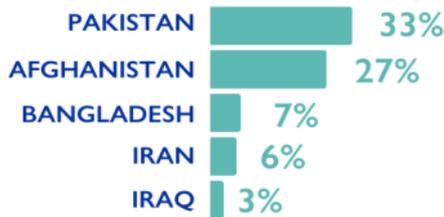


TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)			
	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	118	580	102
MIRAL	397	700	12
LIPA	439	1,500	33
BLAŽUJ	901	1,700	75
UŠIVAK	226	800	49
TOTAL:	2,081	5,280	

TOP 5 NATIONALITIES IN TRCs



SEX AND AGE DISAGGREGATED DATA IN TRCs



- 82%** SINGLE MEN
- 7%** ADULTS IN FAMILIES
- 6%** UNACCOMPANIED MINORS
- 4%** CHILDREN IN FAMILIES
- 1%** SINGLE WOMEN

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	87											516

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 3 February, a second workshop on the development of the Transition Plan for Migrants Health Care Services Provision in Bosnia and Herzegovina was held in Sarajevo. The Ministry of Security (MoS), in collaboration with IOM and with the support of the European Union (EU) in BiH, continues the dialogue with the main stakeholders to develop the transition plan to create a sustainable health system for migrants in the country, while ensuring the full transfer of responsibilities from current implementers to local institutions.

Through the joint efforts of the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA), IOM, and the Red Cross of the City of Bihać, the kitchen in TRC Lipa is operating at full capacity as of 4 February, following the connection of all equipment. Fresh meals will be prepared on site, which will support the daily work of Red Cross personnel engaged in preparation and distribution of meals to beneficiaries.

Regular vaccination of beneficiaries against COVID-19 continued in TRCs Miral, Blažuj and Ušivak. So far, a total of 863 migrants have been vaccinated since the beginning of the immunization process. DRC and IOM will ensure accessible Ag-RDT testing for all service providers working inside TRCs in the next period.



"TRANSITION PLAN FOR MIGRANTS HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVISION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA" MEETING IN SARAJEVO © IOM 2022

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

Three camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) meetings were held during the week with the participation of representatives of IOM, the SFA, and partner organizations providing services in the reception centers. TRC Ušivak, the meeting agenda included topics like management of the newly re-established unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) zone and coordination of activities to improve delivery and avoid potential overlaps. All UASCs from TRC Blažuj were transferred to TRC Ušivak as the red hanger facility was fully operationalized with the reinstallation of 10 accommodation containers. The transfer of UASCs is regularly organized in coordination with the SFA and the Center for Social Work Hadžići. The UASC zone in TRC Ušivak is physically separated from other accommodation units in the center, providing a safe environment for target beneficiaries. In TRC Borići, the CCCM meeting also helped streamline current and planned activities among partners. The Save the Children (SCI) representative noted that children enrolled in schools will continue classes next week, inviting partners to align other activities to the school schedule. In TRC Lipa, the CCCM meeting was organized by the SFA, in the presence of partner organizations, with a focus on security and technical issues as well as coordination of service provision.

In TRC Miral, IOM staff participated in a workshop on “Child Safeguarding Policy” developed and delivered by Save the Children (SCI). Staff members learned about the child protection regulations and received instructions about recommended approaches for assisting children and youth in vulnerable situations.

In TRC Borići two ice-skating events were organized for 37 children accommodated at the ice rink in the main square in the city of Bihać in coordination with the local organization for Sports, Leisure and Recreation, through the support of the social cohesion project. The activities aimed to further integrate the youngest beneficiaries into the local community and build their self-confidence and skills.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

During the reporting period, the IOM Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) team referred 86 individual cases to partner organizations and provided 1,328 protection-related individual services, including information on accommodation, medical assistance, transportation, translation, tailored non-food items (NFI), assistance to persons with disabilities, vulnerability screenings and monitoring of group activities.

IOM works actively on supporting accountability to affected populations (AAP) through coordination of participation mechanisms in the TRCs. Beneficiaries are encouraged to play an active role in decision making processes. In TRC Lipa, the first Community Representatives Council (CRC) was organized by SFA, with support from IOM and UNHCR. The roles and obligations of community representatives were presented to beneficiaries and constructive discussion followed. It was agreed that the CRC will be organized on a bi-weekly basis. The topics discussed during the first CRC meeting included the provision of food in the centre and issues related to the community kitchen, praying areas, and sanitary showers. Furthermore, the Complaint and Feedback Committee was also established. One complaint was registered in the Complaint Box and processed in accordance with regulations. Beneficiaries who participated in the Committee expressed satisfaction with the launch of these mechanisms. In TRC Miral, issues identified by IOM and beneficiaries were discussed at the CRC meeting, including maintenance of the hygiene facilities, security in the centre, and upcoming education and recreation activities. Community council activities serve to address different issues and problems as well as strengthen trust and cooperation between beneficiaries and staff working in TRCs.



