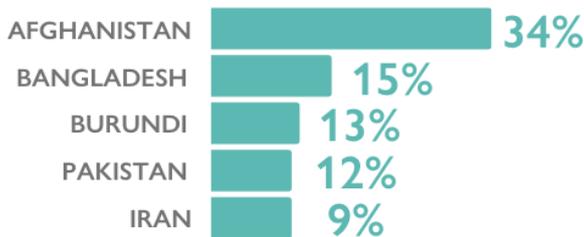


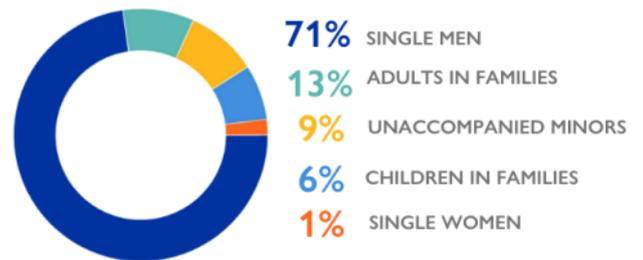


	TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)		
	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	195	580	103
LIPA	213	1,497	25
BLAŽUJ	1,227	1,700	80
UŠIVAK	370	800	36
TOTAL:	2,005	4,577	

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	1,019					11,301

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Over the past year, the people of Afghanistan weathered a series of shocks that compounded pre-existing fragility and caused extreme suffering. IOM is committed to assisting the people of Afghanistan at their time of greatest need and calls upon the international community, our donors and partners to continue to support our efforts. Afghans represent over 30 per cent of the migrants assisted in temporary reception centres (TRC) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), and 40 per cent of the migrants staying outside of these reception centres.

Based on the latest flow monitoring survey, 42 per cent of the Afghan migrant respondents report having directly experienced some form of abuse, violence or exploitation during their journey. Migrant children from Afghanistan represented 63 per cent of children outside of reception centres in BiH and were more likely to travel alone or with a facilitator, indicating that they are at greater risk of smuggling or trafficking in persons. Few alternative pathways are available for Afghan migrants and families in irregular situations in BiH and the Western Balkans, limiting their access to rights and services and contributes to the vulnerabilities this population.



AFGHANISTAN FACES THE RISK OF SYSTEMIC COLLAPSE AND A DEEPENING HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE. DISPLACEMENT WILL CONTINUE UNABATED IF THE VULNERABILITIES OF THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY THE CRISIS ARE NOT ADDRESSED EFFECTIVELY. ©IOM 2021/PAULA BRONSTEIN

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Blažuj, there was an increase in the arrival of new migrants. In total, 724 arrivals were recorded during the reporting period, of which 645 were new migrants who registered for the first time while the rest were returnees who had previously stayed at the TRC. There has been an increase in the presence of migrants from Burundi, which is now one of the top five nationalities represented in TRC Blažuj.

On 10 August, IOM and the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) held an Inter-agency coordination meeting with partner organizations to share information about current issues at the centre, and planned activities. The weekly activity plans of all organizations active in TRC Blažuj are now available online for all partners and will be updated every Friday. The online version of the activity plans will facilitate improved planning among all partners and minimize the duplication of activities.

In TRC Lipa, IOM's team worked on securing conditions that would allow steady water supply. As of 15 August, after a series of challenges and difficulties that were encountered in the previous period, drinking water supply in TRC Lipa has been restored. The representatives of the Public Health Institute from Bihać confirmed that the water is safe. IOM and the SFA worked actively to disseminate information among the migrant population about the restored water supply.

In TRC Borići, IOM supported partners through extending translation services where needed for several Cuban families residing at the centre and within daily reception services to migrants in the SFA field office in Bihać.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

During the reporting week, the IOM Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Team in BiH facilitated a total of 780 emergency screenings, during which 102 persons with protection risks and needs were identified. Following this, the Protection Team provided individual assistance to 131 persons, while 87 referrals were made for specialized and non-specialized services.

