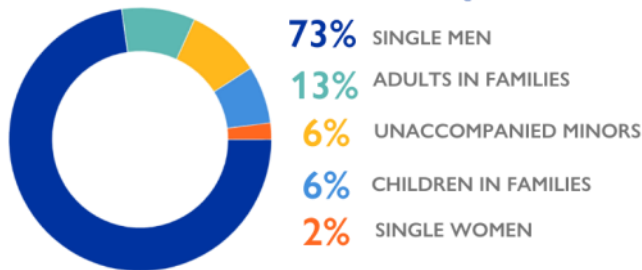
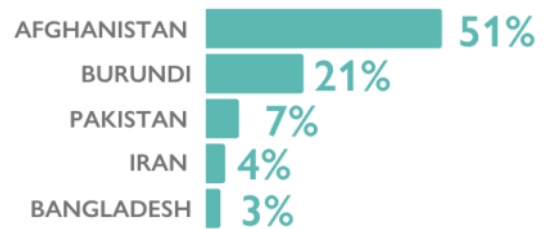


TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)			
OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)	
BORIĆI	277	580	14
LIPA	391	1,497	22
BLAŽUJ	1,640	1,700	80
UŠIVAK	495	800	31
TOTAL:	2,803	4,577	

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	3,343				16,014

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Together with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) and with the support of the Red Cross Society Bosnia and Herzegovina, IOM conducted the 15th of the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) exercise to gather information on the number and needs of migrants outside temporary reception centres (TRCs) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). IOM estimates that 846 migrants are present outside the reception facilities in mid-September, confirming the migratory trend of recent months which shows a progressive increase in the number of people on the move in the Western Balkans (WB).

On 20 September, the IOM Sub-Regional Coordinator for the Western Balkans and Chief of Mission in BiH, Laura Lungarotti, took part in a high-level panel discussion on migrant smuggling and human trafficking during the second Sarajevo Migration Dialogue organized by the BiH Ministry of Security (MoS). With 50 million people in situations of modern slavery worldwide, IOM remains determined to work with its partners in the region to increase cooperation and coordination to end businesses that exploit human suffering. Migrants are estimated to represent 50 per cent of the victims of human trafficking detected in Central and South Eastern Europe, while more than 30 per cent of the migrants travelling on the Eastern Mediterranean route (the

migratory route to Greece, Cyprus, and Bulgaria via Türkiye) have directly experienced some form of violence, exploitation or abuse during their journey.



15TH DTM EXERCISE.
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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

During the reporting week, the growing number of new arrivals, amounting to 2,500, was registered in TRC Borići, TRC Lipa, TRC Blažuj and TRC Ušvak. 2,259 departures from reception centres were reported in the same period.

In TRC Borići, 311 people were received during the reporting period, including families, single women and unaccompanied and separated children (UASC). After the initial identification of vulnerabilities during the registration process, IOM provided accommodation and services to these individuals, including non-food items (NFI), blankets, pillows, bed linen, and food. The mandatory medical screening was organized and coordinated with health service providers in centres. Due to the large incoming flow of people to the TRC, IOM will repurpose the premises to ensure sufficient bed capacity for the new arrivals during pre-registration and the capacity for possible symptomatic isolation as needed.

In TRC Ušvak, a growing number of new arrivals was also recorded. In coordination with the SFA, the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) team admitted 530 migrants and provided accommodation, food, and NFI during the week. In coordination with the SFA and Save the Children, 28 UASCs from TRC Blažuj were transferred to TRC Ušvak. In coordination with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), all new arrivals were referred to doctors for medical screenings. Many single women, women traveling alone or with children, were also registered. The communication and referral mechanism with UNFPA and World Vision were crucial to provide assistance and timely referrals for specialized services (such as medical support, mental health and psychosocial support, legal aid, etc.) to vulnerable individuals.

In TRC Blažuj, a high turnover rate and increased number of new arrivals continued to be reported. A total of 1,476 migrants were registered or pre-registered at the centre, while 1,226 people departed during the reporting week. Migrants from Afghanistan make approximately 60 per cent of the total population of the centre. Currently, migrants from 32 different countries/regions are accommodated in TRC Blažuj.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams in BiH facilitated a total of 1,136 emergency screenings, through which 113 persons with protection needs were identified. The Protection team provided individual assistance to 105 persons while 471 persons were reached through information provision and awareness raising sessions.

In TRC Ušvak, protection activities intensified during the week to address the needs of the growing population at the centre. Through its Protection and CCCM teams, IOM provided relocation services for beneficiaries to appropriate shelters, taking into consideration the specific needs of beneficiaries who are very young, persons with disabilities, single women, and individuals identified with other vulnerabilities.

On 19 September, as a result of the joint efforts of the Cantonal Ministry of Education and the Government of Sarajevo Canton, 12 migrant children accommodated in TRC Ušvak started school in two local primary schools in Sarajevo canton. This was also made possible with the support of UNICEF, DRC and World Vision. IOM will provide daily transportation and prepared meals for these children.

In TRC Lipa, IOM in coordination with the SFA organized migrant volunteers to participate at the public event held in Bihać organized by the Cultural Centre Bihać "Autumn on Gelenderi." Together with the professors and students from the secondary baking schools from Velika Kladuša and Cazin, migrants cooked for pensioners from retirement homes and other visitors at the event.

