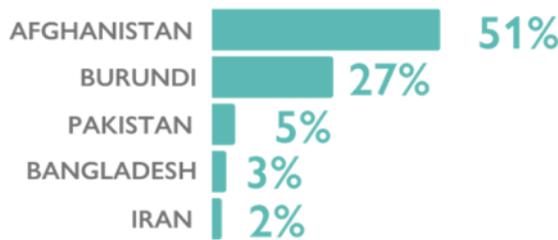


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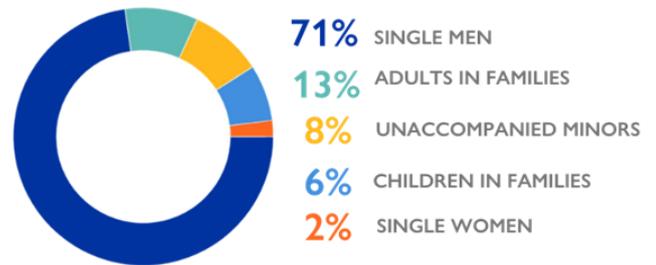
TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
344	580	14
405	1,497	21
1,570	1,700	80
596	800	32
TOTAL:	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

On 6 October, the first Steering Committee meeting was held to kick-start the new EUR 39.5 million project funded by the European Union (EU) to strengthen the response capacity to manage migration flows in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). In the framework of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), the new project will be implemented for three years through IOM, UNHCR, UNFPA and UNICEF, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Security (MoS) and the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA). With the support of the EU, the new phase will focus on protection-sensitive reception and assistance, enhanced access to asylum, protection, health, education and child protection, and increased capacities of State and local authorities to manage migration and assist vulnerable categories. The support will also contribute to promote initiatives that increase interaction between migrants and local populations and strengthen social cohesion.

On 9 October, IOM and the SFA accompanied the European Commission Vice President for Promoting our European Way of Life, Margaritis Schinas, in a visit to the Temporary Reception Centre Ušivak. Vice-President Schinas is in BiH as part of a visit to four Western Balkans countries, to engage with partners in

the region, better understand the situation on the ground and explore how to address the rising number of irregular border crossings along the Western



THE VISIT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT TO TRC UŠIVAK
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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Blažuj, on 5 October, a weekly camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) meeting was organized by IOM and the SFA with the participation of 20 representatives of partner organizations to discuss current challenges and coordination plans. During the meeting, participants agreed to organize two transportations of unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) to TRC Ušivak, instead of the usual one per week. This is in response to the growing number of UASCs admitted to the centre and as a means to provide protection-sensitive reception in line with their specific needs.

In TRC Borići, the CCCM team organized the repurposing of several premises to increase its capacity to accommodate the newly arrived migrants in the pre-registration area, where migrants typically wait for the mandatory medical screening. During the week, an additional 69 beds for medical screening were made available.

As a result of cooperation between IOM, SFA, partner organizations and beneficiaries, a traditional open-air chestnut roasting event was organized for all residents and staff in TRC Borići who enjoyed this occasion and the delicious treat at the height of autumn.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM's CCCM team in coordination with World Vision provided transportation and meals for a total of 39 children who attend two local primary schools in Iliđa and Pazarić municipalities, and a high school in Hadžići municipality. The trend of increasing number of new arrivals continued during the reporting week in TRC Ušivak. A slight increase of new arrivals to the center was recorded, total of 567 people, compared to the preceding week when the total number of new arrivals was 528 people. The top of countries of origin for the people who arrived in the centre is Burundi, followed by Afghanistan.

In TRC Lipa, the CCCM team and SFA representatives visited the Bihać City Sports Association and discussed future cooperation and sports activities to be organized for all migrants accommodated in TRC Lipa. The President of the City Sports Association handed over a protective net for the outdoor fence around sports field in TRC Lipa.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams in BiH facilitated a total of 1,044 emergency screenings, through which 86 persons with protection needs were identified during the reporting period. The Protection team provided individual assistance to 90 persons while 763 persons were reached through information provision and awareness raising sessions.

In TRC Blažuj, IOM and SFA marked World Mental Health Day on 10 October with a workshop on mental health which focused on the specific experiences of people on the move. Participants had an opportunity to discuss about mental health while also providing feedback on the existing mental health services and psychosocial support available to them. Any form of migration contributes to a redefinition of individual, family, and collective identities, roles and value systems, which can put people on the move under additional stress.

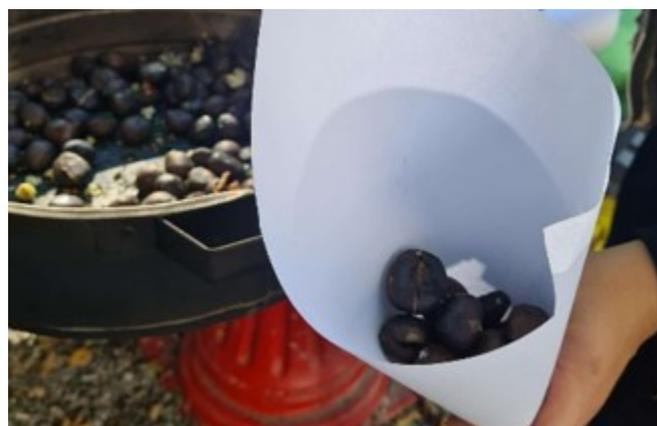
The most common mental health symptoms present in the migrant population in Bosnia and Herzegovina include depression symptoms, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder. While studies* show that incidence of mental health difficulties observed in migrant populations do not significantly differ from that observed in general population, the journeys of migrants imply serious challenges and situational distress that significantly impact their well-being. Group and individual mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) is provided at all reception centres run by IOM in BiH, according to Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) recommendations.