In TRC Ušivak, children who visit and play in the Mother and Baby Wash Unit (MBVU) expressed a wish to have access to more content for education and entertainment, including movies - in their mother tongues.



CHILDREN AND PARENTS GLADLY USE MBVU IN TRC UŠIVAK, ESPECIALLY ON WEEKENDS. ©IOM BIH 2022

The IOM team followed up on this request and made cartoons and children's movies available in several more languages, including Kurdish, Urdu, Pashto, and Hindi. Although most of the children use the English language to communicate, this enables them to preserve and use their mother tongue more frequently.

In TRC Blažuj, the Community Representative Council meeting on 18 August was attended by seven migrant community representatives from Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Burundi. During the meeting the community representatives complained about violations of house rules in the centre and incidents of thefts. They were instructed to contact the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies (DCPB) in TRC Blažuj which oversees security issues. The representatives were also informed by IOM and the SFA about planned activities and were asked to spread the information shared during the meeting to other community members.

During the reporting week, five social cohesion grant activities were completed within the project entitled "Bosnia and Herzegovina: Enhancing social cohesion in communities hosting people on the move", involving civil society organizations (CSOs) in Una Sana and Sarajevo Cantons. In order to underline the successes of these initiatives, IOM organized a series of activities with migrants in reception centres, local communities, artists, educators and media.

Social cohesion intervention continues with other activities. During the week, representatives of the Football Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Football Club (FC) Respekt will hold two promotional football trainings in TRC Blažuj, after which interested migrants from the centre will be included in regular training sessions with FC Respekt. Migrants will also take part in the joint trip to the football match of the national teams of BiH and Montenegro in Zenica, BiH.

During the reporting week, IOM's Protection and MHPSS Teams conducted a total of 128 skills assessments in reception facilities. The skills assessment questionnaire helps to identify the specific interest of beneficiaries, their hobbies, and aspirations.

of emergency screenings in TRCs: 780

of persons with protection risks and needs: 102

of people reached through information sessions: 287

of people reached with individual assistance: 131



IOM TEAM WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BIH FOOTBALL FEDERATION AND FC RESPEKT IN TRC UŠIVAK. ©IOM BIH 2022

SHELTER, WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

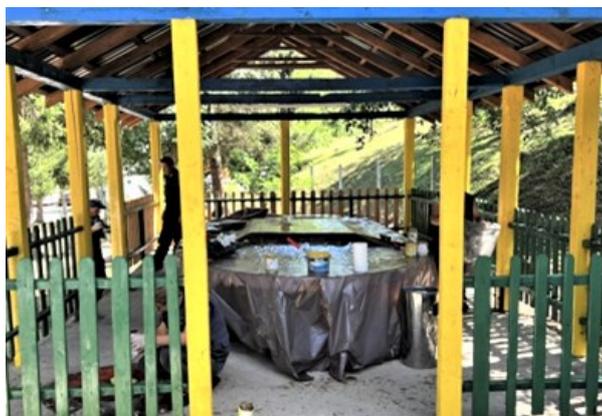
IOM's maintenance and cleaning team inspects all TRC installations daily, with two cleanings per day, weekly disinfection, disinfestation, and derating (DDD) measures, and regular repairs on shelters and sanitary installations.

The maintenance and cleaning team in TRC Ušivak, with the support of migrant volunteers, actively worked on painting and decorating the summer shed, which serves as a space for meetings and common gatherings for migrants and staff members. They also created flowers out of tree stumps and made wood pots for flowers that will be planted in the coming period.

During the reporting period, 92 persons used MBWU services, including 46 mothers and 46 children.

of persons sheltered: **2,005**

of persons assisted with laundry services: **1,136**



DECORATIONS OF A SUMMER SHED IN TRC UŠIVAK. ©IOM BIH 2022

A total of 158 migrants accepted accommodation at the TRCs. The mobile team transported 24 families comprised of 56 individuals (44 adults and 12 children) and four unaccompanied or separated child (UASC) to TRC Borići; 98 single men to TRC Lipa; 24 persons to TRC Ušivak, including five families and four UASC, and five single men to TRC Blažuj.

