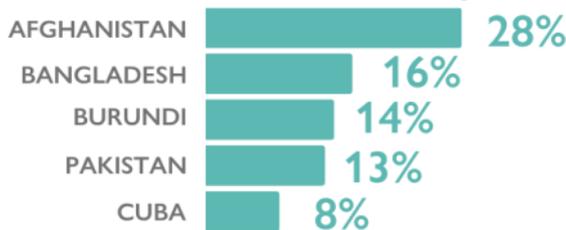


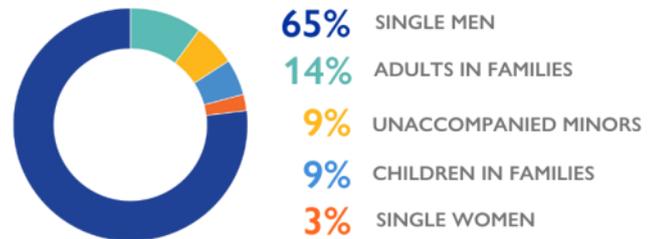
TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	334	580	103
LIPA	280	1,497	27
BLAŽUJ	1,124	1,700	65
UŠIVAK	395	800	36
TOTAL:	2,133	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	1,662						9,329

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 15 July, the Ministry of Security (MoS) of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and IOM organized a press conference to mark the completion of the project entitled "Short and medium-term support to strengthen counter-trafficking efforts in Bosnia and Herzegovina", supported by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics & Law Enforcement (INL). The MoS representative, State Coordinator for Combating Human Trafficking Samir Rizvo, and the IOM Sub-regional Coordinator of the for the Western Balkans and IOM BiH Chief of Mission, Laura Lungarotti, presented the results of the project and launched a mobile application that will aid in the assessment and identification of victims of human trafficking (VoTs). The press conference followed a two-day coordination meeting from 14 to 15 July, led by the State Coordinator for Counter-Trafficking (CT) and attended by the Brčko District, cantonal CT coordinators and representatives of international organizations and local and international civil society organizations (CSOs) providing support in the trafficking in human beings (THB) area.

IOM organized a series of social cohesion initiatives within the EU-funded project, "Enhancing social cohesion in communities hosting people on the move" both in Una-Sana and Sarajevo Cantons. IOM, in collaboration with Football Club "Jedinstvo" from Bihać, organized a football tournament for

migrant children from TRC Borići and local children from the broader Bihać community. A similar activity took place in Donji Hadžići, where KUD Igman Hadžići organized an inclusive sport and dance event for children from TRC Ušivak and their peers from Hadžići area. As part of the same project, the first episode of "The secret ingredient that brings us together – food", a new TV show produced by Una-Sana Radio Television, has been aired, making it the first cooking show engaging migrants and locals from BiH.



PRESS CONFERENCE IN SARAJEVO ON COUNTER TRAFFICKING EFFORTS © IOM BIH 2022

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Borići, a high flow of migrant arrivals and departures continued during the week, requiring the camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) team to make adjustments to accommodation capacities and provide enough space in the isolation and pre-registration areas of the centre. An additional floor was designated as a pre-registration area to ensure that antigen tests are performed on all arrivals at the centre and other COVID-19 infection, prevention and control guidelines are followed. This increased the TRC's capacity for the pre-registration area from 50 to 118 beds and the isolation area from 30 to 36 beds.

On 12 July in TRC Ušivak, the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA), the Center for Social Welfare Hadžići and IOM representatives hosted a delegation from the Center for the Protection of Human Trafficking Victims from the Republic of Serbia. During the visit, the experiences on identification and supporting potential VoTs within the migrant population in BiH were discussed, as well as the services and activities available to migrants in TRC Ušivak. This visit was realized as part of the regional project entitled "Joint action in the Western Balkans against migrant smuggling and human trafficking", which is implemented by IOM with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.



MEETING WITH THE DELEGATION FROM THE CENTRE FOR PROTECTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA IN TRC UŠIVAK. © IOM BIH 2022

The Flow Monitoring Survey (FMS), a tool to track migration experiences, is currently being conducted in all reception facilities with support from the CCCM team. The FMS is a questionnaire designed to collect data on the profiles of migrants (age, gender, nationality), potential challenges and risks experienced during their travels to Europe and their needs in relation to the possibility of voluntary return to their country of origin. It also contains a set of questions related to indicators of human trafficking, exploitation and abuse.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

On 12 July, the Una-Sana Canton (USC) Child Protection working group held a meeting that was attended by all partner organizations included in child protection work and representatives of three centres from Bihać, Cazin, and Velika Kladuša. Ongoing issues and trends were discussed in relation to the inclusion of migrant and refugee children in the national protection system in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The participants agreed to organize a meeting with representatives of the SFA and local police to discuss the drafting of the action protocol for cases of migrant children separated from parents and procedures related to the identification of unaccompanied migrant girls.

In TRC Ušivak, the Complaint and Feedback and Committee met on 15 July to assess complaints from the complaint and feedback boxes located at the centre. The committee evaluated the complaints and initiated further steps to address them according to the guidelines. On 13 July, local folklore association KUD Igman from Hadžići visited TRC Ušivak to perform traditional folk music and dance for about 40 migrants.

