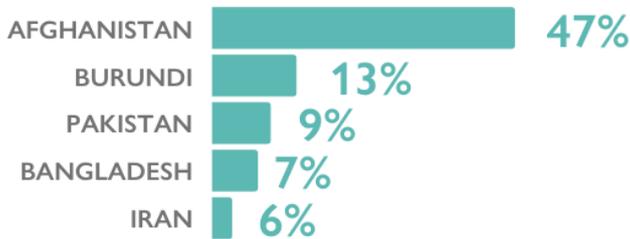


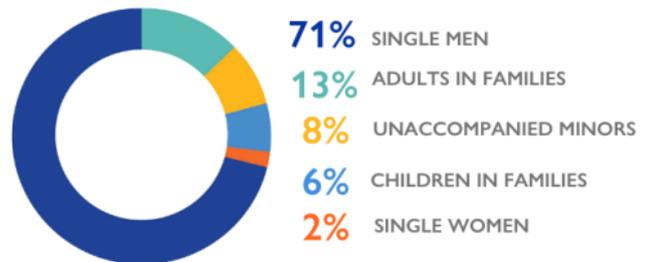
TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	237	580	103
LIPA	236	1,497	24
BLAŽUJ	983	1,700	80
UŠIVAK	418	800	36
TOTAL:	1,874	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	2,389					12,671

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The first No Nation Fashion (NNF) summer school of sustainable design was organized in the NNF fashion studio of TRC Ušivak during the week, with participation of 16 trainees, including local youth, migrants, and local mentors and artists. The summer school aimed to foster local partnerships and social inclusion through skills building where BiH designers and artists mentored participants, providing them with theoretical and practical skills, from ideation and development of fashion projects to fostering an understanding of the basic principles of sustainable fashion design. Participants learned more about fashion illustration, using the natural materials and organic colours, adhering to the zero waste principles, and recycling pre-existing clothing items.

The summer school led to the development of new NNF outfits that will be used to promote environmental sustainability and inclusive dialogues on migration in the framework of the NNF initiative, which emphasizes the artistic, social and economic contribution of migrants to their host societies.



NNF SUMMER SCHOOL OF SUSTAINABLE DESIGN IN TRC UŠIVAK. ©IOM BiH 2022

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Borići, a high turnover of migrants continued during the week, significantly affecting the implementation of regular activities planned by all partner organizations active in the centre. IOM facilitates efficient communication among partner organizations to follow up on changes in migration trends to respond in a coordinated way. With regards to the reception of new arrivals, IOM opened additional rooms to provide enough space for preregistration and isolation areas. As a result, a part of the third floor of the main building of the centre was repurposed as a preregistration area, to get an additional 68 beds while 36 beds are currently available in the COVID-19 symptomatic isolation area.

In TRC Lipa, the cooperation between IOM and the Football Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina continues. During the week, the Association donated football jerseys, cleats and socks, goals, nets, and soccer balls for migrants accommodated in the centre interested in playing football. The goal of the partnership is to revive the spirit of sport among migrants accommodated in TRC Lipa, to nurture healthy habits through exercise and teamwork.

In TRC Blažuj, IOM in cooperation with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) and Médecins du Monde (MdM) representatives, organized social activities with migrants, staff and volunteers with music, dancing, refreshments, and the "Games Without Borders" competition. This activity will be included in weekly community building and psychosocial support interventions in the centre.



GAMES WITHOUT BORDERS IN TRC BLAŽUJ.
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PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

During the reporting week, IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams in BiH facilitated a total of 943 emergency screenings, during which 112 persons with protection risks and needs were identified. The Protection team provided individual assistance to 72 persons while 562 persons were reached through information provision/awareness raising sessions.

In TRC Borići, the first MHPSS meeting was organized by IOM with the objective to improve communication and coordination involving service provision to migrants as well as ensure prompt information sharing. Protection activities in reception facilities often imply use of referral mechanisms

and coordinated services for single beneficiaries who might need support from different actors. Various aspects of coordination and information sharing including dynamics and technical details, were discussed with partner organizations engaged in protection issues. Participants agreed to hold bi-weekly meetings.

