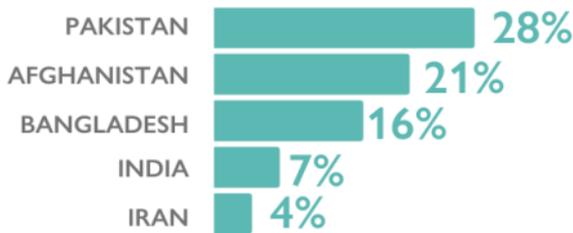
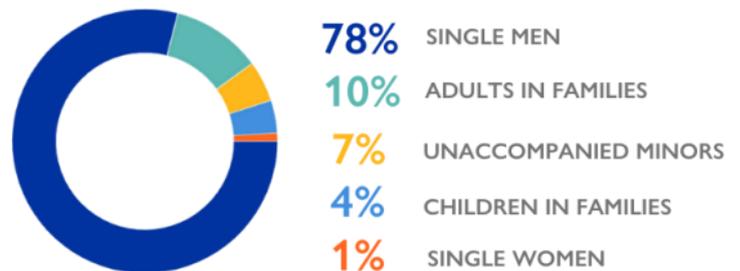


	TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)		
	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	184	580	103
LIPA	464	1,497	31
BLAŽUJ	835	1,700	65
UŠIVAK	181	800	36
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>4,577</b>	

### 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	1,107								4,588

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 18 May, the Chairman of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Council of Ministers (CoM), Zoran Tegeltja, spoke at the first, historic International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), which took place from 17-20 May in New York. The CoM Chairman addressed the Plenary Session by providing insight on the progress made by the BiH authorities to assist and protect migrants since signing the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) in 2018.

A “Tree of Life and Good Wishes” was made by IOM and migrant volunteers in TRC Blažuj as a part of the No Nation Fashion exhibition to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Bosnia and Herzegovina’s membership in the United Nations. The exhibition was held in front of the BiH Parliamentary building where IOM joined other UN agencies active in BiH in celebrating the day.



THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BIH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ZORAN TEGELTIJA SPEAKING AT THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM IN NEW YORK © UN WEB TV (SCREENSHOT)

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## COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

Camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) coordinators in Una Sana Canton and in Sarajevo Canton hold weekly meetings to discuss the main issues and plans in the centers, exchange ideas, share brief overviews of the protection activities and assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) activities, provide situation overviews for every center, and exchange information on specific projects and priorities. The weekly meetings facilitate common understanding and enable cooperation among different reception facilities in BiH. Often, cooperation involves finding the best accommodation solutions for migrants based on vulnerability screenings.

For example, during the week, 24 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) were relocated from TRC Blažuj to TRC Ušivak in cooperation with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) and the Center for Social Work while four migrants were referred to TRC Ušivak by the IOM mobile team.



TREE OF LIFE PRESENTED DURING NO NATION FASHION EXHIBITION IN SARAJEVO TO MARK 30 ANNIVERSARY OF BIH JOINING THE UN

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## PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

During the week, IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) team performed a total of 437 emergency screenings and identified 36 vulnerable persons in four reception centers. This included the provision of 309 protection services and 81 referrals to other organizations.

In TRC Borići, a review of participation mechanisms was performed during the week, including a review of the complaint and feedback committee. Amendments to the complaint committee Terms of Reference (ToR) were proposed to incorporate relevant solutions to complaints and suggestions raised by migrants. The changes also include an increased number of migrants on the committee to address the need for more diverse representation in the centre. The draft of the ToR will be shared with partner organizations for their comments and suggestions. Additionally, one more complaint box was installed in the UASC zone and meetings are planned with center's communities to encourage their participation and to share information about the existing services.

In TRC Lipa, IOM's MHPSS team has reorganized their working time and started the new shifts. IOM's protection assistants will be working 12 hours shifts daily throughout the course of a week. A selection process for the community members who will participate in the complaint and feedback committee was conducted on 17 May, with participation from partner organizations. New community members who will represent Cuba and African countries were selected. A meeting was held together with representatives from Afghanistan and Pakistan, to reiterate the importance of the mechanism

and to present the rules and procedures guiding the work of the committee to the new members. In TRC Blažuj, a Mine Risk Education (MRE) session was held by IOM certified trainers. Newly arrived beneficiaries of Ghana, Gambia and Afghanistan attended the session and actively participated. The MRE session was also held in TRC Borići during the week for 14 participants.

IOM regularly coordinates the provision of medical transports for migrants in need of health care. On 19 May, transportation was provided to one person from TRC Borići to the Cantonal Hospital in Bihać for medical treatment. Furthermore, on 20 May, one migrant was provided with transportation from TRC Lipa to the Clinical Center of the University of Sarajevo for further treatment.

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Sport teams, including migrants from TRCs Ušivak and Blažuj, joined local teams from Hadžići area in Sarajevo Canton to participate in a sport festival jointly organized by the local community Donji Hadžići, the Cultural, Sports and Recreation Center Hadžići, and IOM. The event was an opportunity for cross-cultural learning and to strengthen ties and cooperation between the host community and migrants.