Burundi (25%), Cuba (19 %) and Afghanistan (17%) are the top three declared nationalities of identified migrants residing outside of the TRCs in Una Sana Canton, followed by Pakistan (13%), Cameroon (7%), Guinea (5%), Morocco and Iran (4% each). India (3%), Turkey (2%), and Algeria (0.5%).

More than 73 per cent of the migrants encountered outside of the reception centres were single men, followed by 25 per cent individuals who are part of a family, and 2 per cent UASCs.

of persons transported: **207**

of information sessions: **407**



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE IOM MOBILE TEAM AT VELEČVO CHECKPOINT. ©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, 19,996 meals and 4,043 NFI items were distributed during the reporting period. In Una Sana Canton, the preparation of food has been centralized in TRC Lipa. Accordingly, the kitchen facilities and food warehouse were moved from TRC Borići to TRC Lipa where the preparation of meals for beneficiaries at all TRCs in the canton occurs on a regular basis.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM delivered food for 11 people to their accommodation units daily to accommodate their vulnerability or disability.

of meals distributed: **19,996**

of NFIs distributed: **4,043**

of people assisted with NFIs: **568**

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 week, the team organized 407 information sessions, 66 transportation services for 207 migrants, and distributed 411 food items.

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 268 migrants – 6 migrants in TRCs and 262 migrants in off-site locations – through information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR). Furthermore, a total of 97 in-depth counselling sessions were held to ensure that beneficiaries are well informed of the assistance available to them during pre-departure, travel, and post-arrival. Interest in the AVRR programme has increased and new returns have been scheduled. There were three assisted voluntary returns during the reporting period to Algeria, Iraq and Turkey.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: **1,292**

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: **96**

SAFETY & SECURITY

In TRC Blažuj, works on the installation of 16 new cameras, which will cover the upper part of the centre have begun. DCBP staff will have access to all cameras in the centre, which will improve security and facilitate improved monitoring.

Sami's Story

IOM's Information Management Assistant, Esma Ouchene shared a story

Sami*, a world traveller originally from Algeria, shared with us his life story, which is full of ups and downs. He started with staying in luxury hotels and finished with living in a humid basement that eventually deteriorated his health.

As a young man, Sami worked as a driver at an embassy in Algeria, and subsequently received a visa to work in a European country in 2001, when his travels began. For him, freedom, travel, getting to know other cultures and peoples, a secure job means happiness. He lived and worked in several countries. The only thing between Sami and his next destination was the desire to learn something new and a train ticket, until he ended up in a wheelchair.

After being deported to Algeria, he grew depressed in the face of a difficult financial and social situation and decided to move again, along the route that led him to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Due to the poor housing conditions in his rented basement in Bosnia, his health condition worsened and eventually led to his hospitalization. Over eight months ago, IOM, in cooperation with local authorities, transported Sami to one of the reception facilities. IOM staff adapted the complaint boxes, access to the kitchen, accommodation units and toilets to the needs of Sami and other beneficiaries with physical disabilities. In addition to the daily assistance provided by IOM, Sami began physical therapy. With constant motivation and training Sami gradually got out of the wheelchair and started walking independently. When he is fully recovered, Sami says that his journey will continue. The destination is not important to him, as long as he is happy in the country where he is.

*Name has been changed to protect privacy

IOM seeks to strengthen the inclusion of disability in all aspects of its humanitarian response through the application of its protection mainstreaming policy, by promoting equal and meaningful access for all in times of crisis as well as through partnerships in the field.



DAILY ASSISTANCE AND PHYSICAL THERAPY IS PROVIDED TO SAMI BY IOM STAFF. © 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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