The female Football Club, Željezničar, from Bosanska Krupa (FC Željezničar) held a training in TRC Borići on 27 August for a total of 12 women, girls, men, and boys from Burundi, Iran, and Cuba. As a fun and healthy form of exercise, this activity contributes to strengthening the mental health of migrants by lowering stress and anxiety. Prior to the training the National Football Association provided football equipment for the migrants to use.

In TRC Ušvak, IOM representatives attended the Boy's Voice meeting chaired by the UNFPA's Center for Young Men and Boys as part of the ongoing dialogue with accommodated people in the centre. Three representatives of the unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) population were present at the meeting and they provided feedback to IOM on the assistance offered within the centre. IOM used the opportunity to present and highlight the function of the feedback and complaint mechanism to the UASC representatives and invited them to use the mechanism and share the information with others.

In TRC Blažuj, a seven-member committee, including the representatives of IOM and partner organizations, met to open the Complaint, Feedback and Suggestion boxes to translate and review the casted forms. A total of seven anonymous forms were found in Persian, English and Pashto languages. The complaints were mainly related to non-food item supply and issues related to hygiene. The meeting minutes were shared with all relevant representatives and necessary steps are being taken to address the concerns.

of emergency screenings in TRCs: 943

of persons with protection risks and needs: 112

of people reached through information sessions: 562

of people reached with individual assistance: 72



FOOTBALL TRAINING FOR WOMEN, GIRLS, MEN AND BOYS IN TRC BORIĆI
PERFORMED BY THE FOOTBALL CLUB ŽELJEZNIČAR.
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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, two old and damaged containers were disposed of and removed from the playground in the centre's UASC zone. The playground was thoroughly cleaned afterwards. UASC accommodated in the centre now have a larger space for sport and recreational events.

During the reporting period, 118 persons used the Mother and Baby Wash Unit (MBWU) services, including 64 mothers and 54 children. In TRC Blažuj, IOM maintenance staff placed four new benches in the summer shed for migrants who are waiting for the issuance of documents or for the emergency screening interview upon reception.

of persons sheltered: **1,874**

of persons assisted with laundry services: **975**

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, 22,855 meals and 5,599 NFI items were distributed during the reporting period.

In TRC Ušivak, the Free Shop, where residents can get free NFIs such as clothes, operated from Monday to Friday and served 58 people.

In TRC Lipa, a solution was identified for the disposal of large amounts of food waste within the centre. A local utility company, *Komrad*, from Bihać will be performing the removal of leftover food in specialized barrels daily, or as needed.

During the reporting period, six migrants accommodated in TRC Blažuj, in cooperation with local organization *Asocijacija za saradnju i unapređenje sredine - ASUS from Hadžići*, participated in the international cooking event in Velika aleja in Ilidža municipality. Passers-by had the opportunity to taste the national cuisine of Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iran.

of meals distributed: **22,855**

of NFIs distributed: **5,599**

of people assisted with NFIs: **878**



MIGRANTS FROM TRC BLAŽUJ PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL COOKING EVENT IN ILIDŽA AND PREPARED DISHES FROM PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN. ©IOM BIH 2022

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.

During the reporting period, the teams organized 351 information sessions, four psychological first aid (PFA) sessions, 49 transportation services for 160 migrants, and distribution of 327 food and 21 NFI items. Furthermore, 16 referrals were made to address identified protection needs of 53 migrants. A total of 160 migrants accepted accommodation. IOM's Mobile Teams transported 25 families of 57 members (49 adults and 8 children), seven single women and one unaccompanied or separated child (UASC) to TRC Borići, 64 single men to TRC Lipa, and seven families of 17 members (10 adults and 7 children), two single women and 12 UASCs to TRC Ušivak.

of persons transported: **160**

of information sessions: **351**

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 456 migrants, including 453 migrants in TRCs and three migrants in other locations off-site, through information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR). Furthermore, a total of 45 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. No returns took place during the reporting period.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: **1,295**

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: **99**

SAFETY & SECURITY

No major incidents were recorded in reception facilities during the reporting week. There were several violations of house rules. The Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies (DCPB) staff were present and acted according to safety and security rules and protocols established within the centres.



