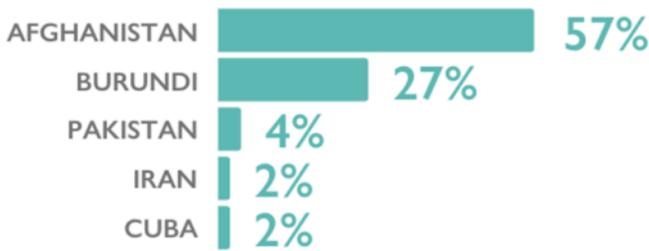
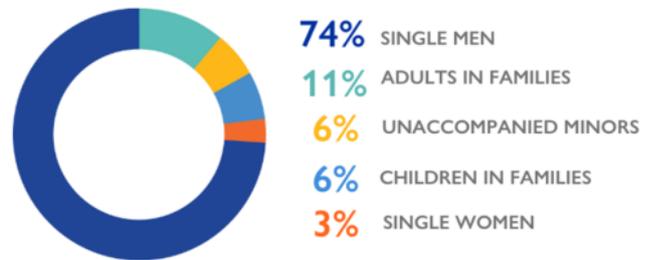


TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)		
OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	433	580
LIPA	691	1,512
BLAŽUJ	1,550	1,700
UŠIVAK	516	800
TOTAL:	3,190	4,592

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	4,144			21,455

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 25 October, the Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Security (MoS) organised a meeting with representatives of the Republic of Serbia Ministry of Interior and police agencies to exchange best practices and challenges for better prevention, identification and protection of potential victims of human trafficking and smuggling. This meeting was organized in the framework of the Western Balkans Joint Actions Against Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Human Beings (WBJAST) project funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

As of 24 October, IOM's Missing Migrants Project has documented at least 5,684 deaths on migration routes to and within Europe since the beginning of 2021, indicating an increase in the death toll on European routes compared to prior years. The Missing Migrants data shows that in 2021 and 2022, the Western Balkans route recorded 69 migrant deaths.



A SYRIAN FAMILY BUILDS A FIRE AFTER A FAILED CROSSING ATTEMPT AT THE TURKISH BORDER WITH GREECE. PHOTO: EMRAH ÖZESEN/IOM 2020

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

IOM and the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) continue to respond to the emerging accommodation needs related to the increased movement of migrants in recent months in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

In Una-Sana Canton (USC), IOM and the SFA made a decision to relocate families with children and single woman from TRC Lipa to TRC Borić, which is situated in the urban zone, is located closer to schools, and functions as a family centre. Single men and families without children were transported to TRC Lipa, bearing in mind the imperative to provide protection-sensitive reception and accommodation for all migrants according to their risks of vulnerability.

In TRC Borić, in a meeting held on 28 October, IOM and the SFA consulted with the Centre for Social Welfare Bihać (CSW) about the reorganization of shelter capacities to accommodate the increased number of families with children arriving in the canton. As a result, the decision was made to reallocate ten accommodation units with the capacity to house up to 60 people located in the Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) zone to accommodate families with children.

The remaining units in the UASC zone were grouped together in one area and physically separated from the family units to maintain privacy and security. The capacity of the UASC zone in TRC Borić currently meets the accommodation needs for this group of beneficiaries.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM and the SFA organized a camp coordination meeting with partner organizations during the reporting week. The key discussion points referred to protection-related issues. It was noted that due to the high number of migrants arriving daily, information on the admission process upon arrival and on the registration documents issued by the SFA needs to be shared more efficiently through the distribution of leaflets at the gate. IOM will create a leaflet in consultation with other organisations providing services in the centre.

In coordination with World Vision, IOM provides protection services as part of the admissions process in TRC Ušivak, including services relevant to unaccompanied children. During the week, sixty-four unaccompanied children were transferred to TRC Ušivak.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams in BiH facilitated a total of 392 emergency screenings, through which 46 persons with protection needs were identified during the reporting period. The Protection team reached 179 people through information provision and awareness raising sessions.

In TRC Lipa, IOM provides daily support to the SFA with the reactivation of the family zone in the centre. IOM staff with expertise in migrant protection are present in the family zone on a daily basis and is available to migrants for all their questions and concerns. A series of focus group discussions were held with women temporarily staying in TRC Lipa to learn more about their needs regarding type of services provided in the centre and encouraging them to participate in social activities.

In TRC Ušivak, the IOM CCCM team began the organization of recreational and creative workshops for migrants. Workshops on decoupage and acrylic painting were held three times a week, which 20 individuals participated in. The products made during workshops will be shown at the exhibition in local community, with the aim of encouraging the social inclusion of migrants.