During the reporting week, the Una-Sana Canton (USC) Child Protection Working Group held a meeting where the current issues, gaps, and trends were discussed, mainly related to provision of services to UASC detected in the territory of the USC.

- # of emergency screenings in TRCs: 1,044
- # of persons with protection risks and needs: 86
- # of individual assistances: 90
- # of people reached with information sessions: 763
- # of referrals for specialized and unspecialized services by IOM: 90



MEETING AMONG IOM, THE SFA AND BIHAĆ CITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION.
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TRADITIONAL OPEN-AIR CHESTNUT ROASTING EVENT IN TRC BORIĆI
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*Examples for further read:

1. World Health Organization, „WHO Europe Policy Brief on Migration and Health: Mental Health Care for Refugees“
2. Médecins du Monde, „Mental Health on the Move“: Analysis of migrants and refugees' mental health in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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.

During the week, IOM and SFA staff launched a series of interactive WASH activities at TRC Lipa. Migrant volunteers arranged and cleaned parts of the centre. IOM also organised interactive, educational sessions and awareness activities about the importance of proper waste disposal and hygiene maintenance at residential containers.

IOM will be dedicating the month of October to the preservation of the living environment of migrants and the cleanliness of TRC Lipa. More activities promoting the cause will be organized throughout the month.

of persons sheltered: **2,815**

of persons assisted with laundry services: **1,290**



JOINT CLEANING ACTION BY IOM TEAM AND MIGRANT VOLUNTEERS IN TRC LIPA. ©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 Pomoziba. In total, 34,001 meals and 8,503 NFIs were distributed during the reporting period.

In TRC Borići, due to the increased number of arrivals during the night shift at the centre, IOM provided canned food for migrants who were accommodated after the regular distribution of meals in cooperation with the Red Cross.

of meals distributed: **34,001**

of NFIs distributed: **8,503**

of people assisted with NFIs: **1,133**



MIGRANTS WAITING FOR THE PRE-REGISTRATION IN TRC BLAŽUJ DURING NIGHT HOURS. ©IOM BiH 2022

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 reporting period, the mobile teams organized 446 information sessions, 39 transportation services for 146 migrants, and 4 psychological first aid (PFA) sessions. Furthermore, 20 referrals were made to address the protection needs of 93 migrants.

A total of 131 migrants accepted accommodation in reception facilities. IOM's mobile teams transported 13 families comprised of 36 members (22 adults and 14 children), 14 single women and 10 UASCs to TRC Borići, and 16 single men to TRC Lipa. In addition, 102 migrants accepted accommodation in TRC Ušivak, including 15 families with 44 family members (34 adults and 10 children) and 11 UASCs.

Afghanistan (42%) and Burundi (27%) are the top two declared nationalities of migrants residing outside of the TRC, followed by Bangladesh 10 per cent and India 6 per cent and Pakistan 5 per cent.

of persons transported: **146**

of information sessions: **446**

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 404 migrants – of which 73 were in TRCs and 331 migrants in other locations off-site – through information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR). A total of 127 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.

IOM's mobile teams and AVRR teams coordinate daily in provision of services to migrants, including sharing information on AVRR programme in BiH and providing transportation services for AVRR beneficiaries.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: **1,308**

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: **112**



IOM MOBILE TEAM MOSTAR PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR SIX MIGRANTS ©IOM BiH 2022

Jana's* Story

IOM AVRR counsellor Aleksandar Jugović shared a story

Jana, a minor victim of trafficking coming from a Western Balkan country, was sold in a marriage agreement to a man in BiH. Jana contacted the local police authorities and the SFA who immediately relocated her to a safe house, where the Centre for Social Welfare (CSW) appointed a legal guardian for her. The Prosecutor's Office of BiH took the necessary steps to gather information with the relevant counterparts and specialized agencies to determine the best way forward. Eventually, Jana expressed to her legal guardian that she wanted to return to her country of origin and was subsequently referred to the IOM's AVRR team, who organized several counselling sessions to ensure Jana was fully aware of the AVRR process.

After conducting a risk assessment, the AVRR team worked with the CSW to complete an in-depth Best Interest Determination (BID) and vulnerability screening.

*Name has been changed to protect privacy

IOM has been engaged in counter-trafficking efforts in BiH since the 1990s through direct assistance to (potential) victims of trafficking, awareness raising, research and data, capacity building of partners, as well as policy and strategic engagement to prevent trafficking in persons and help detect and protect victims.

In collaboration with CSW counterparts in Jana's country of origin, IOM initiated family tracing and evaluated that return to her family was not safe, based on their direct role in the forced marriage decision.

Following discussion with Jana, her legal guardians, the IOM mission in her country of origin and the Department for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in BiH, the IOM AVRR team in BiH facilitated the steps, including a medical evaluation, to help Jana return to her country with access to care and institutional support. A reintegration plan was also developed to ensure Jana's access to housing, education and training upon her return.

An IOM Reintegration Officer in the country of origin will continue to assist Jana over the coming months.

In 2022, IOM estimates that there are more than 50 million persons in situations of slavery around the world. In Central and South Eastern Europe, most of the victims are female. Almost half are migrants, while the other half are victims from vulnerable communities within the region, such as Jana.

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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