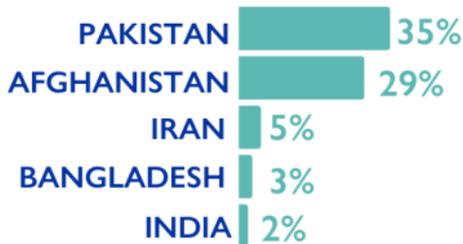


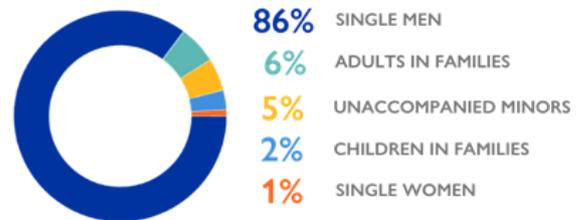


	TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)		
	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	113	580	103
MIRAL	392	700	12
LIPA	488	1,500	42
BLAŽUJ	807	1,700	70
UŠIVAK	148	800	36
TOTAL:	1,948	5,280	

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	675										1682

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 16 March, IOM BiH published Flow Monitoring Report based on a survey which was conducted with 319 migrants in five TRCs in BiH between November 2021 and December 2021. The survey was revised to include new questions related to migration factors for Afghan nationals, impact of COVID-19 and return intentions. The Report is available [here](#).

On 17 March, representatives of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including Director of the section for South-East Europe Ms. Kristin Melsom, and Desk Officer for BiH Ms. Tale Kandal, and representatives from the Embassy of Norway in Sarajevo, including Deputy Head of Mission, Ms. Siri Andersen and Project Manager, Mr. Adin Ibisevic, visited TRC Ušivak. They were welcomed by the IOM Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Blanche Picarello, IOM Camp Manager Ms. Azra Ibrahimović and Deputy Director of the Service of Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) Mr. Mirsad Buzar. IOM and SFA thanked the delegation for their contribution to the mixed migration response in BiH and the Western Balkans, notably through projects supporting Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) activities, improving reception infrastructures, and providing Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR).

On 19 March, representatives of the Holy See, led by S.E. Mons. Paul Richard Gallagher visited TRC Ušivak with IOM Chief of Mission Ms. Laura Lungarotti, Deputy Director of the SFA Mr. Mirsad Buzar, and representatives of Caritas. IOM and SFA presented the current migratory situation in BiH, as well as the cooperation between IOM, SFA and partners in the field in providing assistance and protection to migrants in the TRC. Representatives of IOM and the SFA thanked the delegation for their contribution to those efforts.

IOM facilitated a regular meeting of the *Task Force for Counter-Trafficking and Organized Illegal Migration*, held from 17-18 March. The meeting was chaired by the BiH Acting Chief Prosecutor, Mr. Milanko Kajganić, and attended by the representatives of judicial, security, and law enforcement institutions from all administrative levels in BiH, as well as the police. The meeting focused on joint activities to prosecute crimes of human trafficking and smuggling of migrants, and coordination of upcoming joint activities. The primary purpose of these regular meetings is to enhance the ability of the authorities to prosecute these serious crimes and violations of human dignity.

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Blažuj, ahead of the approaching holy Islamic month of *Ramadan*, IOM held a meeting with its partner organization Pomoziba to plan meals for *Sahoor* (morning) and *Iftar* (evening), and discuss how to best support people during the fast. A survey of beneficiaries is also underway to determine how many beneficiaries are actively fasting and to receive their suggestions for the *Ramadan* menu.

In TRC Lipa, mission finished setting up a tent that will serve as a prayer space.

In TRC Borići, a regular bi-weekly Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) meeting with the SFA and partner organizations was held during the reporting week to discuss current issues in the Centre. It was agreed that SCI education team and DRC pediatric team will organize educational sessions for parents about the importance of healthy nutrition for child development, as it was observed that beneficiaries in Borići, a reception facility with many families, would find the topic interesting and beneficial.

In TRC Miral, IOM CCCM's staff organizes daily meetings with representatives of organizations providing services in the Centre to share information and discuss future activities. In partnership with the SFA and partner organizations JRS and Caritas Banja Luka, IOM opened an IT corner for migrants and asylum seekers. The IT corner will enable beneficiaries to receive IT education and have access to direct communication with their families and friends.

In TRC Blažuj, IOM coordinated the opening of a library, with the first 50 books provided by JRS. New titles will regularly be added to the library.

In close coordination with Camp Managers and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)/Protection Focal Points, the IOM Protection team conducted assessment visits to all TRCs in Sarajevo and Una-Sana Canton to discuss IOM's protection response and plan for strategic focus areas in the coming period. This will include tailored protection training support for all IOM staff and standardization of participatory protection assessment tools and coordination structures across TRCs.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

In TRC Ušivak, IOM and partner organizations, BHWI, Caritas and World Vision, organized celebration of a *Nowruz* (Persian New Year) on 20 March. Traditional dishes were served, along with the practice of traditional customs, musical performance and tombola. The Community Council Meeting was held on 17 March in Ušivak with the participation of representatives from Tunisia, the Gambia, and Iran. Community representatives and IOM staff discussed ways to raise awareness of a few topics including food servings, maintaining hygiene in the Centre, and organizing social events.

In TRC Blažuj, another First Aid and Survival in Nature training was held by the IOM, Red Cross and UNFPA representatives with the support of IOM protection team, for a group of 10 beneficiaries.

