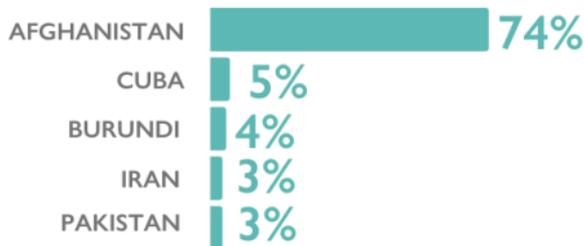


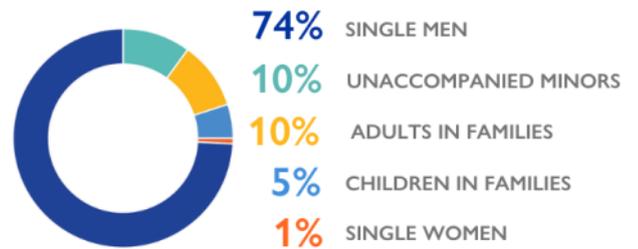
TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	143	580	11
LIPA	143	1,512	11
BLAŽUJ	1,139	1,700	8
UŠIVAK	243	800	9
TOTAL:	1,668	4,592	

TOP 5 NATIONALITIES IN TRCs



SEX AND AGE DISAGGREGATED



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	2,688	26,865

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 12 December, the Temporary Reception Centre (TRC) Blažuj marked its third anniversary. In total, 52,466 beneficiaries have been assisted by IOM since its opening in December 2019. TRC Blažuj is the biggest reception centre in the country providing protection-sensitive accommodation for single adult males.

On 15 December to mark International Migrants Day, together with migrants and actors from Banja Luka, IOM organized the art performance No Nation Fashion x Jase King. The performance, followed by the panel discussion “Economic potential of migrants”, took place in the National Theatre in Banja Luka and underscored the importance of harnessing the potential of migrants and their contribution to host societies. International Migrants Day was also celebrated in all TRCs with creative and educational activities.

IOM and the Sarajevo Canton Public Health Institute organized COVID-19 health information sessions for migrants, IOM staff, and partner organizations in TRCs. The purpose of the health information sessions is to raise awareness and to share useful information on infectious, sexually transmitted and addiction diseases as well as information on related prevention measures.



ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE DURING THE EVENT IN BANJA LUKA, ORGANIZED ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY © IOM 2022

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

During the reporting period, a total of 1,431 new arrivals and 1,247 new departures were recorded in all TRCs in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

In TRC Borići, IOM's CCCM team initiated activities to stimulate environmentally friendly behavior and attitudes by promoting recycling of plastic waste to minimize pollution and increase awareness of staff and beneficiaries on environment protection. All migrants accommodated in the centre were encouraged to separate plastic waste. New bins for plastic waste were provided and placed in the dining room and the pre-registration areas.

In TRC Lipa, IOM in coordination with the SFA and the City of Bihać Red Cross organized a Christmas lunch for five migrants who mark the holiday followed by social gathering.

At the end of the year, IOM in coordination with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) and partner organizations held coordination meetings to reflect on the year behind and plan for the upcoming period. In TRC Lipa, IOM and the SFA teams organized a staff meeting to reflect on the cooperation, sum up the last year achievements, and discuss challenges and plans for 2023 including camp coordination, service provision and infrastructure projects.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM, the SFA and partner organization discussed the opening of a community kitchen, planned in January 2023. One of the ideas was to organize different national cuisine events once a month as a joint interagency effort. Besides providing migrants with a possibility to enrich their nutrition with individually select dishes prepared by themselves, the kitchen would also facilitate family cooking which creates a warmer atmosphere and provides a place for social gathering. The community kitchen will be logistically and operationally managed by Caritas BiH, with the technical and advisory support by the IOM CCCM team.

IOM continually coordinates provision of health services in reception centres with DRC and other organizations involved in health and provides medical transportation to health centres after working hours of doctors in case of need.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

Between 12 and 25 December, IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams facilitated a total of 1,526 emergency screenings, through which 167 persons with protection needs were identified. IOM provided individual assistance, including interpretation, logistical support, and referrals to 144 persons while 979 individuals were reached through information provision and awareness raising sessions.

International Migrants Day on 18 December was marked in all reception centres with series of creative and educational events.

