

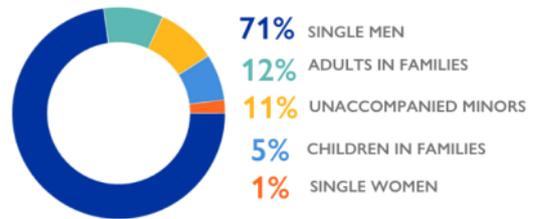
### TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	154	580	103
LIPA	209	1,497	26
BLAŽUJ	990	1,700	80
UŠIVAK	318	800	36
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,671</b>	<b>4,577</b>	

### 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	514					10,282

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

The number of migrants registered at arrival in the country has been increasing significantly since the beginning of the year (source: Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)). This is confirmed by the high turnaround of migrants in temporary reception centres (TRCs). Round 14 of the Migrant Presence exercise ([report available online](#)) that was conducted outside of TRCs on 21 July indicate that over 40 per cent of the migrants surveyed report having spent less than a month in BiH, among which half reported less than two weeks. The increase of registrations and departures in TRCs shows that migrants know and take advantage of the humanitarian assistance available in BiH.

This week, IOM staff and migrants from TRC Blažuj joined the clean-up activity in front of the Multimedia Center in Ilidza, which will host screenings during the Sarajevo Film Festival in mid-August. This action was organized by KSIRC Ilidza and supported by various IOM teams including the Social Cohesion Team, the Sarajevo Mobile Team and colleagues from TRC Blažuj.



IOM ENUMERATOR WITH SFA INSPECTOR COLLECTING INFORMATION ON MIGRANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS RESIDING OUTSIDE THE OFFICIAL TRCs IN BIH. © IOM BIH 2022

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## COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Ušivak, IOM held the weekly CCCM meeting with partner agencies, including World Vision, Caritas, Bosnia and Herzegovina Women's Initiative (BHWI), Vasa Prava, Drop in the Ocean (DIO), UNFPA, Danish Refugee Council, Médecins du Monde, and the Ministry of Security Liaison Officer. The new non-food item (NFI) distribution schedule was presented, along with printed leaflets presenting the content of standard NFI packages. IOM is also working on the development of a new handbook developed to guide migrants arriving in the centre that will be available for residents and partners.

In TRC Blažuj, the weekly Interagency Coordination meeting was held on 3 August with participation of 19 representatives of partner organizations. IOM used this opportunity to discuss and collect feedback on the new handbook being developed. Furthermore, the IOM CCCM Team worked towards expanding the Green Zone, an area reserved for unaccompanied or separated children (UASCs) in the centre.

In TRC Borići, the weekly CCCM meeting organized by IOM and attended by representatives of the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) and nine partner organizations active in the centre, focused on harm reduction and house rules. This follows several events in which the consumption of alcohol and other prohibited substances were reported in or near the centre vicinity. Following the epidemiologic situation and increase in COVID-19 cases at the centre earlier this summer, a survey to determine the vaccination status of new beneficiaries and the level of interest in vaccination is being planned. Over the reporting period, a total of 142 returning migrants and newcomers were tested. Of those tested, 12 beneficiaries (10 positive and 2 contacts) were relocated to symptomatic isolation.

## PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

During the reporting week, the IOM Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Team in BiH facilitated a total of 807 emergency screenings, during which 71 persons with protection risks and needs were identified. The Protection Team provided individual assistance to 43 persons, while 60 referrals were made for specialized and non-specialized services.

In TRC Ušivak, on 5 August, the IOM CCCM Team chaired the weekly Feedback and Complaint Committee meeting, during which a complaint was discussed and addressed. Moreover, a follow up meeting was held with community representatives to discuss the set-up of the new prayer room for the Christian community. IOM will provide space and benches, while other recreational items such as books and music instruments will be procured in the coming week.

In TRC Blažuj, the weekly Community Representative Council meeting was held on 4 August, in the presence of ten representatives of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh. The newly elected representatives were briefed about the purpose and functioning of the council. The council continued the discussion regarding the maintenance of common areas and clarified where cleaning materials are available for use. The purpose and importance of the feedback mechanism was also discussed.

In TRC Borići, the IOM Protection and MHPSS Team held a focus group with Cuban migrants, during which they had the opportunity to share feedback on the services provided in the centre. During the week, IOM also assisted with the transportation of 63 local children and three migrant children to attend summer school and other related activities.

# of emergency screenings in TRCs: 807

# of referrals to partner organizations: 60



MIGRANTS ACCOMMODATED AT TRC BLAŽUJ SUPPORTING TGE CLEANING ACTION IN FRONT OF THE MULTIMEDIA CENTRE ILIDŽA  
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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, disinfection, and derating (DDD) measures, and regular repairs on shelters and sanitary installations IOM is working to prevent the spread of bedbugs and discarded over 50 mattresses in TRC Blažuj during the week. In total, 24 migrants were diagnosed with scabies and provided with further assistance and NFI.