In TRC Lipa, the third Complaint and Feedback Box was installed in the UASC zone. IOM and SFA organized a blitz information campaign to raise awareness among residents and new arrivals about the existence and purpose of the participation and accountability mechanisms. During lunchtime, 414 migrants received flyers with information about the Complaint and Feedback Mechanism.

In TRC Borići, the IOM MHPSS&Protection team organizes transportation services for beneficiaries to support their engagement in social and daily activities. During the reporting week, transports were provided for six beneficiaries to dance classes, for five children to attend football training and for six children to the bakery in Vedro Polje.

of persons referred to partner organizations by IOM: 201

of protection/MHPSS services provided by IOM: 1,522



OPENING OF IT CORNER IN TRC MIRAL © IOM 2022



CELEBRATING NOWRUZ IN TRC UŠIVAK © IOM 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, 21 persons used the Mother and baby Washing Unit (MBWU) services, including 13 mothers and 8 children (5 boys and 3 girls).

In TRC Ušivak, IOM in coordination with Caritas started the construction of the migrants' community kitchen. IOM supported construction works by procuring construction material necessary for water supply drainage and electricity distribution. The plan to provide migrants with community kitchen is now close to its finalization and will provide migrants with the means to prepare their own meals when they wish to. Access to community kitchen was requested by migrants as part of the feedback mechanisms.

of persons sheltered: 1,948

of persons assisted by the IOM MBWU: 21

of persons assisted with laundry services: 949

“There is no place like home” – Omar*’s Story

Omar* is a young man with health-related needs who stayed in one of the TRCs in BiH for the past seven months. He regularly received therapy and was engaged in daily activities suitable for his condition and status. A continuous psychological assistance was provided for him. Omar was also receiving support in his native language through weekly virtual counselling sessions with IOM Gambia and online chats with his father. He was eager to return home, but the return process was slow due to his medical condition as well as temporary suspension of returns to Gambia. Finally, the day of Omar’s departure had been confirmed and he traveled to Gambia with assistance from IOM Gambia medical escort. Along with IOM Gambia and IOM Migration and Health Division, substantial support to this voluntary return was provided by Bosnia and Herzegovina Service for Foreigners’ Affairs.

In consideration to the situation in his country of origin and his vulnerability status, Omar’s reintegration grant was increased and tailored to his immediate needs for his further successful and sustainable reintegration into the community. The waiting period of for return documentation to be approved was long and challenging for Omar, but he gained trust in his counsellors, both in the sending and receiving missions, which provided him with hope and endurance. His devotion and cooperation, and his big, bright smile is truly something he will be remembered for by everyone in the reception centre and among IOM AVRR staff.

*Name was changed to protect the privacy of the individual.



OMAR AND IOM AVRR STAFF AT SARAJEVO AIRPORT WAITING FOR FLIGHT TO BANJUL, GAMBIA ©IOM 2022

FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

In all TRCs, IOM conducted its regular food and non-food item (NFI) distribution activities, with support from partner organizations, with 23,791 meals and 7,767 NFI items distributed during the reporting period. IOM tracks individual nutrition needs of migrants prescribed by medical personnel including through special menus in the food distribution process. In TRC Miral, 12 migrants are on a special diet due to their health condition. Special meals are provided to them regularly during meal distribution. In TRC Ušivak, along with the regular NFI distribution, the Free Shop operated from Monday to Friday, with 37 people accessing the self-help services and receiving 273 second-hand donated items.

of meals distributed: **23,791**

of NFIs distributed: **7,767**

of persons supported with NFI: **648**

ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

The IOM Outreach team continues to be present in locations outside of the TRCs, to increase information and access to services, with the aim to reduce the number of migrants camping or squatting in abandoned buildings. The IOM Outreach team screens for vulnerabilities, provide emergency assistance, and transport migrants to TRCs upon request. During the reporting period, the IOM Mobile Outreach team provided 4,188 services to migrants identified outside of reception facilities, including 841 information sessions, 61 psychological first aid (PFA) sessions, and 58 transportation services to 249 migrants, 1,620 food items and 1,605 non-food items. A total of 231 migrants accepted

accommodation in TRCs and were transported by IOM, including 149 TRC Lipa, 61 to TRC Borići, 15 to TRC Miral, and 6 to TRC Ušivak.

of persons transported to TRCs: **249**

of individual services provided to migrants outside of TRCs: **4,188**

RETURN & ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

IOM’s Return and Reintegration team provides administrative, logistical and financial support, including reintegration assistance, to migrants unable or unwilling to remain in the host or transit country and who decide to return to their country of origin. During the reporting week, IOM reached 42 migrants and provided information on AVRR, to 21 migrants in TRCs and 21 in off-site locations. A total of 78 in-depth counselling sessions were held to ensure that beneficiaries are well informed and aware of the assistance they can receive pre-departure, during the travel and in the post-arrival phase. During the reporting period, IOM assisted four migrants returns to their country of origin, one to Pakistan, one to Cuba and two to the Gambia.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: **1,227**

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: **32**

SAFETY & SECURITY

On 14 and 15 March, IOM’s Office of Staff Security (OSS) instructors conducted 2 mine risk awareness sessions in TRCs Ušivak and Miral, targeting approximately 50 migrants from different nationalities. The sessions were translated in Arabic, Farsi and Urdu and focused on risks associated with mines and unexploded ordnances across BiH.

MAIN GAPS

Additional support to the migration response in BiH is needed. The top priority remains funds for food and non-food items for migrants living in TRCs and those sleeping outside of TRCs. Funds are also needed for critical repairs and 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.

