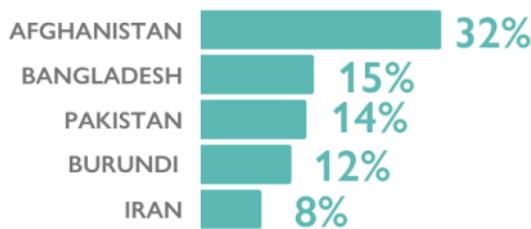


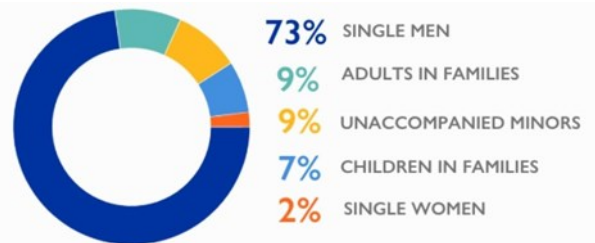
### TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	151	580	103
LIPA	243	1,497	27
BLAŽUJ	997	1,700	65
UŠIVAK	344	800	36
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>4,577</b>	

### 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	2,099						9,766

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 22 July, within IOM's Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) portfolio, following the urgent request of the Protection and Rescue Sector of the Ministry of Security (MoS) of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), IOM procured and delivered to the fire brigade of Posušje municipality crucial firefighting equipment, including fire hoses, pumps, fire brooms and water backpacks, to help fight the wildfires that have been raging on Čvrsnica mountain/Blidinje since 19 July.

On 21 July in Bihac, the Head of Banja Luka Office of the EU Delegation in BiH, Simone Guernini, in the presence of the Deputy Director of the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA), Mirsad Buzar, the Advisor to the Minister of Security (MoS), Saša Kecman, the Prime Minister of Una-Sana Canton (USC), Mustafa Ružnić, the Mayor of Bihac, Šuhret Fazić and IOM BiH's Chief of Mission, Laura Lungarotti, inaugurated the newly renovated Temporary Reception Center Borici in Bihac. The reconstruction of the façade of this former student dormitory was funded by the EU.

IOM launched the [Return Counselling Toolkit](#) - a capacity-building instrument aimed at providing a harmonized and coherent approach to return counselling based on key migrant-centred principles. Accompanied by operational tools that can facilitate the work of return counsellors, the toolkit is designed to address

the capacity-building needs of return counsellors, as well as to strengthen the knowledge of other return stakeholders, including national and local authorities and civil society. The toolkit, developed within the framework of a sub-regional Western Balkans (WB) project funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, has a global perspective, although it also includes specific content focusing on the WB.



IOM STAFF DELIVERING FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT © IOM BIH 2022

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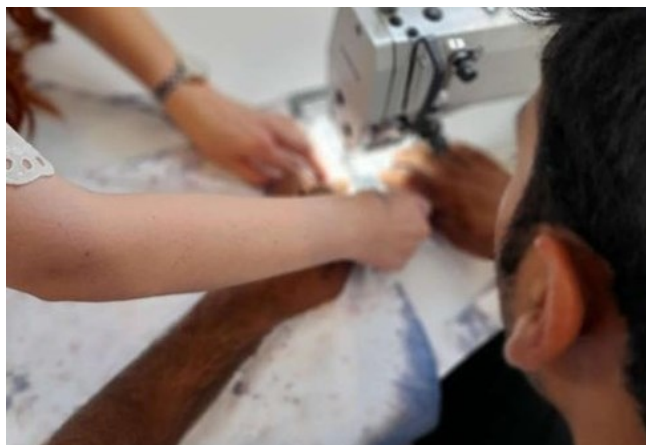
## COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

The high influx of migrants in recent months in reception facilities dictates a quick response by camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) teams and vigilant follow up on emerging needs of beneficiaries coming from different cultural backgrounds.

In TRC Ušivak, the CCCM team designated one container to serve as a prayer room to respond to the requests of migrants who practice Christianity. In response to the rising number of people from Burundi arriving in BIH, IOM and UNICEF will organize an introductory session on Burundi, including its history, people, and current context, that will be delivered by a Burundian refugee expert to centre's staff to support the provision of culturally sensitive services in the center.

In TRC Borići, a biweekly CCCM meeting was organized on 18 July by IOM, the SFA and partner organizations. One of the main topics on the agenda was the idea to develop a new camp-level referral mechanism to be used in case of a family separation. IOM, the SFA and partner organizations will work together to outline the steps and actors necessary to fully develop the mechanism.

In TRC Lipa, representatives of the Technical Faculty of the University of Bihać made a visit to the center, organized by IOM in cooperation with the SFA, and discussed the possibility of establishing cooperation between TRC Lipa and the University that would include the exchange of knowledge in TRC Lipa's Creative Zone. During the visit, a workshop on the Japanese textile art method "Shibori" was delivered by students from the Textile Department of the Technical Faculty. Interested migrants residing in TRC Lipa then used this method to create No Nation Fashion canvas bags which, along with handmade soaps, will be part of the exhibition of the students' work called "Walking through Šibori" on the Japod Islands in Bihać on 28 July.



STUDENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BIHAĆ SHARED THEIR SKILLS WITH MIGRANTS IN TRC LIPA. © IOM BIH 2022

In TRC Borići, many female unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) from Burundi have recently arrived in the center. In light of the new protection needs for the group, which is high vulnerable, IOM's Protection team has initiated a case conference meeting with the SFA and child protection agencies to organize psychosocial support and discuss models of cooperation with the Bihać Centre for Social Work (CSW) to provide legal guardians. One of the main challenges impeding higher engagement of the CSW is a language barrier. Partner organizations offered assistance through their cultural mediators to fill this gap.

