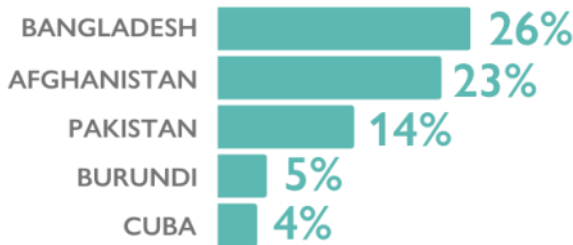
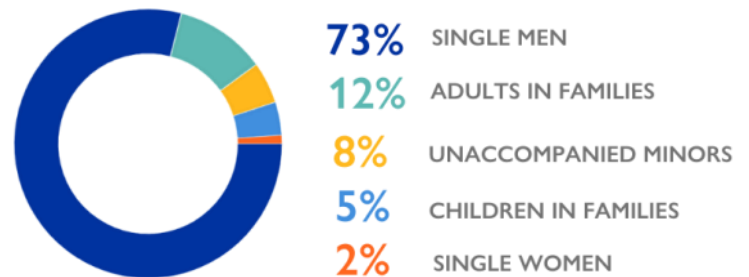


	TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)		
	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	244	580	103
LIPA	374	1,497	29
BLAŽUJ	1,109	1,700	65
UŠIVAK	296	800	36
TOTAL:	2,023	4,577	

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	1,567	1,972	1703							7,156

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 14 and 15 June 2022, IOM organized a regional meeting of the Heads of Border Police in the Western Balkans. Bringing together high-level delegations from the Border Police, the meeting served as a platform to foster intra-regional cooperation in humanitarian migration management and an opportunity to discuss trends, challenges and ways forward in responding to border security challenges, mindful of protection principles and respect for human rights in relation to migrants.

IOM's Office of Staff Security trainers, certified by BiH Mine Action Centre (BHMACE), organized regular Mine Awareness sessions for migrants in temporary reception centres (TRCs) across BiH. So far, 451 migrants participated in these lifesaving informative sessions. The session provided participants with mine awareness information and an understanding of the dangers associated with the presence of unexploded ordnances (UXOs) across the BiH territory.

Eleven migrants from TRC Borići joined local volunteers in the planting of tree seedlings at two playgrounds in Harmani, Bihac. This activity was organized by IOM and the local NGO, the Centre for Sustainable Development. The migrants from India who participated promised to come back to Bihac one day to see the trees bloom.



MIGRANTS FROM TRC BORIĆI PLANT TREE SEEDLINGS IN HARMANI, BIHAĆ.
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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

From 13 June, the mandatory rapid testing for asymptomatic migrants in Una-Sana Canton (USC) reception facilities has terminated. USC authorities reached the decision based on the improved hygienic and epidemiological situation in the region, the lifting of COVID-19 preventive measures at the level of the Federation of BiH, as well as the satisfactory vaccination coverage of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees staying in TRCs in USC. Only people who show symptoms of COVID-19 will be tested, while the obligatory medical screening for entering reception facilities includes COVID-19, scabies, and lice, as well as other infectious and chronic diseases.

In TRC Borići, IOM reorganized the space around the main building. The sanitary container from the main plateau was moved to the UASC zone, while Medicines du Monde installed their container on the plateau, to be used as their workspace for individual mental health counseling and group psychosocial activities with migrants.

In TRC Ušvak, the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) team, together with partner organizations, worked to create an informational poster for centre beneficiaries about the type of social activities organized at the centre by different organizations.

In TRC Blažuj, the CCCM team organized a new line for pre-registrations in the Info Point container to respond to the influx of migrants arriving at the centre. The new line will allow for quicker and easier access to services for migrants.

In TRC Lipa, IOM, in coordination with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) and IOM's Communications Department, has established new Info Points within the centre to provide detailed information on services and activities for migrants available in TRC Lipa.



IOM AND THE SFA COORDINATED TO SET UP THE NEW INFO POINTS IN TRC LIPA WHICH PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CENTRE AND AVAILABLE SERVICES. ©IOM BIH 2022



SIGNPOST FOR THE NEW INFO POINT IN TRC LIPA. ©IOM BIH 2022

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

IOM's Protection team will include skills assessments in the emergency screening process in order to have a better understanding of the needs and proficiencies of individuals who are arriving at the centres.

In TRC Borići, to facilitate improved information sharing, IOM has set up another notice board and a TV set on the second floor of the building to display information on services and service providers in the centre.

In TRC Ušvak, the Feedback and Complaint Committee met on 17 June in the presence of staff from IOM, BHWI, World Vision, UNFPA and UNICEF. Three complaints were recorded and forwarded for further processing according to the established procedures.

In TRC Ušvak, the CCCM team, in coordination with the NGO Witness of Change, surveyed the beneficiaries interested in participating in a week-long workshop for photography and storytelling led by National Geographic photographer Robin Hammond. The workshop will include lectures on photography and interview techniques to encourage migrants to become the authors of their community's stories. In TRC Ušvak, seven persons expressed interest in the workshops.

IOM's Protection and MHPSS teams held the fourth round of protection mainstreaming trainings for TRC Borići, TRC Lipa and USC Mobile Teams and team leaders of the SFA. In total, 33 participants attended the training where they had a chance to systemize their knowledge in protection, refresh main protection mainstreaming concepts and familiarize themselves with the key role and mandates of IOM's Protection & Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) team in BiH.

