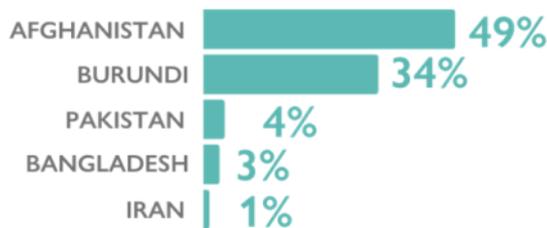


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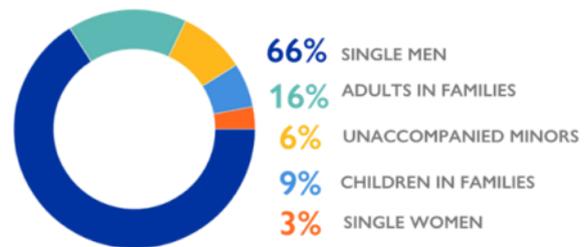
### TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
364	580	13
551	1,497	21
1,666	1,700	80
554	800	32
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,135</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	2,389	4,640	1,878			19,189

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

With the upcoming winter season, there has been a rapid turnover of migrants in the temporary reception centres (TRCs) in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In response to this, IOM has continued to work closely with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) and various other partners to provide day-to-day camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) support, which has proven essential in the face of the daily challenges. Due to the recent increase in the number of persons accommodated in TRCs, notably the number of families, during the week, IOM and the SFA worked towards preparing an area of TRC Lipa to accommodate families without children. This contributed to maintaining the living standards of the families accommodated in TRC Borići, which was reaching its maximum capacity.

On 12 October, IOM, UNHCR and the SFA accompanied a representative of the EU Service for Foreign Policy Instrument (FPI) to TRCs Ušivak and Blažuj. The visit and meeting provided an opportunity to discuss FPI areas of interventions in BiH, notably through the project "Bosnia and Herzegovina: Enhancing social cohesion in communities hosting people on the move", which is currently jointly implemented by IOM and UNHCR, as well as other projects in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in support of reconciliation and

social cohesion in migrants at reception facilities.



THE VISIT OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EU SERVICE FOR FPI TO TRC BLAŽUJ. ©IOM BIH 2022

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## COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Blažuj, IOM in coordination with the SFA organized a coordination meeting with partner organizations active in the centre. The participants discussed potential ways to reorganize and synchronize support activities carried out by all actors in TRC Blažuj, considering the current increase in number of migrants, and agreed that these solutions need to be continually revisited and adapted to the situation as it evolves to adequately respond to migrant needs. The organization of social activities (sports, creative, educational, recreational, occupational, psychosocial, etc) has had a positive influence on the well-being of beneficiaries and on maintaining a positive mood in the centre. IOM representatives initiated the process of updating the existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to enhance coordination and communication channels in the centre among partners. The current SoPs were last revised in March 2022, when the average number of migrants in the centre was significantly lower compared to October 2022.

In TRC Ušivak, a total of 564 migrants were newly registered in the centre during the week and were provided with accommodation, food, and non-food items (NFI). In coordination with the SFA and Save the Children, IOM organized the transfer of 68 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) from TRC Blažuj to TRC Ušivak, which has a UASC Zone with services tailored to UASCs.

IOM's CCCM team enabled the use of one more office equipped with a computer, printer, and other equipment and material necessary to carry out the registration process and facilitate the work of staff registering migrants in TRC Ušivak.

In TRC Borići, the bi-weekly coordination meeting was organized by IOM in cooperation with the SFA on 10 October with participation of representatives of eight partner organizations active in the centre who agreed on common action points for the next two weeks. The action points include activities on maintaining cleanliness of the centre, and aligning donations in non-food items with the current needs of migrant population in the centre.

## PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams in BiH facilitated a total of 885 emergency screenings, through which 79 persons with protection needs were identified during the reporting period. The Protection team provided individual assistance to 36 persons while 786 persons were reached through information provision and awareness raising sessions.

In TRC Blažuj, IOM's Protection teams in coordination with the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) team and a local organization providing free legal aid in centres Vaša Prava, held the first Legal Info Session for migrants. The aim of the Legal Info programme is to provide relevant information to migrants on their human rights based on international and BiH legal frameworks in relation to existing support systems and services available in the reception centres and in the country as well as information on asylum seeking procedures and possibilities of assisted return to their country of origin.