In TRC Blažuj, around 20 migrants gathered in the social corner to watch a documentary about migration in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and to participate in a creative workshop further elaborating the topic.

In TRC Borići, woodworking workshops were organized three times a week during the reporting period, as part of the social cohesion activities. A total of six male beneficiaries from Cuba participated in the activities with supervision of a local carpenter, taking all necessary safety and precaution measures. Participants managed to produce small wooden furniture (small boxes, shoe shelves, etc.) which they installed in their rooms in the TRC.

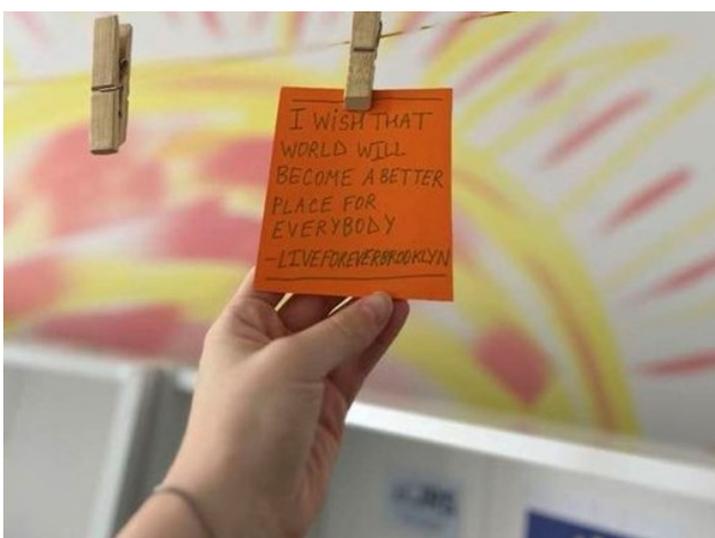
In TRC Ušivak, group and individual music workshops were held by IOM's Protection and MHPSS Assistant. During a group workshop held on 22 December in coordination with World Vision, eight unaccompanied minors from Afghanistan learned the basics of guitar playing. Also, one-to-one music lessons were held for one migrant from Afghanistan.

Five sewing and handcraft workshops were organized in TRC Blažuj with 26 migrants from Russia, Afghanistan, and Nepal. The aim of the workshops is to encourage creativity of migrants, socialization, and to reduce stress.

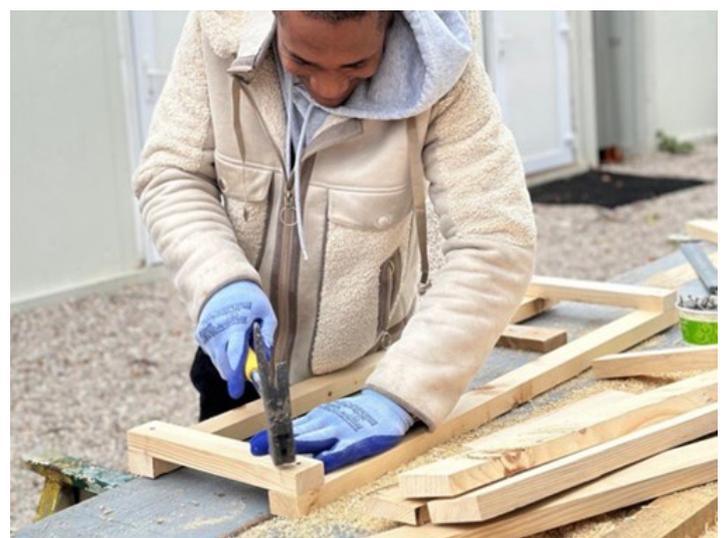
of emergency screenings in TRCs: 1,526

of persons with protection risks and needs: 167

of people reached with information sessions: 979



INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY IN TRC BLAŽUJ.
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A WOODWORKING WORKSHOP IN TRC BORIĆI.
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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 (DDD) measures, and regular repairs on shelters and sanitary installations.

In TRC Ušivak, the reporting period was marked by intensive seasonal clean up actions performed by IOM maintenance team.

The hangar facility along with 15 accommodation containers in the unaccompanied and separated children zone (UASC) zone was thoroughly cleaned. Functionality check-up was performed on all windows, doors, and electric wiring. Four electric heaters were placed in the sanitary containers in the UASC zone. Repairs of shower faucets in the toilets in the middle part of the centre were also completed. Total 48 accommodation units were cleaned and prepared for migrants who newly arrived.

