

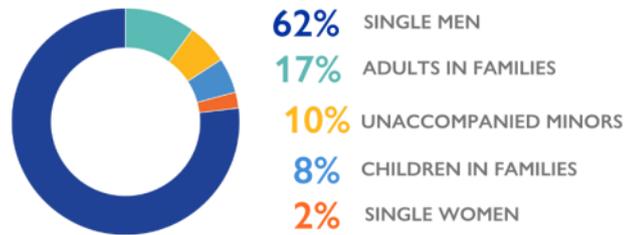
### TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

|               | OCCUPANCY    | CAPACITY     | AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS) |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| BORIĆI        | 309          | 580          | 103                        |
| LIPA          | 317          | 1,497        | 28                         |
| BLAŽUJ        | 1,136        | 1,700        | 65                         |
| UŠIVAK        | 454          | 800          | 36                         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b> | <b>2,216</b> | <b>4,577</b> |                            |

### 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 | 525   |        |           |         |          |          | 8,192  |

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 5 July, IOM launched its country strategy for Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), developed in consultation with BiH authorities, for the period of 2022-2025. The strategy, developed in line with global development priorities, addresses regional migration trends and challenges. Based on four priority areas, IOM will continue supporting a long-term, local, and state-owned response for protection and humanitarian assistance to migrants; building vibrant, inclusive and resilient communities by addressing prominent drivers of instability; helping migrants and society thrive through safe, orderly, and regular mobility pathways; and leveraging informed and evidence-based policy and discourses. Download the strategy at [this link](#).

On 9 July, in all Temporary Reception Centres (TRCs), IOM and partner agencies organized various celebrations of Eid al-Adha, including morning prayers that brought together migrants who celebrate the holiday and the local Islamic community.

On 8 July, two off-road vehicles were donated to the Una-Sana Canton Ministry of Interior, funded by the European Union (EU). The donation is part of the EU's continuous support to police agencies in BiH for their day-to-day operations in the field. At the handover ceremony in Ključ, the Head of the

Banja Luka Office of the EU Delegation, Simone Guerni, in the presence of the Advisor to the Minister of Security Saša Kecman, handed over the keys of the vehicles to the Una-Sana Canton Minister of Interior Nemin Kljajić.



HAND-OVER CEREMONY IN KLJUČ FOR TWO OFF-ROAD VEHICLES DONATED TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF USC © IOM BIH 2022

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## COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Borići, entity and cantonal health authorities extended the COVID-19 preventive measures issued in June – following the outbreak of infections in the centre – until 8 July, recommending the limited movement of large groups of people in and out of the centre. The school children who regularly attend the summer school as well as psychosocial and creative activities at the centre are allowed to continue in smaller groups, ensuring compliance with the recommended preventive measures. Nevertheless, the centre is still under increased hygienic and epidemiological control, with the disinfection protocols and use of protective equipment recommended. New arrivals are tested with a rapid antigen test along with mandatory medical screening. Migrants accommodated in TRC Borići were notified by IOM and the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA), through community representatives and other communication channels, about the COVID-19 measures and logistical issues.

In TRC Ušivak, a Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) meeting was organized by IOM, the SFA and partner organizations during the week. The meeting focused on the adjustment of services in relation to the fast-changing demographic structure. Specifically, a request to provide a space for praying was received from a number of migrants. In response, the Camp Manager allocated a provisional space for a prayer room in the centre in coordination with the SFA and Caritas until a permanent solution is found. Currently, approximately 40 per cent of people in the centre originates from Cuba and Burundi, many of whom are practicing Christians.

In TRC Blažuj, the reconstruction work of the Registration Office started during the reporting week. The improved office will provide better access for migrants to registration services, increase their safety, and create a waiting area. In order to continue the registration process, the office was temporarily moved to the Info Container.

## PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

IOM's BIH Protection team organized a meeting with IOM Burundi to exchange opinions and seek for support regarding the significant number of new arrivals from Burundi in the country. The Protection team is in communication with IOM Burundi colleagues and in the process of agreeing on the next steps for further action, including increased familiarization with the culture and population of Burundi to better serve Burundian migrants in BiH.

In TRC Ušivak, the Camp Manager held individual meetings with beneficiaries from Burundi within the participation mechanism "Meet the Manager" to learn more about the needs of their community. The suggestions to provide a space for prayer and organize musical events were accepted and followed through during the week.

In TRC Blažuj, extensive information sharing regarding the house rules and encouraging the use of feedback mechanisms was conducted for beneficiaries in person at each accommodation unit. Information on the asylum seeking procedure and available services in the centre were also shared.

