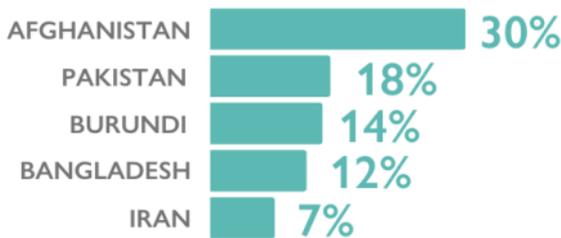




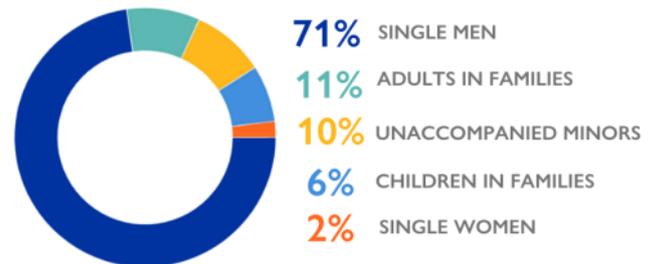
TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	200	580	103
LIPA	272	1,497	26
BLAŽUJ	919	1,700	80
UŠIVAK	264	800	36
TOTAL:	1,655	4,577	

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	2,615						10,282

SITUATION OVERVIEW

IOM conducted the 14th Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) exercise together with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) and with the support of the Red Cross to gather information on the number and needs of migrants outside temporary reception centres in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). IOM estimates that 743 migrants are present outside of reception facilities as of the end of July, a trend characteristic of the warmer seasons.

On 25 July, the IOM Lipa team, in coordination with the IOM Bihac office and SFA, visited the Cantonal Hospital in Bihac and handed over 54 sets of children's bedding and 100 hand-made soaps to the Department of Pediatric Surgery. The soaps and children's bedding were handmade by migrants and asylum seekers and members of the IOM Lipa team who participate in No Nation Fashion activities organized in the Creative Zone of TRC Lipa. Tote bags and disinfectants were also donated to meet the needs of the Bihac Cantonal Hospital.



NO NATION FASHION—DONATION OF HANDMADE BEDDINGS AND SOAPS TO THE CANTONAL HOSPITAL IN BIHAĆ, DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRIC SURGERY. © IOM BIH 2022

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Ušivak, SFA and the IOM CCCM team coordinated the arrival of nine UASCs following the age assessment of the multidisciplinary team composed of legal guardians appointed by Center for Social Welfare Hadžić and World Vision's psychologist and social worker. IOM and UNICEF also worked on the organization of a workshop on Burundi and Burundian migrants and asylum seekers, to help staff and partners gain a better understanding of the culture and history of the country and better respond to their specific needs.

In TRC Blažuj, the Inter-agency Coordination meeting held on 27 July with 13 IOM, SFA and partner organization representatives included updates on the work carried in the centre, notably the new registration and waiting room, the new registration office, and the summer shed, as well as updates on the upcoming sports and social activities in the centre and the new system created for borrowing sports equipment. To facilitate coordination of activities, every partner organization will share a weekly plan of activities to help systematize and allocate space for activities, particularly when the presence of the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies (DCPB) staff is necessary.

In TRC Borić, IOM met with partner organizations to discuss the creation of a joint protection mechanism for unaccompanied female minors. Partners agreed on a set of action points and will follow up on the new joint protection mechanism in the coming weeks. On 27 July, another inter-agency meeting was organized with the director of the Institute for Public Health to discuss the measures in place for beneficiaries testing positive for Covid-19. The procedures for placement in pre-registration and isolation areas were discussed, including the use of protective equipment and separate food distribution and laundry mechanisms. On 27 July, the Institute for Public Health closely follows the situation and will provide guidance should additional measures be recommended. During the reporting period, 117 people were tested for Covid-19, of which 112 were relocated to the general population after they tested negative, while 5 beneficiaries (3 positive and 2 contacts) were relocated to the symptomatic isolation.



