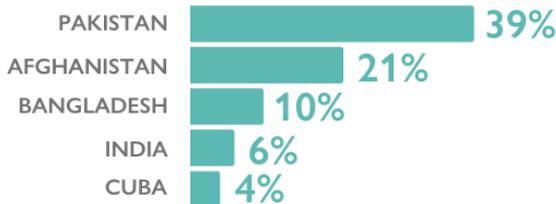




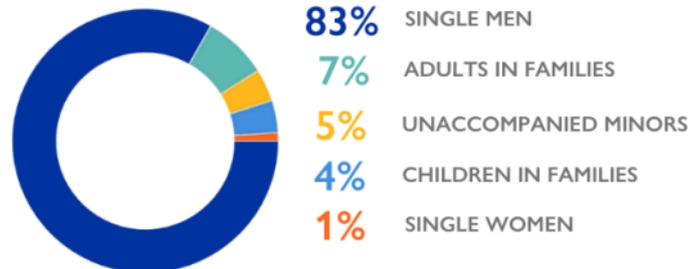
TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	99	580	103
MIRAL	374	700	12
LIPA	415	1,500	39
BLAŽUJ	932	1,700	65
UŠIVAK	166	800	36
TOTAL:	1,986	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	1567									3481

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The No Nation Fashion (NNF) brand grew from small sewing corners in temporary reception centres (TRC) across BiH that were first established to enable migrants to improve their skills by mending and altering their clothes and creating reusable masks from recycled materials during the COVID-19 pandemic. Recently, the NNF brand was recognised by a panel of peers, receiving unanimous positive reviews, and was published as one of the best 107 practices globally in the "Repository of Practices on the Migration Network Hub." The link to the published practices can be found [here](#).

The aim of the Repository of Practices is to showcase replicable practices to inspire those working to implement the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) from governments, civil society, international organizations, and other stakeholders at the global, national, regional and local levels and to stimulate discussion during the International Migration Review Forum 2022 that will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 17-20 May 2022.

On 20 April, IOM conducted the 12th Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) exercise jointly with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) and with the support of the Red Cross to collect information on the number of migrants

outside of TRCs. A total of 339 migrants were identified in outreach locations during the round.



NO NATION FASHION BRAND'S VISUAL IDENTITY © IOM 2022

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Borić, a Child Protection Working Group meeting was held on 21 April with the participation of IOM, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Vision International, Fenix, Médecins du Monde, DRC, and local organization LAN to coordinate activities and agree on future steps. All participants agreed to share their action plans and use an online table to insert and streamline activities. Cooperation among different actors involved in child protection activities in TRCs is important, as their work is interrelated and they often support the same group of children through different stages of assistance. In addition, participants also discussed activities focusing on developing parenting skills through a range of different workshops. The Working Group would hope to invite the local Social Welfare Centre to provide information for migrants, covering topics such as cultural differences and family life. After the earthquake that occurred in BiH on 22 April, notices with instructions on how to act in case of an earthquake emergency have been posted around the Centre in the most frequented areas.

In TRC Miral, IOM held a cultural awareness training for 12 representatives of the BiH Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies (DCPB) on 20 April. Capacity building for DPCB representatives helps to support the smooth transition of security management in TRCs from IOM to DPCB, which began on 12 April. Cultural awareness is critical for security personnel assigned to TRCs to better understand the background and experiences of migrants and refugees, establish and maintain peaceful and respectful relationships in the TRCs, effectively communicate on key issues pertaining to security and safety, and ultimately mitigate and prevent misunderstandings, risks or conflicts.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

During the reporting period, a protection mainstreaming training was held with the participation of 28 IOM staff members from Una Sana Canton, to strengthen protection sensitive assistance, outline the purpose and methods of mainstreaming protection in the emergency response and share practical advice and practices that will support daily work with migrants.

In TRC Blažuj, during the weekly emergency screenings, 69 referrals were made to address identified protection needs of migrants. The referrals included identification of minors and consequent services, as well as follow up for identified health issues.

