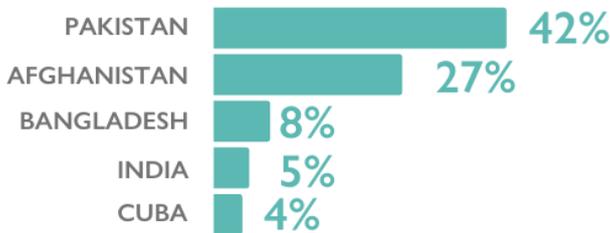


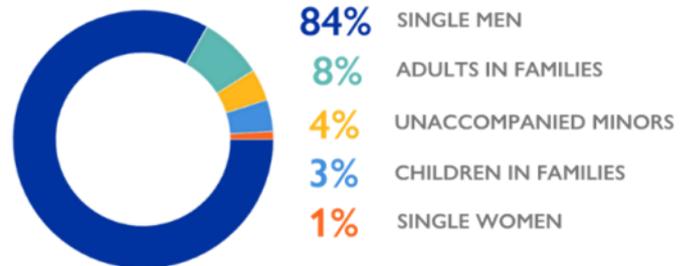
TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	72	580	103
MIRAL	367	700	12
LIPA	356	1,500	41
BLAŽUJ	919	1,700	65
UŠIVAK	166	800	36
TOTAL:	1,880	5,280	

TOP 5 NATIONALITIES IN TRCs



SEX AND AGE DISAGGREGATED DATA IN TRCs



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	713									2627

SITUATION OVERVIEW

To mark this year's Catholic Easter celebrations, various social cohesion activities for migrants took place in the Una-Sana Canton. In the temporary reception centre (TRC) Borići, the local non-governmental organization (NGO) "Ujedinjene žene" and the School of Pedagogy (University of Bihać) held a workshop during which migrants had the opportunity to learn about the customs of other countries and cultures in comparison to the Catholic Easter customs in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Participants gave back to the community by decorating and offering eggs to people in need who celebrate the holiday, the Mayor and city workers. In TRC Lipa, migrants joined an Easter themed workshop organized by IOM, UNFPA and the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) while TRC Miral organized an Easter brunch for all migrants accommodated in the centre. IOM coordinated transport and other supporting activities for 27 migrants from TRC Borići and TRC Lipa to attend the Sunday mass at the Catholic Church in Bihać.

Furthermore, 23 young migrants accommodated in TRC Ušivak have enrolled in a secondary vocational training program in Canton Sarajevo, with the support from UNICEF, World Vision and the Sarajevo Canton Ministry of Education. IOM will provide transportation to and from the school for these individuals, as

well as snacks while in school. The vocational training will take place every day, for each child to receive a total of 80 hours of schooling.



EASTER MASS IN BIHAĆ ATTENDED BY MIGRANTS ACCOMMODATED IN TRC BORIĆI AND TRC LIPA © IOM 2022

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In all reception facilities, social cohesion activities designed to build trust and strengthen mutual understanding between the local population and migrants were implemented during the week.

In TRC Miral, the camp manager organized a meeting with the representatives of a vocational high school from Velika Kladuša, which specializes in baking and cooking to agree on their involvement in the organization of joint events for migrants and the local population in the second half of April. Currently, migrants from TRC Miral regularly participate in football trainings organized by the local football club in cooperation with *Caritas*. During the week, 12 adult men and four boys took part in the football training in Velika Kladuša sports hall, which was supervised by a professional football coach.

In TRC Blažuj, on 13 April, IOM protection and security professionals held a training for eight representatives of the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies (DPCB). The following topics were discussed during the training: cultural awareness, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and UN Security Management System (UNDSS).

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

IOM's Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) team has been focusing on activities to increase the participation of migrants as 'community focal points' on a voluntary basis. The focal point system enhances the two-way communication between accommodated populations and camp employees. Trainings for people selected as community focal points will be organized by IOM and partner organizations in the next month.

IOM staff works closely with the SFA personnel on the admission of newly arrived migrants. IOM protection assistants are involved in conducting emergency screening interviews to detect potential vulnerabilities and organize referrals to relevant services provided in the centre and/or in local community. The screening and referral system is continually monitored and streamlined among different actors to enable sensitive protection and reception for migrants in a fast-changing environment.