IOM MOBILE TEAM PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS IN JAJCE. ©IOM BIH 2022

Désirée's* story

The night they spent in a forest along the eastern border with Serbia went quickly for Désirée* and two of her children, aged 14 and 16. They were so tired from their travels from Central Africa that they all immediately fell asleep. However, the following evening, when Désirée realized they would have to sleep outside again, this time under a lorry to protect themselves from the rain, the mother's anxiety rose to a peak.

Désirée is now safe and resting in a temporary reception centre in Bosnia and Herzegovina. While her recent travels to the Western Balkans left her exhausted, she affirms that staying in her country of origin was no longer an option.

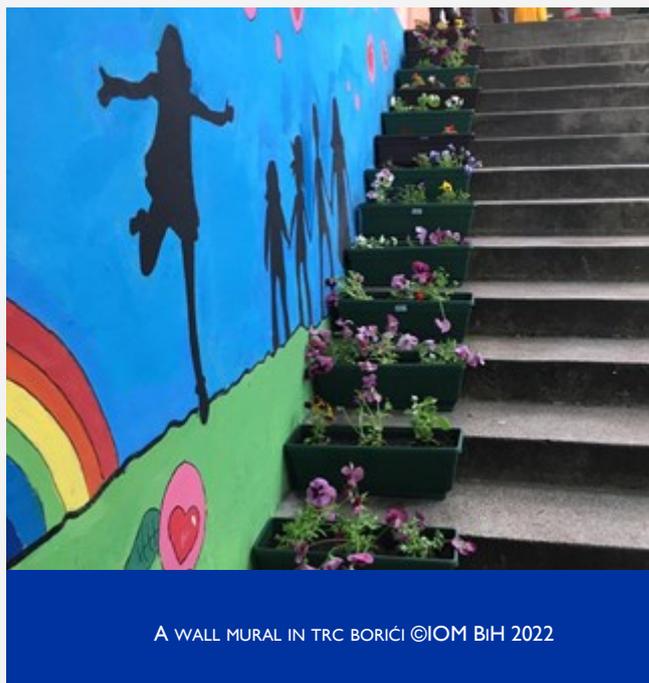
As a psychologist working with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex (LGBTQI) community, her safety and future in her country of origin were compromised. For several years, she had been involved in promoting the human rights of LGBTQI persons, in a country that criminalizes same-sex relationships. Désirée's role as a community leader and member of the board of directors led to a deterioration of her family's quality of life and safety. Her two older children were subject to discrimination and persecution and left the country of origin in 2019. In recent years, the two younger children also started experiencing issues. For instance, her 14-year-old daughter stopped going to school because she was being harassed in relation to the role her mother plays in the promotion of LGBTQI rights. Discrimination and violence became part of their daily life, at which point it became clear they would have to leave. Ultimately, Désirée hopes to be reunited with her two adult children, who live in Canada. However, she is aware this may not be possible, and the process takes time, so she and her children are preparing to continue to face challenges on their journey. With support of IOM and other key humanitarian partners working in BiH, Désirée will have access to direct assistance and information to help her make safe, long-term decisions.

Everywhere around the world, human rights activists become targets of intimidation, discrimination, threats and personal attacks.

While most of the persons on the move in BiH and the Western Balkans migrated primarily for economic reasons, many of the families and individuals met in temporary reception centres were persecuted for their race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion.

Free legal counselling and legal aid is provided in temporary reception centres in Bosnia and Herzegovina for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers by UNHCR and their partner organization Bosnia and Herzegovina Association *Vaša prava*.

*Name was changed to protect privacy



A WALL MURAL IN TRC BORIĆI ©IOM BIH 2022

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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