"WALK THROUGH SHIBORI" EXHIBITION BY STUDENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BIHAĆ AND MIGRANTS IN TRC LIPA.
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In TRC Lipa, SFA in cooperation with IOM organized a regular coordination meeting with representatives of all partner organizations. The previous activities were presented, as well as the plan for the coming period. Additionally, the SFA camp manager stressed the importance of following the rules inside the centre, which includes decent clothing and all those present were asked to share this information, especially with volunteers and visitors who come to the centre.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

In TRC Borić, on 27 July, a focus group discussion was organized with the beneficiaries from Burundi. Ten people attended the focus group, which pertained to assistance in the TRC, including accommodation, food, NFI, complaint and feedback mechanisms, information sharing mediums, social activities, and other relevant subjects. The beneficiaries gave feedback regarding the topics and expressed the benefits of and challenges faced when using these services. The IOM Protection and MHPSS team started providing translation and interpretation assistance to the SFA and other key partners in the TRC. One LGBTQ+ case was identified during the profiling session with the SFA and IOM provided psychosocial support and translation services to the beneficiary. A family who returned to the TRC after a pushback reported being attacked by a group of migrants of a different nationality. IOM referred the case to the SFA and was present while the family met with the SFA to explain what had happened.

In TRC Lipa, IOM organized an exhibition called "Walk through Shibori" as one of the No Nation Fashion activities. The exhibition is a culmination of the joint effort of volunteers and cooperation with the Textile Department of the Technical Faculty of the University of Bihać. IOM's Protection and MHPSS team supported participating migrants. Additionally, three migrants staying in TRC Lipa took part in the filming of a cooking show called "The secret ingredient that brings us together: food." The show was organized by USK television through the support of the IOM project "Strengthening social cohesion in communities where people on the move stay." During the reporting period, the IOM Protection and MHPSS team also contributed to improving NFI delivery for new arrivals by supporting the distribution of hygiene welcome kits for those arriving during the weekends.

In TRC Blažuj, the Complaint and Feedback committee met on 26 July to analyze and respond to the three forms recorded during the week, all pertaining to TRC maintenance. Meeting minutes were sent to relevant staff for action. The Community Representative Council meeting was held on 28 July, with 10 community representatives from Iran, Bangladesh, Congo and Afghanistan. To improve hygiene condition in the centre, five accommodation units were visited by community representatives and partner organizations, to identify issues and discuss ways to establish a community system whereas volunteers will be responsible for maintaining specific areas, including the accommodation areas and the shared areas. During the information session, 21 volunteers signed up to participate in the cleaning actions. Moreover, the set-up of the pre-registration zone is progressing well thanks to the collaboration between IOM, Save the Children International and beneficiaries with mental disabilities and/or addiction referred by Médecins du Monde, who helped embellish the space by painting flower beds made out of recycled tires as part of their occupational therapy. In coordination with DRC, a focus group was organized with beneficiaries from sub-Saharan countries on available health services. Finally, an information session was organized with beneficiaries who are part of the harm reduction program, to discuss substance abuse and other topics related to participation. Other information sessions were organized to discuss asylum procedures, AVR, volunteering opportunities and language courses.

of emergency screenings in TRCs: 576

of referrals to partner organizations: 47

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, 86 persons used the Mother and Baby Washing Unit (MBWU) services in TRC Ušivak, including 35 mothers and 51 children. In TRC Lipa, a new model of issuing tokens has been created for the provision of laundry services. The centres are experiencing challenges with supply of water, so IOM continues to distribute bottled water to migrants. In coordination with the SFA, 12 sanitary containers were put out of function to decrease water consumption, given that the available number of toilets is sufficient for the current number of migrants staying in Lipa. In TRC Blažuj, IOM is working on a large scale cleaning of the camp plateaus, road repairs, and installation of Wi-Fi. In the past week, efforts were made to maintain cleanliness inside the centre facilities. Worn out bunk beds were collected and placed for disposal, while new beds were installed in accommodation units where needed.

