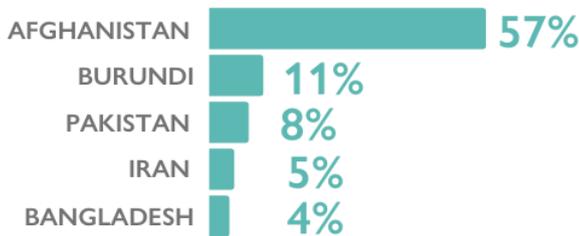




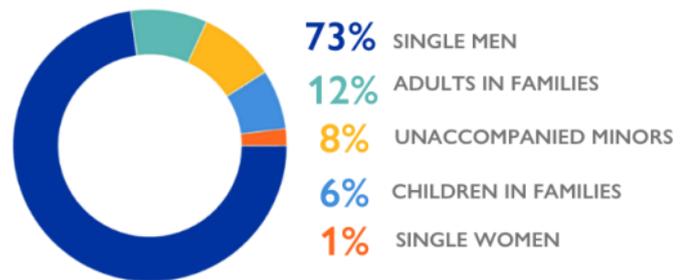
TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	171	580	103
LIPA	342	1,497	23
BLAŽUJ	1,377	1,700	80
UŠIVAK	482	800	31
TOTAL:	2372	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	1,467				14,138

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 7 September, IOM handed over a new van to the Ministry of Interior of the Bosnian-Podrinje Canton in Goražde, as part of the European Union project “EU Support to Migration and Border Management in Bosnia and Herzegovina” to strengthen the capacities of local authorities to better respond to challenges related to mixed migratory movements, particularly as increased numbers of migrants are currently transiting through the area. Offering nine seats and additional capacity to transport protective equipment, the donated van will improve the mobility of police officers in their operations, both in the canton and, if necessary, throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), enabling a significant increase in the availability and efficiency of mobile assistance in the field.

In TRC Blažuj, the new beneficiaries’ waiting room and registration office were opened during the week. The new set up will allow the establishment of a double line, for registration and pre-registration, to safely and effectively manage the very high number of daily arrivals and high turnover rate in the centre. Access between the office areas and the waiting room will guarantee privacy and protection for beneficiaries during the registration process.

Additionally, in coordination with the IOM Office of Staff Security (OSS), the overall security environments of TRC Blažuj and Borici were improved through the installation of additional security equipment.



VAN HANDOVER EVENT TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF BOSNIAN-PODRINJE CANTON GORAŽDE ©IOM BiH 2022

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Blažuj, on the occasion of World First Aid Day on 10 September, the Federation of BiH Red Cross along with Iliđa Municipality Uniformed Police Department organized a fire rescue training and first aid exercise for IOM staff, representatives of the BiH Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies (DPCB), partner organizations, medical staff, and migrants. The event demonstrated the level of preparedness and skills needed to respond rapidly in case of a fire outbreak.



JOINT FIRE RESCUE TRAINING AND FIRST AID EXERCISE WERE ORGANIZED IN TRC BLAŽUJ. ©IOM BIH 2022

In TRC Ušivak the increase in new arrivals continues. In coordination with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA), the IOM team at the centre admitted 411 migrants and provided them with housing, food, and NFIs over the course of a week. In coordination with the SFA and Save the Children, IOM transferred 38 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) from TRC Blažuj to TRC Ušivak, where they will receive adequate protection in the UASC zone.



IOM STAFF CARRYING OUT MIGRANT REGISTRATION IN TRC UŠIVAK. ©IOM BIH 2022

In TRC Borići, the Una-Sana Canton (USC) Public Health Institute abolished the mandatory antigen COVID-19 testing for new arrivals in the centre. The measure of antigen testing is still in force for migrants who show COVID-19 symptoms during the medical screening which remains mandatory for all new arrivals.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

During the reporting week, IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams in BiH facilitated a total of 616 emergency screenings, through which 34 persons with protection risks and needs were identified. The Protection team provided individual assistance to 21 persons while 738 persons were reached through information provision and awareness raising sessions.

From 7 to 8 September in Sarajevo, IOM organized a training on the delivery of information sessions on the rights of migrants in BiH, asylum procedures and solutions for migrants staying in BiH. Beside IOM's Protection and MHPSS teams, participants of the training included IOM cultural mediators, members of the assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) team and representatives of the local non-governmental organization Vaša Prava, which provides free legal assistance to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in BiH. The knowledge and lessons learned will be transferred to migrants through information sessions delivered by IOM's Protection and MHPSS teams, Vaša Prava and AVRR staff.

In TRC Borići, a family of five and one single female returned to the centre after more than four days of being away, reportedly in a failed attempt to cross the border to Croatia. They returned exhausted, soaked and frozen from the rain. IOM provided them with accommodation, clothing, hygiene items, and clothing. Vulnerability screenings were conducted, and protection assistance was provided for this group through existing protection mechanisms in the centre. IOM provides emergency assistance on a daily basis to vulnerable migrants, including families with children who arrive/return to reception facility or are stranded in out of site locations.