In TRC Lipa, IOM's Protection team prepared and distributed 304 informative flyers regarding the time of the Eid prayer and the celebration of Eid on 9 July. Posters were also prepared and placed in the prayer room and restaurant area.

# of emergency screenings in TRCs: 595  
# of referrals to partner organizations: 35

## 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. During the reporting period, 70 persons used the Mother and Baby Washing Unit (MBWU) services in TRC Ušivak, including 48 mothers and 22 children.

In TRC Blažuj, IOM maintenance staff with support from migrant volunteers was working on the production of shelves for the new food and NFI storage.

# of persons sheltered: 2,216

# of persons assisted with laundry services: 1,055



PRODUCTION OF STORAGE SHELVES IN TRC BLAŽUJ. © 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 Pomozila. In total, 28,691 meals and 8,194 NFI items were distributed during the reporting period. IOM tracks individual nutrition needs with support of the medical personnel and provides adapted menus when medically prescribed.

During the reporting week, beneficiaries in TRC Blažuj, TRC Borići, and TRC Ušivak were surveyed about food preferences based on the lists of dishes suggested by community representatives during food-related focus groups. The aim of the survey was to select new menus in a participatory way in consideration of different cultural customs and preferences of the accommodated people. In TRC Blažuj, a total of 643 beneficiaries participated in the food survey, which is approximately 65 per cent of the total migrant population at the centre. Each beneficiary had the opportunity to choose three dishes that they liked the most. The new menus will be selected based on the surveyed migrants' votes.

In TRC Borići and TRC Lipa, a group of citizens from the Sokolac local community, Bihać municipality, donated roasted mutton meat, which was served as part of a dinner menu for Eid al Adha. IOM organized the Eid prayers in the centres, followed by celebrations with cakes and snacks.

# of meals distributed: 28,691  
# of NFIs distributed: 8,194  
# of people assisted with NFIs: 3,607

## CHILDREN IN MIGRATION—THE STORY OF A YOUNG BOY NAMED LEO

IOM Migrant Protection Assistant in Mobile Teams in Una-Sana Canton (USC), Nejra Cerić, shared a story

During a visit at an off-site location, the IOM Mobile Team identified a family with a little boy who was playing with a worn-out Gaston Happy Meal toy. While we were talking to the parents of the boy, an older local woman came out of her house bringing a cake and sweets and wishing a happy Eid to the somewhat confused Cuban family. Little Leo\* shyly took the sweets and said *-Mil gracias*. During the conversation, Leo's father explained that their family left Cuba to provide a chance for a better future for their son. As soon as they entered the van, the parents fell asleep, exhausted by a long walk. Little Leo was awake and curiously looked out the window, trying to see as much as possible of this foreign land, far away from his grandmother and everything he has ever known. He stayed awake throughout the journey and happily exited the van upon seeing children at the center where they are accommodated now. As IOM staff departed, little Leo waved at us and said - *Hasta la vista*.

\*The name was changed to protect privacy



IOM MOBILE TEAM TRANSPORTING THE FAMILY FROM CUBA FROM THE OFF-SITE LOCATION TO THE RECEPTION FACILITY.  
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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, with the aim to reduce the number of migrants camping or squatting in abandoned buildings. IOM's Mobile Team screens for vulnerabilities, provides emergency assistance, and transports migrants to TRCs upon request.

During the reporting period, IOM's Mobile Team organized 344 information sessions, 49 transportation services for 187 migrants, and the distribution of 448 food items. A total of 158 migrants accepted accommodation at IOM's TRCs. The Mobile Team transported 75 single men to TRC Lipa, 27 families of 75 members (57 adults and 18 children), two unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), one single woman to TRC Borčić and five people to TRC Ušivak, including one UASC and two families.

Pakistan (25%), Afghanistan (22%) and Bangladesh (17%) are the three main declared nationalities of the identified migrants residing outside of the TRCs, followed by Cuba (15%), Nepal (7%), India (5%), Burundi (4%), and Iran (3%).

# of persons transported to TRCs: 158

# of information sessions: 344

### 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 provided 30 information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) to 167 migrants in off-site locations. A total of 15 in-depth counselling sessions were held to ensure that beneficiaries are well informed and aware of the assistance they can receive pre-departure, during travel, and post-arrival. In the reporting period, there were no assisted voluntary returns.

# Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,278

# Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 79

### SAFETY & SECURITY

In TRC Blažuj, a Mine Risk Education session was held for 12 migrants from Bangladesh, Afghanistan and India who found the session useful and informative.