of persons sheltered: 1,655

of persons assisted with laundry services: 878

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, 17,863 meals and 6,274 NFI items were distributed during the reporting period. IOM tracks individual nutrition needs with the support of medical personnel and provides adapted menus when medically prescribed. In TRC Blažuj, 18 beneficiaries were diagnosed with scabies and provided with NFI scabies packages. In TRC Borići, 43 women's bags with hygiene products and underwear were donated by the association "Horizon 2006." In TRC Ušivak, a delegation of the Qatar Charity and Street Child United met with the centre's fashion studio and CCCM teams to discuss collaboration. Qatar Charity donated 10 professional sewing machines to the fashion studio in June.

of meals distributed: 17,863

of NFIs distributed: 6,274

of people assisted with NFIs: 726

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, the team organized 1,481 information and 19 Psychological First Aid (PFA) sessions, 211 transportation services for 800 migrants, and distribution of 2,000 food items. Furthermore, 66 referrals were made to address identified protection needs of 318 migrants. A total of 723 migrants accepted accommodation. IOM's mobile team transported 397 single men to TRC Lipa, 1 migrant to TRC Ušivak, and 89 families of 278 members (180 adults and 98 children), 20 UASCs, and 27 single women to TRC Borići. Afghanistan (25%), Pakistan (22%), and Cuba (14%) are the three main declared nationalities of identified migrants residing outside of the TRCs, followed by Bangladesh (12%), Burundi (10%), Iran (3%), Iraq (3%), Nepal (3%) and India (2%).

A total of 68 migrants received emergency assistance and transportation from the Velečev checkpoint in Kluč to TRCs during the reporting week, including eight families with 38 members, two UASCs, and three single women to TRC Borići, and 25 single men to TRC Lipa. Furthermore, 60 migrants were transported from outreach locations and transit points in Velika Kladuša to accommodation in TRCs, including six families with 25 members, two UASCs, and one single woman to TRC Borići, and 32 single men to TRC Lipa. Following a request from the SFA, IOM transported two single men, both Turkish citizens, from the SFA Field Centre in Bihać to TRC Blažuj.

of persons transported: 800

of information sessions: 1,481

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 110 migrants in off-site locations and to 33 migrants in reception facilities. A total of 122 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, one beneficiary was assisted with return to Lebanon while five more applied for the voluntary return and reintegration programme.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,289

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 93

SAFETY & SECURITY

On 26 July, the IOM office for staff security, in coordination with the mobile and DTM teams, undertook a security assessment of outreach locations in the Bihać area. One outreach location was reactivated in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for outreach, and the internal table of micro-locations in the Una-Sana Canton area was updated. In Lipa, in coordination with representatives of SFA, IOM provided DCPB with video surveillance equipment and helped install the new CCTV in the DCPB container. DCPB now has remote view of the 16 functional cameras, which will improve the implementation of security measures in TRC Lipa.



SECURITY ASSESSMENT OF OUTREACH LOCATIONS IN BIHAĆ
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HUMAN STORIES

Nadya is a 28-year-old mother who left her country of origin 10 months ago after fearing for her safety. She always loved to draw and watched videos online to learn new techniques. Since her arrival in BiH, she seizes every opportunity she gets to express herself through drawing with her daughter in the Mother and Baby Unit. She says that drawing mandalas is especially relaxing. She discovered that art is a good form of psychological therapy and is looking forward to new activities at the centre where she will learn new techniques of expression.

“Colors and drawings not only help me to express joy and sadness, but to make the world more beautiful by drawing motifs from nature. Since my daughter and I began coloring together, we have felt a greater connection; we talk more and develop deeper trust.”

The Mother and Baby WASH Unit (MBWU) operated by IOM provides a wide range of services to parents and families in TRCs, as well as a safe and quiet space for mothers to nurse and care for infants. In addition to WASH and laundry services, the MBWU offers activities for children and their parents, while also facilitating psychosocial support and the creation of bonds between staff and beneficiaries. Over 3,000 mothers and children have used the services since the opening of the MBWU in July 2021.



NADYA AND HER DAUGHTER BUSY DRAWING IN THE MBWU.
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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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