In TRC Blažuj, on 28 October, local organisation SCENA performed a theatre play under the programme "Bosnia and Herzegovina: Enhancing social cohesion in communities hosting people on the move" funded by the EU Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI). The performance was based on personalities that represented the world through the lens of people on the move and their personal life stories. This activity was the product of interactive creative workshops held in TRC Blažuj in April 2022.

of emergency screenings in TRCs: 392

of persons with protection risks and needs: 46

of people reached with information sessions: 179



ONE OF THE CREATIVE WORKSHOPS IN TRC UŠIVAK.
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A THEATRE PLAY PERFORMED BY LOCAL ORGANISATION SCENA IN TRC
BLAŽUJ. ©IOM BIH 2022

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 (DDD) measures, and regular repairs on shelters and sanitary installations.

In TRC Blažuj, a new accommodation unit with a capacity of 180 beds was constructed and equipped with new bedding items. To ensure more privacy, tarpaulin curtains were placed around the beds. A session on the importance of maintaining hygiene in the accommodation unit was organized for beneficiaries, and notices in several languages on good hygiene were posted. In addition, the pre-registration zone was equipped with 70 new mattresses.

In TRC Lipa, IOM finalized the construction and installation of storage shelves in the central warehouse for non-food items (NFIs), which enhanced the organization and monitoring of all items.

In TRC Ušivak, due to the high turnover of people, the number of units to be cleaned and maintained increased to a total of 54. The Mother and Baby Wash Unit services were used by 70 people, including 35 mothers, one single father and 34 children (9 male and 25 female).

of persons sheltered: 3,190

of persons assisted with laundry services: 1,578



MIGRANTS MOVING TO THE NEW ACCOMODATION UNIT IN TRC BLAŽUJ.
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ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

IOM's mobile teams are present in 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. The mobile teams screen for vulnerabilities, provide emergency assistance, and provide transportation services for migrants to TRCs upon request.

During the week, the IOM provided 26 transportation services for 121 migrants. Out of the total migrants transported, 108 migrants were transported to accommodation in reception centres, including 24 families comprised of 63 members (39 adults and 24 children) and two single women to TRC Borić; four families of eight members and a single man to TRC Lipa; and eight families of 30 migrants (18 adults and 12 children), three single women and one unaccompanied and separated child to TRC Ušivak.

Furthermore, 412 information sessions and one psychological first aid (PFA) session were organized for migrants camping or squatting in outside locations. Furthermore, seven referrals were made to address the identified protection needs of 41 migrants.

Based on data collected by IOM during the reporting week, Afghanistan (45%) and Burundi (24%) are the two main declared nationalities of identified migrants residing outside of the TRCs in USC, followed by India (6%), Pakistan, and Turkey (5% each).



IOM'S MOBILE TEAM PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE MIGRANTS IN USC. ©IOM BiH 2022

FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

In all TRCs, IOM conducted its regular food and NFI distribution activities with partner organizations such as the Red Cross and Pomoziba. In total, 42,343 meals and 8,352 NFIs were distributed during the reporting period.

In TRC Borić, IOM continues to provide canned food for migrants who are accommodated in the evening after the regular distribution of meals.

of meals distributed: 42,343

of NFIs distributed: 8,352

of persons transported: 121

of information sessions: 412

RETURN & ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

IOM's Return and Reintegration team provides administrative, logistical and financial support, including reintegration assistance, to migrants who decide to return to their country of origin.

During the reporting week, IOM reached 347 migrants, of which 176 in TRCs and 171 migrants in other locations off-site, through information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR). A total of 156 counselling sessions were held to ensure that beneficiaries are well informed and aware of the assistance available during pre-departure, travel, and post-arrival. In the reporting period two persons returned to their countries of origin.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: **1,313**

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: **117**

SAFETY & SECURITY

There were no major security incidents in the TRCs during the reporting period.

In TRC Borići, the monthly mine risk education (MRE) session was held on 28 October with attendance by migrants from Burundi, the Republic of Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. All participants interactively participated in the topic related discussions.

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please note that IOM Bosnia and Herzegovina Migration Response Situation Report will be published every second week from 1 November 2022 onwards. Each issue will accordingly cover the time period of two weeks. The next Situation Report 31 October-13 November 2022 is due on 16 November 2022.

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MAIN GAPS

The mixed migration response in Bosnia and Herzegovina is providing life-saving assistance to migrants, as well as technical capacities to local authorities. IOM and its partners are seeking additional funding to support activities in the area of migrant protection and protection-sensitive reception. Capacity-building also remains a priority to progress towards the overarching goal of ensuring state ownership of the mixed migration response.



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