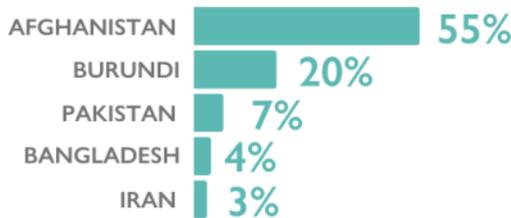


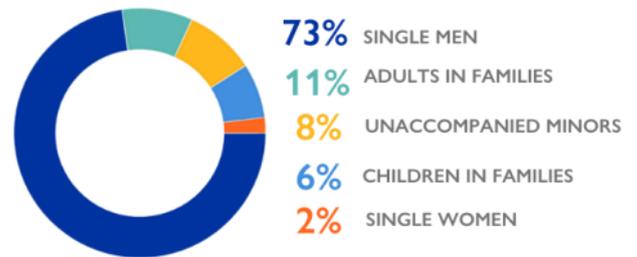
TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	310	580	14
LIPA	507	1,497	20
BLAŽUJ	1,829	1,700	80
UŠIVAK	565	800	32
TOTAL:	3,208	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	4,640				17,311

SITUATION OVERVIEW

During the reporting week, the intense turnover of migrants continued in reception centres in Una-Sana Canton (USC) and Sarajevo Canton (SC). A total of 2,551 new arrivals in temporary reception centres (TRCs) were registered by IOM, while 2,721 departures were reported in the same period. Although the number of migrants arriving in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) has significantly increased in the past few weeks, reception capacities in the country remain sufficient to accommodate all the migrants in need of assistance. However, the rate of arrivals and departures is putting additional pressure on the provision of essential services, such as food and non-food items (NFI) and the provision of protection assistance to the most vulnerable. IOM is working closely with the Ministry of Security (MoS) and its partners in TRCs to monitor the situation and ensure contingency measures are in place to adequately respond to this increase in movements.

From 27 to 29 September, the IOM country offices in BiH and Pakistan organised a study visit for senior government officials from the MoS and Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) of BiH to Pakistan. In line with IOM's Policy on Return, Readmissions, and Reintegration, the visit aimed to provide technical support to strengthen the overall return management capacities of BiH

counterparts through dialogue and cooperation on return and readmission. This study was implemented in alignment with the IOM's Western Balkan Readmission Capacity Building Facility (WBCAP), which is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.



GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT THE MEETING IN THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY VISIT ORGANIZED BY IOM COUNTRY OFFICES IN BIH AND PAKISTAN. ©IOM BIH 2022

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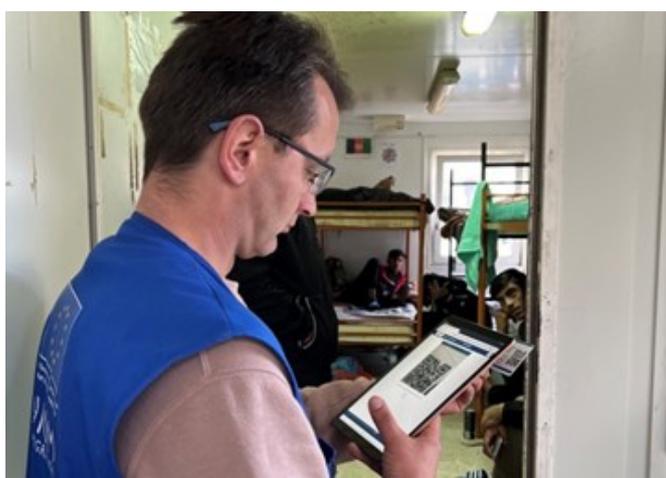
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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Blažuj, the Accommodation Check Module was developed and tested for the first time on 28 September for the Smart Camp Application. The Smart Camp Application was developed by IOM to facilitate operational and monitoring processes at the camp level. The plan is to run the new Accommodation Check Module in all reception centres to facilitate the more rapid accommodation check and headcount process, ultimately contributing to provision of accommodation services in all reception centres in BiH.

In TRC Lipa, the number of new arrivals continued to increase during the week. Daily, approximately 60 to 80 new beneficiaries arrived in TRC Lipa. Most new arrivals were from Burundi and Afghanistan. In coordination with the SFA, IOM provided protection-sensitive reception and accommodation services to the newly arrived migrants.



IOM TEAM TESTING THE ACCOMODATION CHECK MODULE IN THE SMART CAMP APPLICATION IN TRC BLAŽUJ.
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In TRC Ušivak, IOM and SFA organized the bi-weekly coordination meeting with partner organizations. IOM informed meeting participants about the reorganization of shelter capacities in the centre to prepare for the anticipated increase in new arrivals.



NEW ARRIVALS IN TRC UŠIVAK.
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PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams in BiH facilitated a total of 1,062 emergency screenings, through which 121 persons with protection needs were identified. The Protection team provided individual assistance to 97 persons while 364 persons were reached through information provision and awareness raising sessions.

In TRC Borić, IOM and partner organizations held a protection coordination meeting. The organizations that attended agreed to increase the monitoring of children, particularly when they are outdoors and without parental supervision. The discussion on this issue will be revisited at the next meeting in the presence of child protection agencies. Information was also exchanged about trends in arrivals, as well as difficulties in providing specialized services owing to the very short stay of migrants in the centre (an average of 2-3 days).

In TRC Blažuj, IOM set up an additional tent that will serve as a space for emergency screening, which also includes medical examination, to provide migrants with adequate assistance.

