needs of all beneficiaries are met. In the Sarajevo Canton, in family-oriented centres such as TRC Ušivak, IOM runs the Mother and Baby Wash Unit, where 3,177 services were delivered to families during 2022. In addition, to inform beneficiaries about the existing legal pathways in BiH, IOM organizes legal information sessions. The sessions, conducted by IOM and UNHCR implementing partner Vaša Prava, include information on rights, obligations, asylum procedure and assisted voluntary return and reintegration.