In TRC Lipa, IOM's Protection team, in coordination with the SFA, prepared a set of questions to assess the basic skills of migrants for the purpose of directing them to vocational activities available at the centre and encourage their inclusion in daily activities. The assessment will be performed as part of the emergency screening process. Also in TRC Lipa, IOM and SFA assistants held creative workshops with migrants where they learned how to make handmade soaps and canvas bags. They also produced bed sheets that will be donated to the Cantonal Hospital in Bihać.



COLORFUL CANVAS BAGS MADE IN CREATIVE WORKSHOPS WITH MIGRANTS IN TRC LIPA. © IOM BIH 2022

On 14 July in TRC Blažuj, the Community Representative Council meeting took place. The meeting was attended by twelve community representatives from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Ghana and Nigeria. Since the meeting was attended by many new beneficiaries, the CCCM Coordinator explained the purpose of community meetings and informed beneficiaries about other participation and accountability mechanisms in the centre. The focus of the meeting was on maintaining hygiene in the centre and the types of social activities to be organized based on the preferences of each community.

- # of emergency screenings in TRCs: 952
- # of referrals to partner organizations: 46
- # of persons with protection risks: 70
- # of people reached with individual assistance: 40

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 as well as regular repairs on shelters and sanitary installations.

In TRC Blažuj, IOM started the construction of a summer shed (Šadravan) that will be located at the entrance of the centre. The summer shed will enhance the visual character of the centre and have multi-purpose functions, including providing a space for migrants to meet and socialize or protection from the weather for migrants waiting in line for the emergency screening procedure or registration process.

of persons sheltered: 2,113

of persons assisted with laundry services: 880

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, 31,774 meals and 8,323 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.

of meals distributed: 31,774

of NFIs distributed: 8,323

of people assisted with NFIs: 1,280

ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

IOM's mobile teams are present in locations outside of all TRCs to increase access to information and services for migrants, with the aim to reduce the number of migrants camping or squatting in abandoned buildings. IOM's mobile teams screen for vulnerabilities, provide emergency assistance and transport migrants to TRCs upon request.

During the reporting period, IOM's mobile teams organized 304 information sessions, 65 transportation services for 252 migrants and distributed 519 food items.

A total of 243 migrants accepted accommodation. Of these migrants, IOM's mobile team transported 119 single men to TRC Lipa, 102 individuals to TRC Borići (64 family members; 21 single females, and 17 UASC) and 22 individuals (6 families) to TRC Ušivak. On 13 July, IOM's mobile team in USC transported five assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) beneficiaries from TRC Lipa to a bus station in Bihać.

The top three nationalities declared by the identified migrants residing outside of the TRCs in USC are Cuba (27%), Pakistan (24%) and Afghanistan (20%), followed by Burundi (9%), Bangladesh (7%) and Iraq (4%).

On 14 July, a joint IOM and UNHCR outreach activity for migrants living outside the TRCs was conducted in the Bihać area. The joint IOM and UNHCR team provided group counselling, information on available accommodation in USC, information on asylum and the asylum procedure in BiH, as well as IOM's AVRR activities to a total of 12 individuals.

of persons transported to TRCs: 243

of information sessions: 304

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 4 information on AVRR to 51 migrants in off-site locations. A total of 66 in-depth counselling sessions were held to ensure that the beneficiaries were well informed and aware of the assistance they can receive pre-departure, during travel and post-arrival. Moreover, nine assisted voluntary returns to India were completed.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,287

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 91

SAFETY & SECURITY

In TRC Ušivak, a Mine Risk Education session was held for migrants from Afghanistan.



JOINT IOM AND UNHCR OUTREACH ACTIVITY IN BIHAĆ AREA. © IOM BIH 2022



INFORMATION ABOUT AVAILABLE SERVICES, AVRR RELATED INFORMATION AND ASYLUM POSSIBILITIES WERE SHARED DURING THE JOINT IOM AND UNHCR OUTREACH ACTIVITY IN BIHAĆ AREA. © IOM BIH 2022

Recognizing the importance of sign language proficiency for rights-based provision of services by humanitarian actors and local community

From 5 to 16 July, the Association of Deaf Persons of Republika Srpska conducted a sign language course in Bijeljina for employees of public institutions and humanitarian organizations. The course was part of a pilot project by the Association that was developed within IOM's "Improving migrant assistance and supporting local communities in Republika Srpska" (MARS) project. A total of 20 people attended, mostly humanitarian workers, law graduates and psychologists. The goal of the course was to raise awareness of the needs of deaf people in Bosnia and Herzegovina and highlight the importance of having sign language interpreters and other accommodations available in the local community.

Sign language is a rich combination of fingerspelling, hand gestures, body language, facial expressions, timing and touch. As a non-verbal tool for communication, it can support individuals who are deaf or experience some level of a hearing loss to engage with other people.



HAND-OUT FEATURING ELEMENTS OF A SIGN LANGUAGE PRESENTED DURING THE COURSE IN BIJEJINA.
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PARTICIPANTS AT THE SIGN LANGUAGE COURSE IN BIJEJINA.
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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.