In TRC Usivak, the requirements for cleaning and maintaining accommodation units are on the rise due to the high turnover of migrants. Over 40 accommodation units were thoroughly cleaned during the week. The IOM team also painted the fence of the Mother and Baby Wash Unit (MBWU). During the reporting period, 92 persons used MBWU services, including 46 mothers and 46 children.

**# of persons sheltered: 1,668**

**# of persons assisted with laundry services: 904**

## 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, 18,344 meals and 5,696 NFI items were distributed during the reporting period. TRC Ušivak received donations of various items for babies (ie, diapers, wipes) and continues to operate the Free Shop where residents can get free NFIs items such as clothes. A total of 232 items were donated during the week. In TRC Lipa, the technical assessment of the new warehouse facility for NFIs was conducted in the presence of the IOM engineers. All NFIs stocked in the Una Sana Canton will now be centralized in the new warehouse, which will greatly enhance the distribution, storage, and monitoring of NFIs. As of this week, TRC Lipa and TRC Borici will share storage and kitchen space. All meals will be prepared at TRC Lipa and delivered by the Red Cross staff to TRC Borici.

**# of meals distributed: 18,344**

**# of NFIs distributed: 5,696**

**# of people assisted with NFIs: 726**

## 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 team organized 443 information sessions, 55 transportation services for 179 migrants, and distributed 369 food items. Furthermore, 23 referrals were made to address the protection needs of 135 migrants.

A total of 165 migrants accepted accommodation at TRCs. IOM's Mobile Team transported 36 families comprised of 87 members (73 adults and 14 children), five single women and seven UASC to TRC Borici and TRC Ušivak, and 66 single men to TRC Lipa.

Burundi (22%), Pakistan (17%), and Afghanistan (12%) are the three main declared nationalities of migrants assisted by the IOM Outreach Team outside of TRCs, followed by Cameroon, Congo, and Nepal (8% each); Cuba and Guinea (5% each); the Islamic Republic of Iran and Türkiye (4% each); Algeria, Bangladesh, and Iraq (2% each); and the Gambia, India, Sierra Leone, and the Syrian Arab Republic (less than 1%).

On 2 August, during a joint IOM and UNHCR outreach activity, 13 single Pakistani men in two of the five locations visited by the teams in Bihać were identified for the provision of assistance. Even though the migrants were registered with the SFA and had previously been accommodated in the TRCs in Una-Sana Canton (USC), they declined all available assistance.

**# of persons transported: 179**

**# of information sessions: 443**

## 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 282 migrants – 62 migrants in TRCs and 220 migrants in other locations off-site – through information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR). Furthermore, a total of 104 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: 1,289**

**# Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 93**

## SAFETY & SECURITY

IOM continued the security assessment of outreach locations this week, with a focus on locations in the Velika Kladuša area. The assessment aims to adjust the day-to-day operations of outreach and mobile teams, ensuring that their work conforms to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Outreach locations with the code tags GLN1, GLN2, GLN3, GLN4, VK8 and VK17 have been reactivated in accordance with the SOPs for outreach/mobile teams. Furthermore, a new location in Glinica village has been mapped (GLN5). In accordance with the assessment findings, a table of micro-locations in the USC area was updated and disseminated among the team members.



SECURITY ASSESSMENT OF OUTREACH LOCATIONS IN BIHAĆ  
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## HUMAN STORIES

The IOM Mobile team in Mostar recently assisted Julio\* and his son Tony\*, both of whom spent nine days in the forest between Montenegro and BiH and went without food or water for two days prior to contacting IOM. In coordination with the SFA, IOM assisted the family with transportation and urgent care, given Julio's poor health condition as a diabetic. After a good night's sleep, Tony met with IOM to recount his story and reflect about his future. « I am dreaming of continuing my studies again in the field of gastronomy, » confided Tony, laughing that so many bars and restaurants in the area are named after a well-known city in his home country. Tony and his father expressed their gratitude in having found shelter at a TRC in the Sarajevo Canton, where they have access to right-based information in their native language in addition to assistance and respite after a year of challenges and false promises along the route.

The IOM Mobile Teams are active across the country, monitoring the humanitarian situation related to mixed migration flows and providing first-hand assistance to some of the most vulnerable persons on the move. Migrants travelling in the Western Balkans often go through perilous routes, crossing rivers, heavily forested areas and high mountain ranges. Having mobile teams that are able to rapidly deploy to assist migrants, while working in close coordination with local authorities and partners, is a critical element of IOM's mixed migration response in BiH.

IOM continuously updates and disseminates its available services and contact information, notably through the [Support For Migrants](#) application, which provides information on places to receive food, shelter, legal and medical help in eight languages.

\*Names have been changed to protect privacy



TONY AND JULIO AT THE SFA OFFICE © IOM BIH 2022



TONY AND JULIO NEAR THE TRC IN THE SARAJEVO CANTON © 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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