In TRC Blažuj, preparation work for the greenhouse, including ploughing and cultivation of land has been finished. The greenhouse will be placed in TRC Blažuj next week and will be ready for immediate use.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM's local partner organization *Scena* held creative workshops for migrants from 13-15 April, within the scope of the project "I have a right to theatre/My Story". The workshops will allow migrants aged 15 to 20 years old to learn about and improve group communication through movement, dance and imagination, as well to tell their stories through the adapted methods of expression in order to gain self-confidence in speaking in front of a group.

of protection/MHPSS services provided by IOM: 909

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, 56 persons used the Mother and Baby Washing Unit (MBWU) services, including 34 mothers and 23 children (12 boys and 3 girls). Reconstruction work in TRC Borići is rapidly progressing and the new improved look of the centre is starting to emerge.

of persons sheltered: 1,880

persons assisted by the IOM MBWU: 56

of persons assisted with laundry services: 753



ARIAL VIEW OF TRC BORIĆI DURING CONSTRUCTION © IOM 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, with 17,369 meals and 10,244 NFI items distributed during the reporting period. IOM tracks individual nutrition needs with support of the medical personnel and provides adapted menus when medically prescribed.

of meals distributed: 17,369

of NFIs distributed: 10,244

of persons supported with NFI: 862

ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

The IOM Outreach 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 IOM Outreach team screens for vulnerabilities, provides emergency assistance, and transports migrants to TRCs upon request. During the reporting period, the IOM Outreach team organized 297 information sessions, 28 psychological first aid (PFA) sessions, 41 transportation services for 157 migrants, and distributed 1,067 food items and 971 non-food items. A total of 138 migrants accepted accommodation in TRCs and were transported by IOM, including 98 migrants to TRC Lipa, 19 to TRC Borići, 4 to TRC Miral, 16 to TRC Ušivak and one to TRC Blažuj.

of persons transported to TRCs: 138

of information sessions: 297



SOIL PREPARATION FOR THE GREENHOUSE IN TRC BLAŽUJ
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Taekwondo practitioner's story

Very often, IOM staff working in reception facilities are impressed by the character, resilience, and remarkable achievements of migrants. Recently, IOMs Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPPS) and Protection Assistant shared a story about a young woman accommodated in one of the reception facilities in BiH who is a professional Taekwondo practitioner. Ever since childhood, she was captivated by martial arts and taekwondo was her choice because it made her feel capable and powerful and enabled her to gain control over her body, mind and emotions.

Being on the move complicated taekwondo practice for her and limited her possibilities to enter competitions. She also had to fight prejudices since Taekwondo is seen predominantly as a male sport and family often discouraged her from participating. Still, she was persistent and succeeded in practising Taekwondo for five years and earning the highest rank, the black belt.

Women and girls currently make up around 7 per cent of all accommodated migrants and asylum seekers in five temporary reception centres in BiH. Gender sensitive services are provided by IOM and other partner organizations involved in the mixed migration response.



TAEKWANDOO PRACTICE IN TRC © IOM 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 provided information on Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) to 32 migrants in BiH, including 24 in TRCs and eight in off-site locations. A total of 69 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 in the post-arrival period. In the reporting period, IOM assisted two migrants return to Morocco and Cuba.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,236

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 41

SAFETY & SECURITY

In TRC Ušivak, on 12 April, IOM's Office of Staff Security (OSS) and AVRR team and UNDDSS staff held a training for the BiH Directorate for Police Bodies (DCPB) staff to support the recent transition of security management from IOM to state bodies. Participants were introduced to core knowledge on security management within the United Nations system, as well as practical aspects of security management conducted by OSS within the camp. The

training also covered aspects of cultural mediation with migrants accommodated in the Centre.



AVRR INFORMATION SHARING AND OUTREACH © IOM 2022

MAIN GAPS

Additional support to the migration response in BiH is needed. The top priority remains funding for food and non-food items for migrants living in TRCs and those sleeping outside of TRCs. Funding is also needed for critical repairs and the running costs of TRCs. IOM and its partners are exploring ways to complement funding to ensure preparedness and response to emergencies.

Capacity-building remains a priority to progress towards the overarching goal of ensuring state ownership of the emergency response.



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