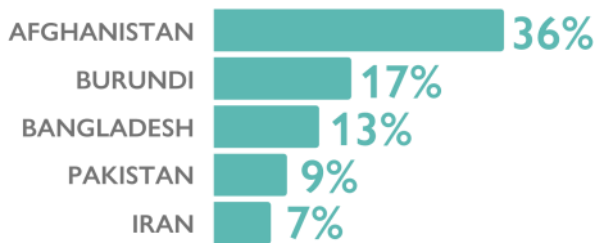
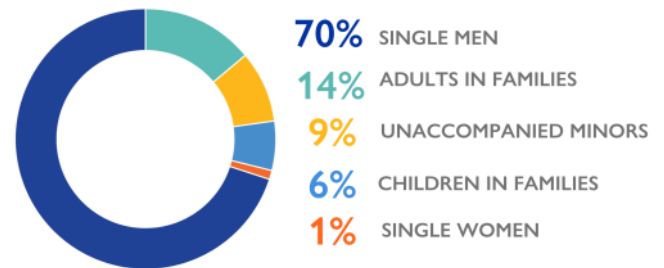


	TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)		
	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	267	580	103
LIPA	255	1,497	25
BLAŽUJ	1,033	1,700	80
UŠIVAK	406	800	36
TOTAL:	1,961	4,577	

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	1,689					11,971

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The turnover rate in temporary reception centres (TRCs) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) remains high with 1,432 new registrations recorded from 15 to 21 August. Arrivals of nationals from Burundi continue to be a defining feature of the period, with 17 per cent of the migrants currently sheltered in TRCs in BiH declaring Burundi as their country of origin. Burundian migrants make the second largest group, following Afghan nationals (36%). The IOM team in BiH works closely with its partners and the IOM mission in Burundi to identify and develop culturally sensitive communications for this group of migrants. Additional interpreters have been deployed to assist and ensure the migrants have access to accurate information about their rights and the available return and reintegration opportunities. This week, the IOM Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) team also supported the first person to return to Burundi.

On 19 August, various events were held for World Humanitarian Day to highlight IOM's dedication to serving vulnerable people in BiH. In TRC Blažuj, an exhibition with pictures of recent accomplishments and positive stories was organized, after which staff and migrants shared food and played music.



EMERGENCY SCREENING IN TRC BLAŽUJ FOR NEW ARRIVALS. ©IOM BIH 2022

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Borić, a camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) meeting was organized by IOM and the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) with attendance by partner organizations active in the centre. Meeting participants discussed the current situation in the centre, particularly the high turnover of beneficiaries, how it affects the implementation of everyday activities, and mapping solutions for the forthcoming period. Special attention was also given to coordination activities among different agencies with regards to the upcoming start of the next academic year on 5 September and enrolment of children accommodated in TRC Borić in local schools. As part of preparations for the new school year, a systematic medical examination of school children from TRC Borić has been planned for 22 August onwards to ensure that procedural conditions are met and children currently present in the centre can join their peers in classrooms.

In TRC Ušivak, the CCCM Coordinator held a meeting on 19 August with representatives of the local Donji Hadžići community to discuss opportunities for future cooperation. This included the conditions for sharing the sports field in Donji Hadžići with migrants. Meanwhile, IOM will continue to inform migrants about the agreed rules related to scheduling proper use of the sports field, and the importance of keeping the environment clean. The TRC Ušivak CCCM team and migrants will create and install information posters on maintaining order and cleanliness at the sports field to preserve good practices.

In TRC Blažuj, an increased arrival of migrants as well as a high turnover rate continue. On average, 120 migrants were registered or pre-registered on a daily basis during the week, with a total of 853 migrants were registered/pre-registered during the reporting period. The population of Afghan migrants is still the largest in the center and constitutes 40 per cent of the total number of migrants present, followed by the Bangladeshi population which constitutes 22 per cent, Pakistani 13 per cent, Iran and Burundi each 6 per cent and other nationalities representing the remaining 13 per cent of the total number of migrants in TRC Blažuj. An increased number of single men arriving of Burundi nationality was noticed. The arrival of a migrant from Rwanda was recorded for first time in TRC Blažuj.