Along with socializing, entertainment and tasting of traditional food from different countries, the work and products made in the TRC Lipa Creative Zone were also presented at the event.

of emergency screenings in TRCs: **1,136**

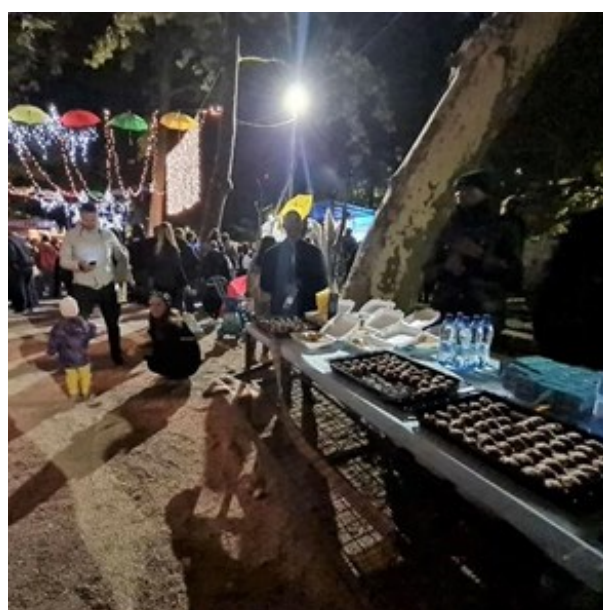
of persons with protection risks and needs: **113**

of individual assistances: **105**

of people reached with information sessions: **471**



MIGRANT VOLUNTEERS IN TRC BLAŽUJ HELP PREPARE THE ACCOMODATION SPACE TO RECIEVE NEWLY ARRIVED PEOPLE.
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MIGRANTS FROM TRC LIPA TOOK PART AT THE „AUTUMN ON GELENDERI“ EVENT IN BIHAĆ.
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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 Blažuj, IOM's Maintenance team completed the cleaning and repainting of the hangar, which was temporarily closed to the centre's residents, to improve the conditions and expand the space to accommodate the growing number of beneficiaries. The building will be furnished next week and ready to accommodate beneficiaries.

During the reporting period, 131 individuals used the Mother and Baby Wash Unit (MBWU) services at TRC Ušivak, including 71 mothers and 60 children.

of persons sheltered: 2,803

of persons assisted with laundry services: 1,704

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, 32,994 meals and 8,016 NFIs were distributed during the reporting period.

In TRC Borići, 46 heaters were distributed to beneficiaries in the centre as temperatures are dropping and an increased number of families with small children and babies are being accommodated in the centre. In addition, 49 ventilators were collected and stored for future use. The centre received 164 towels and 60 hygiene packages from the City of Bihać Red Cross, which were distributed to the new arrivals.

In TRC Borići, daily menus are adjusted based on the feedback received from beneficiaries. Furthermore, the board in the dining room has been updated with pictures and descriptions of all meals served in the centre.

of meals distributed: 32,994

of NFIs distributed: 8,016

of people assisted with NFIs: 1,093



IOM PROVIDING AVRr INFORMATION IN COOPERATION WITH IOM MOBILE TEAMS.
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ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

IOM's mobile team is present in locations outside of TRCs to increase access to information and services for migrants outside of formal reception facilities, 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 provides transportation services for migrants to TRCs upon request. During the reporting period, the teams organized 819 information sessions, 97 transportation services for 304 migrants, and distributed 588 food items and 8 NFI items. In total, four psychosocial interventions were provided. Furthermore, 32 referrals were made to address the protection needs identified for 144 migrants. A total of 289 migrants accepted accommodation. IOM's mobile teams transported 25 families of 65 members (45 adults and 20 children), 8 single women and 4 UASCs to TRC Borići, and 158 single men to TRC Lipa. Additionally, 56 migrants accepted accommodation in TRCs in Sarajevo; 44 migrants in TRC Ušivak; and 12 in TRC Blažuj.

of persons transported: 304

of information sessions: 819

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 514 migrants, of which 78 in TRCs and 436 migrants in off-site locations, through information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR). A total of 57 in-depth counselling sessions were held to ensure that beneficiaries are well informed and aware of the assistance available to them during pre-departure, travel, and post-arrival.

Three beneficiaries returned to their countries of origin, including Morocco and Jordan.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,308

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 112

SAFETY & SECURITY

In TRC Lipa, an interactive Mine Risk Education (MRE) session was organized for migrants from Burundi, Iran and Gambia.

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



65 FAMILY MEMBERS WERE TRANSPORTED TO TRC BORIĆI BY IOM MOBILE TEAM UNA-SANA CANTON.
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Ahmed's* Story

IOM's Protection and MHPSS team shared a story

There are many migrants in reception centres who have great enthusiasm and nurture a collective spirit. Since his arrival in one of the reception facilities in BiH, Ahmed* expressed interest in participating in various creative and recreational activities in the centre as well as in the local community. He was also keen to take part in the accountability and protection mechanisms available at the centre, to provide valuable feedback to IOM's CCCM team through official channels such as focus group discussions.

Ahmed excels at cooking so he has participated in many cooking-related events. Most notably, he took part in the social cohesion activity involving a cooking programme which was broadcasted by an Una-Sana Canton TV channel called "The Secret Ingredient That Brings Us Together – Food." More recently, Ahmed was a part of the group of beneficiaries who prepared delicious finger food and snacks for the photo exhibition exploring the theme of migration, which was held at the city gallery in Bihać, where his art was also featured.

Ahmed expressed to IOM that he wishes to volunteer and prepare food for the economically disadvantaged citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as a way to give back to the host community that accepted him. He also enjoys sewing and tailoring and is often found at the sewing corner of the centre.

*Name has been changed to protect privacy.



PRODUCTES MADE IN THE CREATIVE ZONE OF THE RECEPTION CENTRE BY MIGRANTS.

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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.



Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy



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