During the reporting period, IOM staff members from TRC Blažuj and TRC Borići together with representatives of other organizations active in the centres attended training sessions organized by UNFPA. The training "GBV Pocket Guide for non-GBV workers" intended to raise awareness about gender-based violence as well as to provide frontline workers with supporting materials and information on timely and adequate GBV response in an emergency context.

In TRC Lipa, the revival of the family zone to accommodate new people required the engagement of all relevant actors in order to facilitate the protection-sensitive reception of families, their adaptation and information about all available services. IOM staff will continually support the re-establishment of the family zone with the SFA to keep beneficiaries informed about house rules, listen to their concerns, and follow up in case of need.

# of emergency screenings in TRCs: 885

# of persons with protection risks and needs: 79

# of individual assistances: 36

# of people reached with information sessions: 786

# of referrals for specialized and unspecialized services by IOM: 94



IOM TEAM PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NEWLY ARRIVED MIGRANTS IN TRC UŠIVAK.  
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NEW ARRIVALS TO TRC BLAŽUJ IN THE AFTERNOON HOURS.  
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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.

In TRC Ušivak, the roof reconstruction works on the building where the laundry services are located were completed by the end of the reporting week. Separately, the Mother and Baby Wash Unit was used by 65 people, including 20 mothers and 45 children (15 male and 30 female).

In TRC Blažuj, the pre-registration area was equipped with 100 new mattresses and washable bedsheets for the temporary accommodation of new arrivals in the process of being registered.

# of persons sheltered: **3,135**

# of persons assisted with laundry services: **1,574**



THE NEW ROOF ON THE LAUNDRY BUILDING IN TRC UŠIVAK WILL IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR SERVICE PROVISION.  
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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.

During the reporting week, IOM reached 457 migrants, of which 121 in TRCs and 336 migrants in other locations off-site, through information sessions on AVRR. A total of 25 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, one person returned to his country of origin, Pakistan.

# Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: **1,309**

# Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: **113**



IOM'S AVRR TEAM AND MOBILE TEAM PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE TO AN AVRR BENEFICIARY.  
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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, 36,833 meals and 8,311 NFIs were distributed during the reporting period.

# of meals distributed: **36,833**

# of NFIs distributed: **8,311**

## 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, IOM's mobile teams provided 30 transportation services for 113 migrants. Furthermore, 178 information sessions were organized for migrants residing in outside locations. Out of the total migrants transported, 75 migrants accepted accommodation in reception centres, including 15 families with 46 members (25 adults and 21 children) and three single women to TRC Borčić, three single men to TRC Lipa, and four families with nine members (adults) and 14 UASCs to TRC Ušivak.

# of persons transported: **113**

# of information sessions: **178**

## SAFETY & SECURITY

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

On 16 October, in TRC Ušivak, a Mine Risk Education awareness session was held with twelve migrants in attendance (7 female and 5 male) from Burundi, India, and Afghanistan.



MINE RISK EDUCATION SESSION WAS HELD IN TRC UŠIVAK FOR 12 MIGRANTS.  
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## Mohsen's\* Story

IOM Protection and MHPSS team shared a story

In all reception centres in BiH, migrants have the option to participate in various creative and recreational activities. When Mohsen\* arrived at a reception facility in August 2022, he was elated to find a social corner where he was able to engage in creative activities, particularly to draw and share his work with the broader community at the centre.

When IOM staff spoke to Mohsen about his talent for drawing and painting his eyes grew wide and lit up. He said that he was "born with it" and that no one ever taught him, he simply paints by feeling. He likes to draw human faces because that's what he feels closest to.

When Mohsen was offered the opportunity to paint and decorate wall in the social corner, he agreed immediately and said that it would be a pleasure to leave his mark at the centre. However, with the current trend of increased arrivals and departures in reception centres at BiH, Mohsen ultimately did not stay and left the reception centre before finalizing the painting on the wall. Nevertheless, a trace of his presence and talent remains in the form of the drawings that he painted with the desire that him and other migrants like him would always be remembered.

Engaging in social activities has proven beneficial to the well-being of migrants, strengthening their resilience and coping skills in adverse life situations. In all four reception centres in BiH, dedicated CCCM staff and cultural mediators work with local partners to conduct various social activities. This work directly contributes to IOM's Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) framework, an active commitment for IOM to take into account, give account to, and be held accountable to the migrants and local communities that IOM seek to assist.

\*The name was changed to protect privacy.



MOHSEN'S DRAWINGS CAPTURE HIS FAVORITE SUBJECT  
- A HUMAN FACE.  
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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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