In TRC Lipa, coordination between the SFA and UNFPA resulted in an agreement on the establishment of the Green Zone which will serve as the accommodation of the population identified as survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) as well as young adults in vulnerable situations. The establishment of the Green Zone will be crucial to the prevention of GBV.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

During the reporting week, IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams in BiH facilitated a total of 978 emergency screenings, during which 103 persons with protection risks and needs were identified. The Protection team provided individual assistance to 87 persons while 496 persons were reached through information provision/awareness raising sessions.

In TRC Lipa, IOM's Protection and MHPSS teams held a series of focus groups with representation from of all nationalities accommodated in the centre. The topics that were discussed were related to accommodation, food, the distribution of non-food items (NFI), the community feedback and complaint mechanism (CFCM), information provision and sharing and social activities. IOM staff, in coordination with the SFA, organized this series of focus groups in order to collect feedback from migrants, rather than to organize meetings of the council of representatives, since there is a trend of high turnover of migrants in TRC Lipa and in most cases it was not possible to reach a quorum due to the absence of some elected representatives in the council.

During the reporting period, three migrants who identified themselves as members of the LGBTQ+ community arrived at the TRC Lipa. The IOM Protection and MHPSS teams introduced the possibility of separate accommodation which they refused, noting that they prefer to be accommodated with their national community. The Protection team continued to do follow-ups with these individuals during the reporting week.

In TRC Borić, IOM's Protection and MHPSS teams prepared a draft "Welcome Handbook" containing information relevant to the migrants on existing services in TRC Borić and in the city of Bihać. The draft has been updated and will be sent to partner organizations for their comments.

In TRC Ušivak on 19 August, thirteen migrant women gathered with members of the women's association Most at the event "Okusi Jablanica" in Jablanica, where they prepared traditional meals from the countries of origin of the migrant women and of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). The association prepared a small party for participants with live music.

of emergency screenings in TRCs: 978

of persons with protection risks and needs: 103

of people reached through information sessions: 496

of people reached with individual assistance: 87



CELEBRATION OF WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY IN TRC BLAŽUJ.
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MIGRANT WOMEN FROM TRC UŠIVAK AT THE "OKUSI JABLANICA" EVENT.
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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.

During the reporting period, 117 persons used Mother and Baby Wash Unit (MBWU) services, including 60 mothers and 57 children.

of persons sheltered: 1,961

of persons assisted with laundry services: 1,136

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, 23,056 meals and 5,863 NFI items were distributed during the reporting period.

In TRC Ušivak, the Free Shop where residents can get free NFI, like clothes, operated from Monday to Friday and served 38 people.

In TRC Blažuj, during the reporting period, a new welcome package was created, which contains hygiene items including hand cream, hairbrush, shaving cream, razor, antibacterial gel, toothpaste, toothbrush, liquid soap, nail clipper, roll-on deodorant, and shampoo.

of meals distributed: 23,056

of NFIs distributed: 5,863

of people assisted with NFIs: 892

ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

IOM's Mobile Team is present in locations outside of TRCs to increase access to information and services, with the aim to reduce the number of migrants camping or squatting in abandoned buildings. The mobile team screens for vulnerabilities, provides emergency assistance, and transports migrants to TRCs upon request.



IOM MOBILE TEAM RESPONDING TO A REFERRAL FOR VULNERABLE MIGRANTS IN USC. ©IOM BIH 2022

During the reporting period, the teams organized 533 information sessions, one psychological first aid (PFA) session, 61 transportation services for 243 migrants, and distribution of 450 food items. Furthermore, 28 referrals were made to address the identified protection needs of 106 migrants. Meanwhile, a total of 233 migrants accepted accommodation. IOM's mobile teams transported 42 families of 111 members (81 adults and 30 children), seven single women and three unaccompanied or separated children (UASCs) to TRC Borić, 67 single men to TRC Lipa, and 11 families of 37 members (24 adults and 13 children), and three single women and five UASCs to TRC Ušivak.