In TRC Lipa, IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) team held a training on Conflict Resolution for a total of 28 SFA staff, including field assistants and team leaders employed in TRC Lipa. The participants had the opportunity to learn about communication models and styles, explore the reasons underlying the conflict and learn about human emotions and behavior in conflict situations.

On 27 September, in TRC Ušivak, 11 migrants participated in a workshop held by the organization *Obojena Klapa*. The workshop aimed to enhance social cohesion within reception centres through drawing exercises based on the theme of freedom. The participants also created a mural depicting similar motives on the outer wall of the warehouse at the centre.

- # of emergency screenings in TRCs: 1,062
- # of persons with protection risks and needs: 121
- # of individual assistances: 197
- # of people reached with information sessions: 364



PAINTING A MURAL ON THE OUTER WALL OF THE WAREHOUSE BUILDING IN TRC UŠIVAK.
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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, disinfestation, and derating (DDD) measures, and regular repairs on shelters and sanitary installations.

In TRC Borići, IOM started preparation work for the installation of a double container during the week. The double container will be used for creative and educational activities as well as social cohesion events for migrants residing at the centre.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM's CCCM team and maintenance staff worked on reorganizing shelter facilities to create space and improve conditions to accommodate new arrivals. The triple container that served as storage for clothing and NFI distribution site and the double container intended for social activities have been repurposed as accommodation facilities, creating space for 36 additional beds.

of persons sheltered: 3,208

of persons assisted with laundry services: 1,241

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, 38,767 meals and 8,629 NFIs were distributed during the reporting period.

In TRC Borići, amid the high turnover rate of beneficiaries, IOM enhanced communication and reporting channels to maintain an accurate number of individuals present at the centre for the kitchen to prepare an adequate number of meals for all beneficiaries at the centre. This will enable IOM's food focal points and the chefs to share updates on the number and specific needs of beneficiaries throughout all shifts.

In TRC Lipa, the organization *Caritas Diocese* from Banja Luka will be donating food (meat) for the next 12 months as part of their Winter Assistance to Migrants project. The first delivery is expected next week.

of meals distributed: 38,767

of NFIs distributed: 8,629

of people assisted with NFIs: 1,238



PREPARATION WORKS IN PROGRESS IN TRC BORIĆI FOR INSTALLATION OF A DOUBLE CONTAINER FOR SOCIAL COHESION ACTIVITIES.
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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, IOM mobile teams organized 570 information and eight psychological first aid (PFA) sessions, 71 transportation services for 256 migrants, and the distribution of 282 food items and 35 NFIs. A total of 170 migrants accepted accommodation. IOM's mobile teams transported 19 families of 59 members (33 adults and 26 children), 12 unaccompanied or separated children (UASCs), and 14 single women to TRC Borići and 74 single men to TRC Lipa. Furthermore, two families of six members (three adults and three children), one UASC, and four single women were transported to TRC Ušivak.

Following a decision by the cantonal authorities, Velečevo in Ključ municipality is no longer a transit point for migrants heading towards the Bihać area. A new point nearer to TRC Lipa was marked as a new transit point, where the IOM's mobile team will provide assistance to vulnerable migrants when requested by the SFA.

of persons transported: 256

of information sessions: 570

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 271 migrants, of which 74 were in TRCs and 197 migrants in off-site locations, through information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR). A total of 30 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 there were no returns to countries of origin.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,308

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 112



IOM MOBILE TEAM PROVIDES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE MIGRANTS IN USC.
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Suvada's* Story

IOM's Information Management Assistant Suvada Malkoč shared a story

One of the recent exhibitions of children's artwork and handicrafts made me recall a personal experience working in reception centres accommodating children with families.

I don't want to share a story about one special child. They are all special. This story is about all children, little heroes who left their homes, their friends, and found themselves in an unfamiliar environment full of strangers. Over 20 years ago, I was in the world of adults, working with lawyers, police, physicians, the army, and politicians. Some would say that it was a significant experience but working at IOM has given me the opportunity to have more insight into human nature, thanks to the children who show me the world through their eyes.

Thanks to the little Iraqi girl Aisha* who, worried about her mother in bed and not feeling well, made sure that we did not forget her during the regular distribution of NFI and hygiene items. And little Shamsia*, a 10-year-old girl from Afghanistan who was always ready to help or join different events organized for children, who loved to cook and taught us how to prepare her delicious Kabuli Palaw. Or the little Iranian girl Deniz* who, with the serious expression on her face, entrusted us with her doll and felt so at home that she instantly fell asleep in the armchair of the office. Or a group of 4-year-old boys who gathered around their leader, loudly conspiring their next mischief. Or the older children who showed a deeper understanding of their situation and revealed their talents through artistic works created at child friendly spaces.

Once, on my way out of a centre that was soon to be closed for good, I saw a small toy carefully placed on the sidewalk by a tiny little hand, to wait for another day full of play. It made me smile and I cherish this image to this day as if that little toy is saying, *"Children are here. Love them, take care of them. Respect them. Respect their characters because they are the ones who will show you what really matters in this world."*



A TOY "PARKED" BY A CHILD TO PLAY LATER.
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Currently around five to fifteen per cent of all accommodated people in reception centres are children in families and unaccompanied minors. IOM works with the SFA, partner organizations and local institutions like centres for social work to enable implementation of children's rights for migrant children and create protective and nurturing environment.

*Names were changed to protect privacy.

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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