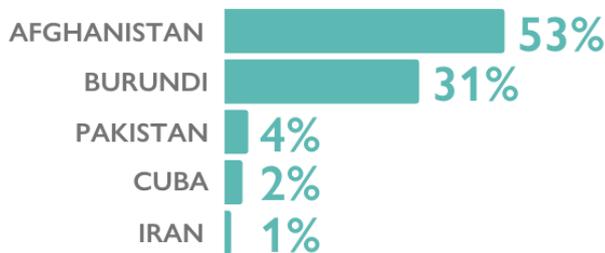




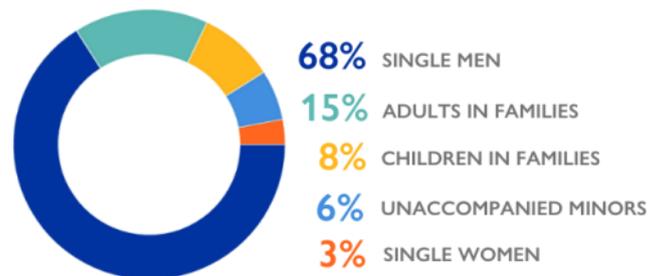
### TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	439	580	13
LIPA	619	1,512	21
BLAŽUJ	1,621	1,700	80
UŠIVAK	357	800	32
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,036</b>	<b>4,592</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	2,871			20,182

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 20 and 21 October, the Ministry of Health of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH), in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the World Health Organization (WHO), organized a conference focusing on migrants' health. Relevant authorities, including the Ministry of Security and other key partners, shared experiences, challenges and opportunities to strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships for quality and accessible health services to migrants in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

IOM, in coordination with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA), continues to respond to the high turnover rates of migrants in temporary reception centres (TRCs). A total of 2,041 new arrivals and 2,149 new departures were recorded in the four TRCs during the reporting period, which is half the number of new arrivals and a quarter of the departures observed in June. IOM and the SFA provided beneficiaries with timely assistance, regardless of the time of their arrival, as reflected in the subject of this week's human story (See p.4). The IOM Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) teams coordinated with all partners to identify the emerging needs and gaps of migrants and provide adequate and timely response.



MIGRANT HEALTH CONFERENCE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES  
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## COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Borići, on 21 October, the IOM CCCM team in cooperation with the Una Sana Canton (USC) Public Health Institute organized the information sharing activities under the IOM's project funded by the Council of Europe Development Bank called, "COVID-19 prevention and response measures within the migration response in Bosnia and Herzegovina", on promoting the health of the migrant population. The first health-related workshop for migrants was held by the representatives of the USC Public Health Institute, covering topics including COVID-19 prevention and response, sexually transmitted diseases, and addiction. Twenty Burundi nationals who recently arrived at the centre attended the workshop, during which translation was provided by one of the beneficiaries from Burundi who volunteered to translate its content from English to the Kirundi language.

In TRC Lipa, following the re-establishment of the family zone to accommodate the increasing number of families in USC, IOM and SFA teams engaged all relevant actors to define the steps for admission and reactivation of family-oriented services to cover the needs of newly arrived families, including specialized services for children. Separately, IOM marked Breast Cancer Awareness Month in TRC Lipa during the week with a workshop for female beneficiaries. The workshop highlighted how the disease knows no borders and that people are stronger when they join forces around the same cause.

In TRC Blažuj, during the reporting period, IOM translators provided assistance to the SFA on a daily basis with the process of issuing the Attestation to Seek Asylum (AISA) to newly arrived migrants. Every day, IOM teams have received migrants who arrive at the gate of the centre, share information about the services and help them fill out the necessary forms for the application for the issuance of AISA, as the first step to regulate their status. Moreover, on 21 October, the CCCM team in TRC Blažuj held a meeting with representatives of the Blažuj local community and migrant community in the TRC. The participants agreed to organize meetings once every two weeks to coordinate joint actions and maintain good relations between migrants and local population.

**# of emergency screenings in TRCs: 1,003**

**# of persons with protection risks and needs: 36**

**# of individual assistances: 34**

**# of people reached with information sessions: 272**

**# of referrals for specialized and unspecialized services by IOM: 65**



IOM PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS IN THE PROCESS OF ISSUING AISA.  
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## PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams in BiH facilitated a total of 1,003 emergency screenings, through which 36 persons with protection needs were identified during the reporting period. The Protection team provided individual assistance to 34 persons while 272 persons were reached through information provision and awareness raising sessions.

In TRC Lipa, considering the change in the structure of accommodations in the centre, the SFA and IOM organized more information sharing sessions with migrants to present the available services and motivate beneficiaries to actively participate in the centre. The female beneficiaries recently accommodated in the family zone were introduced to the activities available in the Creative Zone. Soon after, several beneficiaries from this group participated in workshops for soapmaking and sewing.

In TRC Blažuj, due to a high turnover of migrants during the week, the Community Representative Council meeting was not held as it is challenging to find representatives of the communities since the average stay of migrants is very short lately.