# of referrals partner organizations: **81**

# of emergency screenings provided by IOM in TRCs: **437**

# of identified vulnerabilities by IOM in TRCs: **36**



SPORTS TEAMS FROM BLAŽUJ AND UŠIVAK JOIN LOCAL TEAMS FROM HADŽIĆI FOR A SPORT FESTIVAL © 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, disinfection, and derating (DDD) measures, and regular repairs on shelters and sanitary installations. During the reporting period, 38 persons used the Mother and Baby Washing Unit (MBWU) services, including 21 mothers and 17 children.

In TRC Lipa, construction of the NFI warehouse continued during the week. The warehouse will facilitate distribution of NFI for migrants as it will allow more items to be stored at the site. The works are set to be completed in June 2022. In TRC Ušivak, one container has been adapted for creative activities (painting, decoupage, knitting, recycling) that are planned to be provided for center's residents.

# of persons sheltered: **1,664**

# persons assisted by the IOM MBWU: **38**

# of persons assisted with laundry services: **927**

## 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, 23,483 meals and 8,066 NFI items were distributed during the reporting period. IOM tracks individual nutrition needs with support of medical personnel and provides adapted menus when medically prescribed.

In TRC Ušivak, on 16 May, the Islamic Relief organization visited the center and distributed 92 hygiene and clothes packages to 46 persons. IOM staff continued with regular distribution over the week and distributed 370 packages to 165 persons. The Baptist Church organization also donated a table tennis to TRC Ušivak.

# of meals distributed: **23,483**

# of NFIs distributed: **8,066**

# of people assisted with NFIs: **661**

## ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

The IOM 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. The IOM Mobile Team screens for vulnerabilities, provides emergency assistance, and transports migrants to TRCs upon request. During the reporting period, the IOM Mobile Team organized 395 information sessions, 20 psychological first aid sessions, 66 transportation services for 263 migrants, and distribution of 953 food items and 1,473 non-food items. A total of 243 migrants accepted accommodation and were transported by the IOM Mobile Team, including 161 migrants to TRC Lipa, 78 to TRC Borići, and four to TRC Ušivak.

On 17 and 19 May, upon request by the SFA, IOM's Mobile Teams provided transportation to 11 migrants from the SFA Field Centers in Bihać and Mostar to TRC Blažuj.

# of persons transported to TRCs: **263**

# of information sessions: **395**

## RETURN & ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

IOM 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 71 migrants in BiH, including 52 in TRCs and 19 in off-site locations. A total of 89 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 four assisted voluntary returns (Jordan, Turkey, Algeria, and India)

# Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: **1,250**

# Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: **51**



TWO AVRR BENEFICIARIES RETURN HOME TO START A NEW LIFE  
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MOBILE TEAM SHARE INFORMATION WITH MIGRANTS IN OUTREACH  
LOCATION © IOM 2022

## SAFETY & SECURITY

IOM's Office of Staff Security (OSS) developed a leaflet "Personal Security Inside Temporary Reception Centers for Migrants," which contains relevant information about safety and security in the center. The leaflet will be distributed to beneficiaries upon registration in reception centers as it includes information about roles of institutions and organizations in the center (i.e. SFA, IOM), whom to call in case of an incident, emergency protocol, the importance of respecting the house rules, and local laws. leaflet for migrants.

## ALI'S STORY

### IOM Protection and MHPSS Assistant, Bihać Operations, Miša Kuvačić, shares a story about a beneficiary

Ali\* is a young man with a kind and peaceful demeanour. His story is not a happy one, but with his positive mindset, he is hoping to turn it into one.

As Ali explains, the situation in his home country has been very challenging for people of all generations. This is especially the case for people who were born in poorer families. Ali has a lot of potential, and his family was able to afford primary school for him. Later, he studied Arabic and continued to study English. He was even able to skip a few grades based on his excellent academic performance. After completing 12 years of schooling, he wanted to continue his education in Turkey, however, he had to stop studying due to financial constraints. He needed to work to support himself and his family, but the high level of corruption and nepotism in his country made finding a job difficult, while finding a decent job that matched his qualifications was almost impossible without bribery or social connections.

Ali thinks very highly of education and believes that he was lucky to be able to attend school since his family could not afford the same for his younger brother. His mother has been having health problems, and recently her condition worsened, so he decided to leave home with his brother in search of a better life and opportunities to work. He hopes to pay for the health treatment for his mother and hopes that his brother will get a chance to build a good life.

\* Name has been changed to protect privacy



MANY MIGRANTS SEEK FURTHER EDUCATION

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Based on IOM's Flow Monitoring Survey data in BiH, 37 per cent of migrants interviewed report war and conflict in their country of origin as a primary reason for leaving, followed by economic reasons (33%) such as a lack of employment opportunities, personal/targeted violence (10%), other reasons (7%) – including issues related to the political situation in the country, limited access to basic services and education (4% each), family reasons including family reunification (3%), environmental changes and degradation (2%), natural disasters and COVID-19 (less than 1% each).

You can read the report here: [Europe — Flow Monitoring Surveys in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2021 | DTM \(iom.int\)](https://iom.int/reports-and-publications/europe-flow-monitoring-surveys-in-bosnia-and-herzegovina-2021)

## 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.