THE FIRST COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES COUNCIL WAS ORGANIZED IN TRC LIPA © IOM 2022

of persons referred to partner organizations by IOM: 86

of protection/MHPSS services provided by IOM: 1,328

SHELTER, WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

IOM's maintenance and cleaning team inspects all TRC installations daily, with two cleanings per day, and provides weekly disinfection, disinfestation, and derating (DDD) services, and regular repairs on shelters and sanitary installations. In TRC Borići, the maintenance and cleaning staff have set up a fence around the yard where construction work is underway to keep beneficiaries, particularly children, away from potential injury.

In TRC Ušivak, 24 persons have used the Mother and Baby Washing Units (MBWU) services, among them 15 mothers and 9 children (3 boys and 6 girls). To improve WASH and shelter standards, mattresses have been replaced in accommodation units.

of persons sheltered: 2,081

of persons assisted by the IOM MBU: 24

of persons assisted with laundry services: 832

FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

In all TRCs, IOM conducted its regular food and NFI distribution activities, with support from partner organizations.

In TRC Miral, monthly inventory of food items in storage and the kitchen was performed. Relevant personnel in the TRC perform daily quality checks of delivered food items. The IOM Outreach team active in Sarajevo Canton is in process of distributing 500 cans of chicken/beef, 500 packs of instant noodles, 500 cans of tuna, and 500 granola bars to migrants identified outside the TRCs. Forty NFI packages and 307 NFIs were distributed by the IOM Outreach teams during the reporting week.

of meals distributed: 27,240

of NFIs distributed: 5,555

of persons supported with NFI: 870

BALI'S* STORY

As a result of war, conflict, and persecution, more and more families are being displaced. They carry with them their culture, tradition, language, cuisine, and, most importantly, their family. Bali* embarked on his migration journey with his wife and five children. He is currently accommodated in one of BiH's reception centres.

"*Kako si Dženita?*" his pronunciation of my name always brings a smile to my face. We start the conversation while walking on the snow-covered ground of the centre, with Bali and one of his daughters. Meanwhile, other family members prepare lunch and clean their room.

"*Before arriving to Bosnia and Herzegovina, I was in Bulgaria and then in Serbia, where I learned your language. I left my country because of the war. I met wonderful people here. No matter the past of this country, people have big hearts. I would like my children to finish university, and have our own home one day.*"

Bali's daughter, Iman*, listens to us carefully as she takes the snow in her hands and makes snowballs.

"*I'm going to school here, and I'm very happy. I would also like to finish college. Every day I play with my friends and sisters in the camp.*"

Since 2021, IOM has worked with local authorities and other international partners to facilitate the inclusion of migrant children in regular school programmes in the Sarajevo and Una Sana Cantons. Over 80 migrant children were enrolled in school at the beginning of the school year, in August 2021.

*The name has been changed to protect the identity.

ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

IOM's 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. During the reporting period, the IOM Mobile Outreach team provided 968 services to migrants identified outside of reception facilities, including 370 information sessions, 21 transportation services to 52 migrants, 270 food items and 307 non-food items. IOM referred 17 family members, three UASCs, and 233 adult men to the Red Cross USC for food item assistance. A total of 47 migrants accepted accommodation in TRCs and were assisted by IOM, including 29 to TRC Borić and 18 to TRC Lipa.

The IOM Outreach Coordination representatives held a meeting with the Red Cross USC representatives to exchange updates and agree on further cooperation.

During the joint activity 'Communication with Communities', the UNHCR and IOM teams profiled 14 migrants in outreach locations in the Bihac area. In comparison to prior activities, the number of migrants in outreach locations has decreased while the number of migrants at transit points has increased. The IOM and UNHCR teams distributed informational materials in case migrants require further information and assistance.

of persons transported to TRCs: 47

of individual services provided to migrants outside of TRCs: 968

RETURN & ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

During the reporting week, the IOM Return and Reintegration team reached 230 migrants, including 27 in TRCs and 203 in off-site locations. A total of five migrants returned to their Country of Origin: India (2), Bangladesh (1), Iran (1) and Pakistan (1). A total of 48 in-depth counselling sessions were held. IOM and UNHCR continue to jointly disseminate information on return and asylum in all TRCs as well as in outreach locations.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,209

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 14

SAFETY & SECURITY

In TRC Miral, there were two separate beneficiary-related incidents during the reporting week that required the involvement of the local police. No one was injured in the incidents.

In TRC Blažuj, on 2 February, the Office of Staff Security organized, in coordination with the Mine Action Center in BiH, a Mine Risk Awareness session aimed at informing migrants about the danger of mines in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The session was conducted by IOM certified instructors.

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.



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