In TRC Lipa, the functionality of the laundry room in the family zone within the centre was fully established by installation of washing machines and dryers.

of persons sheltered in the TRCs: 1,668

of laundry services: 2,176



IOM PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION TO MIGRANTS FOR HEALTH PURPOSES.
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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 Pomozi.ba. In total, 38,004 meals and 8,890 NFIs were distributed between 12 and 25 December.

During the reporting period, IOM's CCCM team ensured distribution of the dry food packages for new arrivals during the night. For the people with serious health issues, IOM delivered the food to their accommodation units.

A donation of 96 pairs of new winter shoes for migrants accommodated in TRC Borčić and 162 pairs for TRC Lipa was received from the Refugee Network via the City of Bihać Red Cross. The distribution of shoes was organized immediately to serve migrants presently accommodated in the centres, while the rest of the donation will be distributed to new arrivals and those in need in the upcoming period.

of meals distributed: 38,004

of NFIs distributed: 8,890

ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

Round 17 of Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) exercise was organized in December by IOM, the SFA and Red Cross Society BiH. A total of 246 migrants are estimated to reside outside of reception centres, indicating a 72.5 per cent decrease compared to the previous DTM exercise conducted end of October 2022, and representing the lowest number in 2022. Forty per cent of the migrants interviewed in this round were at bus stations, indicating that people are actively on the move rather than residing in usual accommodation locations. The DTM Reports are accessible [here](#).

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 58 transportation services for 114 migrants, 193 information sessions, and 5 psychological first aid sessions.

of persons transported: 114

of information sessions: 193



AVRR INFORMATION SESSION.
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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.

IOM reached 432 migrants, of which 37 were in TRCs and 395 migrants in other locations off-site through information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR). A total of 112 counselling sessions were held to ensure that beneficiaries were well informed and aware of the assistance available during pre-departure, travel, and post-arrival. In the reporting period, eight persons returned home (5 to Pakistan, 2 to Iraq and 1 to Morocco). Total number of returns in 2022 is 128.

AVRR counsellors regularly participate in legal information sessions organized together with IOM's Protection and MHPSS team and NGO Vaša prava, for migrants accommodated in TRCs. In these sessions, the AVRR team provides migrants with additional information about their rights, key details of AVRR assistance, and reintegration opportunities in their community before they return to country of origin.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,324

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 128

Wilson's Story

Originally from Ecuador, Wilson lived in Ukraine with his son Renato. In April 2022, with the escalation of the war, the two left the country and came to find accommodation in TRC Ušivak. From day one, Wilson and Renato filled the space with their positivity and creativity.

Wilson immediately started to participate in various social activities available in the TRC and Renato began Bosnian language lessons. At first, their initial destination was Europe. But after a few months, they decided to stay and build a new life in BiH. Before leaving the TRC, as a gift for the IOM Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCCM) team, Wilson worked on the creation of a traditional Ecuadorian poncho. Although designing the poncho was not an easy task, thanks to the tools available within the TRC sewing corner and the help of a fashion designer, a colourful and flamboyant poncho took shape. The day of his departure, he offered the poncho to the IOM CCCC Manager and left singing in rhythm with traditional Ecuadorian music "Always go ahead, stay positive."

IOM established this sewing corner in 2021 for people to spend their time during the pandemic, getting the chance to improve their sewing skills and to create reusable masks from recycled materials.

Soon after its establishment, the creativity and interest of migrants combined with the dedication, enthusiasm and cultural expression of local artists and designers led to an innovative idea: to create the "No Nation Fashion" fashion brand in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The "No Nation Fashion" initiative was born from the vision that human mobility can bring new opportunities to both migrants and hosting communities. The initiative offers an inclusive space for migrants of all genders and ages to showcase their development path and different journeys, stories and talents and demonstrates their need to give back to the communities in BiH that welcomed them on their migration journey.

After the two Fashion Shows held respectively in Sarajevo in December 2021 and in Banja Luka in December this year, the initiative continues developing across BiH, exploring upskilling opportunities through partnerships with designers, businesses and organizations.



WILSON DECIDED TO STAY AND BUILD A NEW LIFE IN BIH.
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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.

