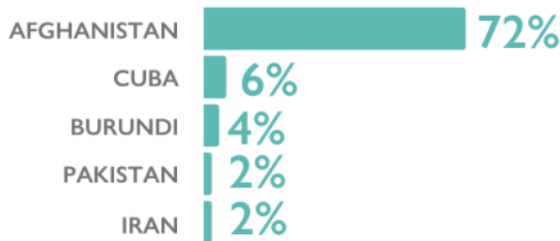


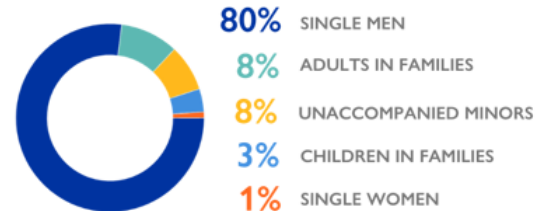
	TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)		
	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	176	580	8
LIPA	286	1,512	11
BLAŽUJ	977	1,700	8
UŠIVAK	310	800	9
TOTAL:	1,752	4,592	

TOP 5 NATIONALITIES IN TRCs



SEX AND AGE DISAGGREGATED DATA

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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	5010	1856		24,177

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 19 November, IOM and the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) organized activities to mark the one-year anniversary of Temporary Reception Centre (TRC) Lipa. In the past year, thanks to the Ministry of Security (MoS) leadership and the SFA coordination, TRC Lipa has provided accommodation, food, non-food items (NFI), health services and social activities to more than 7,000 migrants and asylum-seekers in need of humanitarian assistance.

IOM and local organization Vaša Prava continued to roll out the new legal information sessions in all TRCs in BiH. So far 60 beneficiaries took part in the sessions which included information on the rights and obligations of migrants within the existing legal frameworks, asylum seeking procedures and assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) services to countries of origin. The purpose of the legal information sessions is also to raise awareness about the risks of irregular migration, prevent misinformation and provide accurate and precise updates on topics which are of interest for beneficiaries.



LEGAL INFORMATION SESSION IN TRC BORIĆI.
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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

During the reporting period, a total of 3,255 new arrivals and 4,011 new departures were recorded in all TRCs in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), indicating that the turnover of beneficiaries is still high with a mild decline in new arrivals. IOM provides assistance to new arrivals in the TRCs during the registration process including translation services, information sharing and support for completing the necessary documents. In TRC Ušivak, IOM CCCM team has developed a new leaflet on the TRC admission process, with images of the locations where registration takes place. The leaflet is available in Farsi/Dari, Urdu, French and Spanish.

Since the number of individuals infected with scabies is on the rise in TRCs, IOM and partner organizations have discussed this issue during coordination meetings and agreed on the steps to be taken. In TRC Blažuj, for instance, a mass medical screening will be organized by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), while IOM will provide isolation and NFIs for migrants suffering from scabies.

The IOM CCCM team in TRC Ušivak repurposed four containers in the unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) Zone to prevent the spreading of scabies. This will allow for UASC who were diagnosed with scabies to remain in the UASC zone while limiting contacts. The action was undertaken in coordination with the SFA, DRC and World Vision.

Moreover, in TRC Blažuj, IOM coordinated the implementation of a satisfaction survey regarding the changes introduced to the menu. So far, 400 migrants have been surveyed. The results will be summarized and discussed with implementing partners to adjust food preparation and distribution processes.

In TRC Lipa, the IOM CCCM Coordinator held a meeting with representatives of the local association "Ruke", which implements the project "Engagement of youth in ecological and socio-economic sustainable initiatives" in cooperation with IOM. The goal of the project is to empower young people to start eco-initiatives for the community. As part of this project, Ruke aims to engage migrants who wish to participate in the eco-initiatives (eg. the planting of tree seedlings). Organizational aspects of joint eco-initiatives with migrants were discussed at the meeting.

of new arrivals in TRCs: **3,255**

of new departures: **4,011**

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams in BiH facilitated a total of 1,160 emergency screenings, through which 110 persons with protection needs were identified during the reporting period. IOM provided individual assistance to 51 persons while 766 individuals were reached through information provision and awareness raising sessions.

From 21 to 22 November, the IOM Protection and MHPSS teams in Una Sana Canton (USC) attended an interactive two-day Protection Mainstreaming Training organized by IOM. The training focused on outlining the purpose and methods of mainstreaming protection in the emergency response in line with the IASC Statement on the Centrality of Protection and Policy on Protection in Humanitarian Action.

On 24 November a protection coordination meeting was held with partner organizations in TRC Blažuj. The partners discussed possible ways for improvement of living conditions in TRCs and good practices observed so far. Information about the forthcoming social activities were shared and discussed.

A regular weekly gathering with music, dance and refreshments were organized in TRC Blažuj in cooperation with World Vision and Caritas. The purpose of such social gatherings in reception centres is to improve the mood of beneficiaries, with their mental health in consideration.