In TRC Miral, the community representatives meeting focused on the organization of a joint iftar with representatives of local civil society and local institutions, which was held on 26 April with participation from IOM, the SFA and the council of community representatives of TRC Miral. Part of the menu served during the gathering was prepared by migrants, while the Una-Sana Canton Red Cross, students and professors from the vocational bakery and cooking school, and representatives of the association of cancer patients “*Tomorrow is a new day*” also contributed to the successful event.

In TRC Lipa, IOM and UNHCR are coordinating the design of the new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for protection activities. The model will be used in other TRCs in Una Sana Canton for the design of their SOPs.

IOM also donated a furnace to the safe house run by the local organization *Puž* in Tuzla, which provides temporary accommodation for migrants with identified vulnerabilities prior to their registration with the SFA and transport by IOM to one of the TRCs in BiH.

of persons referred to partner organizations: 79

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, 57 persons used the Mother and Baby Washing Unit

(MBWU) services, including 25 mothers and 32 children (24 boys and 8 girls). In TRC Lipa, 17 accommodation containers were delivered and connected to all services, increasing the overall centre capacity of 102 beds.

of persons sheltered: 1,986

of persons assisted by the IOM MBWU: 57

of persons assisted with laundry services: 709



PREPARATIONS FOR THE JOINT IFTAR IN TRC MIRAL

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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 20,524 meals and 5,515 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.

IOM organized a joint iftar for the TRC Ušivak beneficiaries in cooperation with a local association *Ars populii* from Hadžići municipality, where more than 37 people joined. Members of the local community, together with the TRC beneficiaries, had an opportunity to try traditional dishes from different countries.

of meals distributed: 20,524

of NFIs distributed: 5,515

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 313 information sessions, 5 psychological first aid (PFA) sessions, 35 transportation services for 119 migrants, and distribution of 770 food items and 554 non-food items. A total of 96 migrants accepted accommodation in TRCs and were transported by IOM, including 58 migrants to TRC Lipa, 21 to TRC Borić, and 17 to TRC Ušivak.

Upon request by the SFA, IOM's mobile team provided assistance, including information, food, and transportation escorts to TRC Lipa to 55 single adult male migrants identified by the local police in the Kupres area.

of persons transported to TRCs: 119

of information sessions: 313

Aang's story

Aang* successfully returned to Nepal after more than two years since his journey started. He spent most of the time during his in Turkey and Greece, where he worked in housekeeping and maintenance. While he worked long hours in hotels, he dreamed about opening his own Bed & Breakfast or small hostel. At that moment, due to financial constraints, the idea could not be realized and Aang continued the journey toward the Western Balkans.

Soon he found himself stranded in Bosnia and Herzegovina, without the possibility to return on his own or continue the journey. He turned to IOM's mobile outreach teams, who connected him with the local AVRR team. On behalf of Aang, IOM AVRR contacted the closest Embassy of Nepal and assisted Aang with obtaining a new travel document. Aang was ready to proceed with the return plan and reunite with his family.

In Nepal, he assessed the market situation in the country and with the previously arranged IOM AVRR reintegration assistance and consultation, decided to rent a small hostel and start his dream job. Aang used all the skills he obtained over the years during his travels to create a better life for himself and his family. With electrician and construction skills from his past jobs in the Middle East, he renovated his hostel. Using hospitality services obtained from working in Turkish hotels, he provided the best accommodation service to his clients. Finally, using culinary skills learned in countries he visited, Aang prepares the finest meals for students and tourists staying at the hostel.

Aang says this is a modest start, but with endless possibilities.

In 2021, IOM assisted 344 migrants stranded in the Western Balkans to return to their country of origin and gain education or develop micro-businesses to build a better future for themselves and their family.



AANG'S HOSTEL IN NEPAL © IOM 2022

*The name has been changed to protect privacy

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 64 migrants in BiH, including eight in TRCs and 56 in off-site locations. A total of 58 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 (Algeria and Pakistan).

A virtual counselling session was organized with the IOM India team, to create a platform for sharing country-specific information, which is crucial to improve joint response and support migrants wishing to return home.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,238

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 43

SAFETY & SECURITY

No major incidents were registered in TRCs. Violations of house rules were the most common reported security issues during the week.

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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