In TRC Lipa, IOM's team launched the No Nation Fashion (NNF) workshop within the Creative Corner of the centre, where migrants will have the opportunity to learn sewing techniques, test their designing skills and craft their own fashion creations.

of emergency screenings in TRCs: 768

of referrals to partner organizations: 48

of vulnerabilities identified: 56

of assistances provided: 271



MIGRANTS UPGRADE THEIR SEWING SKILLS IN THE NEW NO NATION FASHION WORKSHOP IN THE CREATIVE CORNER IN TRC LIPA. ©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. During the reporting period, 25 persons used the Mother and Baby Washing Unit (MBWU) services in TRC Ušivak, including 13 mothers and 12 children.

The MBWU in TRC Ušivak is approaching a full year of use from its establishment in July 2021. In the past year, 2,106 mothers and 1,076 children, including 331 babies, used its services. The MBWU organizes daily fun, educational and creative activities for children and mothers and provides space for relaxation.

of persons sheltered: **2,023**

of persons assisted with laundry services: **744**

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, 25,943 meals and 10,952 NFI items were distributed during the reporting period. IOM tracks individual nutrition needs with support from the medical personnel and provides adapted menus when medically prescribed. On 16 and 17 June, IOM organized a meeting between all CCCM teams at TRCs in BiH and representatives of service providers, the Red Cross of the City of Bihać, and the Red Cross of the City of Mostar and Pomoziba to discuss the findings of food surveys completed by migrants last month at reception facilities and to agree on new menus according to beneficiaries' suggestions.

of meals distributed: **25,943**

of NFIs distributed: **10,592**

of people assisted with NFIs: **1,428**

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 364 information sessions, one psychological first aid session, 91 transportation services for 355 migrants, and the distribution of 1,064 food items and 1,818 NFIs. A total of 301 migrants accepted accommodation and were transported by IOM Mobile Teams to TRCs. These newly accommodated migrants include 161 single men to TRC Lipa, 53 families of 120 members (100 adults and 20 toddlers), 8 single females and 3 UASC to TRC Borići, 9 migrants to TRC Blažuj, and 13 others to TRC Ušivak.

IOM's Mobile Team in Zvornik area assisted vulnerable migrant families from Burundi during the reporting week while the Red Cross provided first aid.

The three main declared nationalities of the identified migrants residing outside of the TRCs are Cuba (22 per cent), Pakistan (19 per cent) and Afghanistan (15 per cent).

of persons transported to TRCs: **355**

of information sessions: **364**



IOM'S MOBILE TEAM AND RED CROSS ASSISTING A FAMILY IN ZVORNİK AREA
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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. In the past week, IOM provided 44 information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) to 230 migrants in BiH, including 17 in TRCs and 213 at off-site locations. A total of 83 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. During the reporting period, nine migrants were assisted with voluntary return to their countries of origin (8 to India, 1 to Morocco).

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: **1,278**

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: **79**

SAFETY & SECURITY

A two-day firefighting and prevention basic training and demonstration exercise was organized by IOM's Office of Staff Security (OSS), in cooperation with the Iliđa Municipal Fire Department for 45 IOM staff and 30 representatives of partner organizations working in TRC Blažuj and TRC Ušivak.

The exercise was held in four groups so that everyone had a chance to participate in both the theoretical and practical parts of the training.



FIREFIGHTING AND PREVENTION BASIC TRAINING FOR TRC BLAŽUJ
AND TRC UŠIVAK STAFF.
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JAWAD'S* STORY

IOM's Social Media and Communications Assistant, Melisa Kjuca, shared a story

We are in a vehicle accompanying eight men from India to the Sarajevo International Airport. All of them come from different districts within the same region, Kerala, in the south of India. All of them have large, contagious smiles on their faces.

Today, as part of a group of 28 migrants from Kerala returning home to India, Jawad is chatty and anxious about finally being able to go back home. The car ride is 30 minutes long, just enough to scratch the surface of his migration story, to understand his experiences and the life-threatening situations he endured without ever knowing that this is "what Europe would be like," which was totally different from what he was hoping for and miles away from what he was promised.

"What I love about Bosnia is how peaceful it is. I will miss the quiet roads. In Kerala, the traffic creates an awful noise; it's very different from here."

Agents in India offered Jawad a white-collar job in Europe. Initially, he had to travel to Serbia because Indian nationals do not need a visa for a stay of up to 30 days. The agents promised that they will sort out his long term visa from Serbia, promises that sounded very credible. However, the agents presented the group with fake documents, job offers and contracts that looked legitimate and made them believe that these jobs were real.

Jawad recalled how one of his friends lost his passport trying to cross the Drina river that borders BiH and Serbia. While crossing he almost lost his life.

"Losing a passport is not a problem. Losing your life is. Once I make it home, I will tell my friends not to go like this."

Safe and dignified return and sustainable reintegration are an indispensable part of a comprehensive approach to migration management. Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) program aims to support migrants who are unable or unwilling to remain in host or transit countries and wish to return to

their countries of origin. The main beneficiaries of IOM's return and reintegration assistance are stranded migrants in host or transit countries, migrants in irregular situation, regular migrants, asylum seekers who decide not to pursue their claims or who are found not to be in need of international protection, and migrants in vulnerable situations, such as victims of trafficking, unaccompanied and separated children, or migrants with health-related needs. IOM also provides pre-departure assistance as well as reception and reintegration support to migrants whose return has been organised by other actors.

Since 2018, IOM Bosnia Herzegovina, in coordination with the BiH Service for Foreigners' Affairs, Embassies and IOM teams in the countries of origin, supported 1275 migrants return to their homes.

**Name was changed to protect privacy*



AVRR BENEFICIARIES BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE TO INDIA.

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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.



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