Afghanistan (27%) and Burundi (17%) are the two main declared nationalities of identified migrants residing outside of the TRCs, followed by Pakistan (15%); Cuba (11%); India (8%); Bangladesh (7%); Iraq (4%); Syrian Arab Republic (3%); Iran and Nepal (2% each); Congo, Morocco, and Turkey (1% each); and Algeria, Gabon, Jordan, and Cameroon (less than 1%).

of persons transported: 243

of information sessions: 533

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 658 migrants – of which 499 in TRCs and 159 migrants in off-site locations – through information sessions on AVRR. Furthermore, a total of 51 in-depth counselling sessions were held to ensure that beneficiaries are well informed and aware of the assistance available during pre-departure, travel, and post-arrival. Three returns took place to Morocco, Burundi and Bangladesh during the reporting period.

Migration routes are constantly expanding and evolving. This year, there has been an influx of Burundian citizens in BiH, making up 13 per cent of the population in all TRCs and 7 per cent outside of TRCs. Recently, IOM's AVRR team successfully returned the first Burundi citizen to his country of origin. Several other cases for the voluntary return of Burundian nationals are currently in the pipeline.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,295

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 99

SAFETY & SECURITY

In TRC Lipa, IOM staff members organized and held a mine risk education (MRE) session with participation of 17 migrants from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Burundi, and Guinea. The session was successfully completed in English and French with positive feedback from the participating migrants. Similarly, in TRC Blažuj, an MRE session was organized for newly arrived migrants from Afghanistan, Burundi, and Nigeria in the French language.

Tanja's story

Honoring humanitarian workers, we share a story about IOM employee, Tanja Nedić

IOM is proud to have a professional and dedicated team in Bosnia and Herzegovina. One of them is Tanja Nedić, currently a Team Leader in the mobile team in Bijeljina within the "Improving migrants assistance and supporting local communities in Republika Srpska" (MARS) project. Tanja joined IOM in April 2020, supporting migrants first in the former family-oriented TRC Sedra in Cazin municipality, where she developed a deeper understanding of what migrants face daily and gained first-hand experience as a humanitarian worker. After Sedra, she worked in other reception facilities in Una Sana Canton and as a part of mobile teams.

At her current post, Tanja is responsible for the coordination of assistance to vulnerable migrants identified on the territory of Republika Srpska in coordination with the SFA, local communities, Red Cross and local civil society organizations. On a daily basis, she is in a direct contact with migrants who find themselves stranded and often in need of basic support including water, food, clothes, medical assistance, transport and accommodation.

Out of the many stories of migrants that she assisted, Tanja remembers one in particular. A vulnerable migrant family from Cuba was transported by the local police to IOM for initial support. After talking to them and offering to organize medical aid to treat their wounds from their long journey, the mother and daughter started to cry as they were moved by Tanja's gentleness following a difficult period and were relieved that they were safe. They shared their story with Tanja, who shared her memory of their polite demeanour, warmth and sadness.

Project Manager of the MARS project and Tanja's supervisor, Kristina Šešljija, described her as talented in working in the field with efficiency and sensitivity towards the specific and individual needs of beneficiaries.

Working in the field with people in vulnerable situations requires true dedication and Tanja shows this every day. She says that in IOM she has learned new things, grown as a professional and as a person, met wonderful colleagues, and made new friendships. Working in IOM consistently reminds her of how human lives can be challenging, but she is thankful for her role as she is able to offer support, a smile and a kind word to people who really need it.

On 19 August IOM celebrates World Humanitarian Day and all the persons who work so hard in BiH to uphold the dignity and rights of migrants and other vulnerable groups.



TANJA PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO A VULNERABLE MIGRANT FAMILY.
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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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