On 9 September, in TRC Blažuj, a training on protection mainstreaming was held for a group of IOM staff, including migrant assistants and mobile team members, who are either newly employed staff or had not had the opportunity to attend the training before. Participants of the training were introduced to the protection framework and general information about the protection sector. A total of four protection mainstreaming trainings are planned for IOM staff.

of emergency screenings in TRCs: **616**

of persons with protection risks and needs: **34**

of individual assistances: **21**



A TRAINING ON PROTECTION MAINSTREAMING WAS HELD IN TRC BLAŽUJ FOR IOM STAFF. ©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 Ušivak, the maintenance staff constructed a wooden fence in the central part of the facility for the purpose of creating a social corner for residing migrants. During the reporting period, 56 individuals used the Mother and Baby Wash Unit (MBWU) services at TRC Ušivak, including 26 mothers and 30 children.

of persons sheltered: **2,372**

of persons assisted with laundry services: **1,375**



IOM MAINTENANCE STAFF CONSTRUCTING A FENCE IN TRC UŠIVAK.
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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, 25,186 meals and 7,780 NFIs were distributed during the reporting period.

of meals distributed: **25,186**

of NFIs distributed: **7,780**

of people assisted with NFIs: **889**

ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

IOM's Mobile team is present in locations outside of TRCs to increase access to information and services, 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 transports migrants to TRCs upon request.

During the reporting period, the team organized 470 information sessions and eight psychological first aid (PFA) sessions, 65 transportation services for 239 migrants, and distributed 429 food items. Furthermore, 24 referrals were made to partners in response to the identification of 142 migrants with protection needs.

A total of 225 migrants accepted accommodation in reception facilities. IOM's mobile team transported 16 families comprised of 33 members, three single women and six UASCs to TRC Borić, in addition to 128 single men to TRC

Lipa. In addition, eight single men, 11 families (46 family members) and one single female have been accommodated in TRC Ušivak in the past week.

On September 8, joint activity was conducted in Velika Kladuša area with UNHCR by IOM mobile and AVRRC teams during which 26 migrants were identified in two locations. Twenty four migrants were from Burundi (22 single male and 2 single female) and two single male were from Congo. IOM and UNHCR provided them with the information on available accommodation in USC, AVRRC, and shared information regarding asylum procedure in BiH.

of persons transported: **239**

of information sessions: **470**



JOINT OUTREACH ACTIVITY WAS ORGNIZED IN THE AREA OF VELIKA KLAĐUŠA BY IOM AND UNHCR. ©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 250 migrants, of which 74 in TRCs and 176 migrants in other out of site locations – through information sessions on AVRRC. Furthermore, a total of 125 counselling sessions were held to ensure that beneficiaries are well informed and aware of the assistance available during pre-departure, travel, and post-arrival. During the reporting period three beneficiaries returned to their country of origin (India, Jordan and Algeria).

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: **1,302**

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: **106**

SAFETY & SECURITY

In TRC Borić, an incident occurred in the UASC zone that involved a fight over an alleged theft and a self-harm attempt. The representatives of the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies intervened and defused the situation. Medical support was provided to a beneficiary.

The CCTV surveillance system in TRC Borić was improved with a replaced video recorder and six cameras that were brought back to operation during the reporting week. Additionally, IOM enhanced the CCTV coverage of TRC Blažuj with the installation of several additional cameras and a CCTV monitoring screen. This equipment will be used by the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies (DCPB) officers, who are in charge of maintaining security in the centre.

IOM mobile teams' Story

IOM Migrant Protection Assistant Miloš Tešević shared a story from the field

On 9 August, the IOM mobile team in Zvornik received a referral from the SFA to assist newly arrived migrant families in the town of Bratunac, near the border with the Republic of Serbia.

“When our team arrived at the location, we found two families from Burundi, each with three members – a father, a mother, and a baby. Everyone in the group was exhausted and in obvious need of help. Members of the IOM mobile team explained registration and transportation procedures to the beneficiaries, who would have to register with the SFA office in Bijeljina prior to being transported to the TRC in Ušvak, near Sarajevo. The families agreed and everyone to set off towards Bijeljina, transported by IOM mobile team.

During the trip from Bratunac to Bijeljina, the 18-month old girl started looking pale, was sweating and showing signs of serious medical distress. Her mother was trying to keep her fed, but she would throw up immediately. The parents seemed very worried about her condition as, according to them, the baby had recently undergone stomach surgery in Nairobi.

The IOM mobile team supervisor and the Head of the SFA office in Bijeljina were immediately informed about the situation and the group headed directly to Bijeljina Hospital. The girl was immediately referred to the paediatrics department and received medical treatment. Following her stabilization, both families were eventually registered by the SFA and continued their journey to TRC Ušvak.

Upon their arrival in the TRC, IOM's Protection team took over from the Zvornik mobile team to support the two families and, in particular, to ensure adequate medical follow-ups for the young girl. In the following days, the baby's condition improved and was considered stable.

Without the referral from the SFA and assistance by the IOM mobile team in Zvornik, the family would have continued their journey on foot and access to medical assistance would have been delayed significantly.”

Migrants frequently travel through Bosnia and Herzegovina with wounds, injuries or other health issues, making the mobile assistance provided by IOM through the teams in Banja Luka, Tuzla, Bijeljina and Zvornik crucial. Since the start of the project “Improving Migrant Assistance and Supporting Local Communities in Republika Srpska” with the support of the Norwegian Embassy in Sarajevo, assistance has been provided to more than 1,400 people on the move.



IOM MOBILE TEAM ZVORNIK ON DUTY. ©IOM 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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