In TRC Borići, the IOM CCCM, MHPSS and Protection teams called for a thematic meeting at the centre with partner organizations engaged in child protection and health activities (World Vision, UNFPA, DRC, local organization Fenix, the Mother and Baby Corner staff) to address the recent increase in the number of family separation cases in TRC Borići, particularly the cases of small children who are left behind in the centre while their parents move elsewhere, most often attempt to cross the border and reach the European Union. During the meeting, the primary and secondary response actors for this particular issue were mapped. Participants at the meeting agreed to develop a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and flowchart to organize adequate support and care for unaccompanied and separated children, as well as to involve the Centre for Social Work Bihać and SFA in the provision and coordination of activities. Furthermore, the partners agreed to intensify awareness raising efforts within migrant communities in the centre through the organization of information sessions for parents. During these sessions, parents will receive information about the risks and potential consequences of child abandonment and the family reunification process.

In TRC Ušivak, the reporting week was marked by an intensified provision of individual assistance to migrants by the IOM MHPSS and Protection teams including the accommodation of newly arrived families, relocation of vulnerable individuals, daily checks, distribution of clothes, additions to the "food-out list" (the list of people who receive food in their accommodation units due to health-related reasons) and dietary accommodations.



IOM TEAM PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NEWLY ARRIVED FAMILIES IN TRC UŠIVAK. ©IOM BiH 2022

## 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 Blažuj, IOM maintenance staff equipped the newly renovated accommodation unit along with migrant volunteers. 180 mattresses and 180 bed sheets were relocated from the warehouse to the new unit.

**# of persons sheltered: 3,036**

**# of persons assisted with laundry services: 1,423**



IOM'S MAINTENANCE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS EQUIP THE NEWLY RENOVATED ACCOMMODATION UNIT. ©IOM BiH 2022

## 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, 38,312 meals and 6,930 NFIs were distributed during the reporting period.

On 21 October, TRC Ušivak received a private donation of 150 pairs of male trousers. IOM, in coordination with World Vision, organized the distribution of these trousers in the UASC zone. A total of 45 unaccompanied children received trousers.

**# of meals distributed: 38,312**

**# of NFIs distributed: 6,930**

## 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, the IOM's mobile teams provided 28 transportation services for 109 migrants. Furthermore, 179 information sessions were organized for migrants camping or squatting in outside locations. Out of the total migrants transported, 94 migrants accepted accommodation in reception centres, including 18 families of 48 members (27 adults and 21 children) and five single women to TRC Borić, thirteen single men to TRC Lipa, and two families with seven family members (6 adults and 1 child), one single female and 18 unaccompanied and separated children (UASCs) to TRC Ušivak. Besides that, two single male were transported and accommodated in TRC Blažuj during the reporting week.

Moreover, the mobile team forwarded two referrals for 11 migrants - one for accommodation in TRC Ušivak and one towards Save the Children for child protection services. Two psychological first aid (PFA) sessions were also organized during the reporting week.

Afghanistan (47%) and Burundi (28%) are the two main declared nationalities of identified migrants residing outside of the TRC, in Una-Sana Canton followed by Pakistan (7%), Guinea (4%), Iraq, Algeria and Cuba (3% each).

**# of persons transported: 109**

**# of information sessions: 179**



IOM'S MOBILE TEAM PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE MIGRANTS IN UASC. ©IOM BiH 2022

## 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 316 migrants, of which 176 are in TRCs and 140 migrants in off-site locations, through information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR). A total of 85 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 two persons returned to their countries of origin, Cuba and Algeria.

**# Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,311**

**# Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 115**



AVRR COUNSELLING IN TRC LIPA. ©IOM BiH 2022

## THE NIGHT SHIFT

IOM Migrant Protection Assistant Emina Bajrić shared a story

Have you ever wondered what a night shift in a temporary reception center looks like?

First, there are the regular duties, such as monitoring the overall situation, updating the database, room inspections. One could say that this is not so bad for a night shift, but this is just the beginning. Currently, all reception facilities in BiH continue to record a high turnover of migrants. This means that IOM's night shift team face major challenges every night shift with the very large number of pre-registrations that must be processed at a limited capacity. In the middle of the night, it is not uncommon for a police officer to call from the TRC gate, saying that there are twenty, thirty, or fifty new arrivals in need of shelter and care. From that moment on, the TRC teams get into action and establish a plan to welcome new arrivals. Hygiene items and food must be provided, people with medical or other issues are referred to partner organizations, and registration has to be completed. In case of a medical emergency, an ambulance is immediately contacted. In addition to this, a warm cup of tea and a friendly chat with newly arrived migrants are a common sight at the TRCs, contributing to make them feel safe and comfortable.

With the first rays of sun, when reports and statistics are updated, bread deliveries and garbage removal are monitored and the scheduled medical transports are on their way, briefings with the day shift staff take place and the night shift staff is ready to go home.

IOM has been supporting BiH authorities to manage reception centres since the start of the increase in arrivals and movement of migrants in the country at the beginning of 2018. Dedicated CCCM staff coordinates the work of IOM teams, which are trained to provide protection-sensitive assistance to migrants according to their needs. IOM teams ensure that every migrant is safely accommodated at centres where their dietary needs and NIFs based on gender, age, family status and other factors are taken into consideration. Furthermore,

IOM is dedicated to ensuring that migrants have access to the latest information on the centres' regulations and services, legal issues, AVRR and specialized services.

In addition to this, IOM works to increase Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) mechanisms and participation of the migrant population in the daily life at the centres. In coordination with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs and partner organizations, IOM has established community structures, complaint and feedback mechanisms, as well as information centres to enhance accountability and transparency in response to the expressed needs and interests of migrants in BiH.



A PRE-REGISTRATION LINE IN ONE OF RECEPTION CENTRES IN BIH DURING NIGHT HOURS. ©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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