In TRC Lipa, IOM's Protection team conducts follow-up interviews with migrants who are staying in the center for a longer period (more than three months) in order to assess their needs, offer them additional orientation and provide information on activities available in the center. The use of participation mechanisms in TRC Lipa by accommodated migrants has increased. A complaint and feedback mechanism meeting was held during the reporting period in the presence of representatives of IOM, the SFA, and partner organizations and representatives of the Cuban and African communities. A total of 10 complaints/feedbacks were noted and addressed accordingly.

In TRC Blažuj, the Community Representative Council meeting was held on 21 July and attended by eight representatives from Afghanistan, Iran, Morocco, and Pakistan. As most of the representatives attended this type of meeting for the first time, the CCCM Coordinator made a brief introduction to present the purpose and goals of representatives' meetings. The main topic discussed during the meeting was hygiene in the center and the importance of keeping the center clean and functional.



IOM'S CCCM COORDINATOR IN TRC BLAŽUJ GAVE A BRIEF INTRODUCTION ABOUT THE PARTICIPATION MECHANISMS DURING THE REPRESENTATIVES COUNCIL. © IOM BIH 2022

## PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

In TRC Ušivak, a protection coordination meeting was held on 20 July to discuss an identified protection issue arising from the separation of family members that occurs during the registration process. There were alleged cases where adult male members were separated as single men and transferred to TRC Blažuj due to lack of documents that would prove their affiliation to the family. Partner organizations decided to look for by applying individual approach to each case and exchange information with the SFA to minimize separation where possible.

- # of emergency screenings in TRCs: 639
- # of referrals to partner organizations: 39
- # of persons with protection risks: 40
- # of people reached with individual assistance: 12

## 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, 62 persons used the Mother and Baby Washing Unit (MBWU) services in TRC Ušivak, including 27 mothers and 35 children. In the past week, four women helped decorate the MBWU garden.

In TRC Blažuj, construction work on the summer shed was completed with the help of migrant volunteers and works on the interior and exterior of the Green Zone, which accommodates young single men, have been completed in cooperation with the UNFPA and migrant volunteers.

**# of persons sheltered: 1,735**

**# of persons assisted with laundry services: 1,003**



## 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, 20,197 meals and 7,854 NFI items were distributed during the reporting period. IOM tracks individual nutrition needs with support from medical personnel and provides adapted menus when medically prescribed.

**# of meals distributed: 20,197**

**# of NFIs distributed: 7,854**

**# of people assisted with NFIs: 997**

## 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 309 information sessions, 61 transportation services for 183 migrants, and distribution of 441 food items. A total of 173 migrants accepted accommodation. IOM's Mobile Team transported 71 single men to TRC Lipa, 22 families of 70 members (45 adults and 25 children) and three single women to TRC Borić, and 23 people to TRC Ušivak (three families, eight UASC).

The TRC Borić team assisted with transporting a family of six members (two adults and four children) to the centre.

Afghanistan (35%), Cuba (23%), and Pakistan (20%) are the three main declared nationalities of the identified migrants residing outside of the TRCs, followed by Burundi (8%), Bangladesh (3%), Iraq (3%), and Turkey (3%), Nepal (2%), Congo (1%), and less than one percent for Algeria, Cameroon, Guinea, and Morocco, respectively.

**# of persons transported to TRCs: 173**

**# of information sessions: 309**

**# of NFI in out of site locations: 441**



## 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 41 information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) to 133 migrants in off-site locations and 116 in reception facilities. A total of 157 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 TRC Lipa, the AVRR team held an AVRR session with community representatives. Information about procedures were discussed and stories about migrants who returned to their countries of origin were presented. In the reporting period, there was one assisted voluntary return to India.

**# Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,288**

**# Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 92**

## SAFETY & SECURITY

In TRC Borić, a Mine Risk Education (MRE) session was held for French speaking migrants from Burundi while in TRC Lipa, the MRE session was held in English and French. Both sessions were dynamic, with participants asking questions and sharing their experience. MRE sessions will be organized once a month in every TRC.

## Diego's Story

IOM's Migrant Protection Assistant, Lejla Sinančević, shared a story

Diego\* is a migrant who is on the move with his son. They came recently to one of the reception facilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and soon enough, he stood out with his upbeat attitude. Diego became active in a wide range of activities, including social events inside the centre and activities that promote social cohesion among migrants and locals. He also volunteered to help with the logistical organization of these activities.

Diego is a person who likes to participate in any endeavour that helps other migrants and who, in keeping with his easily recognisable character, can often be heard saying "Sin problema" (*No problem*).

A couple of days ago, we exchanged a few words. Diego told me he was on the move because he wanted to live in freedom. I lingered a minute longer, watching him leave with his optimism and a smile on his face, impressed by his strong will. As I entered my office, his words echoed and I thought the freedom was his.

\*Name has been changed to protect privacy



MIGRANT VOLUNTEERING TO PRESENT CULINARY SKILLS IN A LOCAL  
FOOD FESTIVAL  
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Many migrants traveling through the region seek stability and to belong to a community, which can be manifested by their desire to volunteer in TRCs and participate in life of a local community. IOM builds and maintains participation mechanisms in the centres and implements social cohesion activities which create opportunities for intercultural exchange, benefiting people on the move and BIH citizens alike.

## 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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