In TRC Borići, IOM organized a workshop entitled "Dangers in Nature and How to Prevent Them" in cooperation with the local Mountain Rescue Service Bihać for 18 TRC residents from Cuba and Ghana to raise awareness on how to respond in the face of dangerous conditions in nature (i.e. water, snow, wild animals, extreme cold/hot weather).

In TRC Lipa, in coordination with the SFA and the Faculty of Engineering Department of Design of the University of Bihać, IOM organized new educational workshop within the Creative Zone where migrants will have the opportunity to turn their creative ideas into objects by practicing Japanese textile dyeing technique *Shibori*.

of emergency screenings in TRCs: **1,160**

of persons with protection risks and needs: **110**

of people reached with information sessions: **766**



A WORKSHOP „DANGERS IN NATURE AND HOW TO PREVENT THEM“ WAS HELD IN TRC BORIĆI.
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MIGRANTS IN TRC LIPA PRACTICE JAPANESE TEXTILE DYING TECHNIQUE *SHIBORI*.
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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 and partner organizations established an action plan to address the increase in scabies cases in TRC Ušivak, provide support and prevent further infections. IOM will provide additional disinfection treatment in the unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) zone, given that unaccompanied and separated children are at higher risk and have greater exposure to skin disease.

of persons sheltered: 1,752

of laundry services: 2,115



FOOD SATISFACTION SURVEY IN TRC BLAŽUJ.
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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 Pomoziba. In total, 47,135 meals and 7,837 NFIs were distributed during the reporting period.

IOM, SFA and Caritas organized a joint cooking activity with migrants for the first anniversary of TRC Lipa. Caritas provided food for the occasion and migrants from Iran took an active part in preparing traditional dishes.

In TRC Borići, the local water supply company "Vodovod" notified the CCCM team that the tap water in the TRC was not potable due to the heavy rainfall. IOM temporarily set up a pot with clean water in the dining area for use. Furthermore, 20 gallons of 5 litre bottles of water were delivered from the Una Sana central warehouse for migrants in the centre.

As part of the many social activities available to individuals residing at the centres, during the reporting week, representatives of the Una San Canton Development Agency held a two-day cooking course for migrants staying in TRC Lipa.

of meals distributed: 47,135

of NFIs distributed: 7,837

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.

IOM's mobile teams provided 22 transportation services for 74 migrants during the reporting period. Out of the total migrants transported, 41 migrants were transported to accommodation in TRCs, including 5 families of 12 members (10 adults and one child) and one single woman to TRC Borići and 3 families of 11 migrants (5 adults and 6 children) and 17 UASCs to TRC Ušivak.

Furthermore, 527 information sessions and five psychological first aid (PFA) sessions were organized, and seventeen NFIs (clothes, hygiene) were distributed to migrants camping or squatting in outreach locations. Furthermore, IOM made five referrals to address the identified protection needs of 18 migrants.

of persons transported: 74

of information sessions: 527



IOM MOBILE TEAM PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS IN USC.
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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 period, IOM reached 801 migrants – of which 132 in TRCs and 669 migrants in other locations off-site – through information sessions on AVRR. A total of 132 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, four beneficiaries returned to their countries of origin (2 to Philippines, 1 to Pakistan and 1 to Morocco). The total number of voluntary returns facilitated by IOM in 2022 is 120.

IOM, in partnership with NGO Vaša prava conducted six legal information sessions for migrants accommodated in TRCs Blažuj, Ušivak, Lipa and Borići. At these sessions, 60 migrants received information about key details of AVRR assistance and the benefits of voluntary return.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,316

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 120

IOM's mobile team in Zvornik shared a story

IOM deploys mobile teams to reach out to migrants in locations used as transit points. In accordance with its outreach procedures and existing referral pathways, IOM mobile teams are present in locations outside of TRCs to increase migrant access to information and services, with the aim to reduce the number of migrants camping or squatting in abandoned buildings. Mobile teams screen for vulnerabilities, provide emergency assistance, and transport migrants to TRCs upon the SFA's request.

During the reporting month, the IOM mobile team in Zvornik received a request from the SFA to assist a family in Orašje. After completing the registration procedures at the SFA office, the IOM team met with the family and Oscar, a cat that the family decided to take with them when they left their

country despite the challenges that came with the journey.

After a few hours of transport, the family was welcomed into TRC Ušivak by the IOM CCCM team. The family and Oscar settled into their accommodation and received information about the assistance available, including food and NFI, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health and protection services as well as social activities. The family shared that bringing along their cat had aided their mental well-being in difficult times with leaving their home and being on the move. In face of the dynamic environment that IOM BiH operates, IOM staff members have excelled at responding to the unique needs of every individual. As such, IOM staff in the centre happily accommodated not only the needs of this family upon their arrival but also those of their beloved cat.



OSCAR, THE FAMILY CAT, SAFELY ARRIVED IN TRC UŠIVAK.
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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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