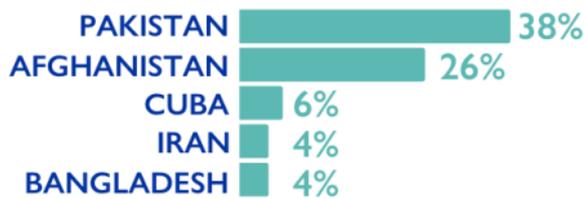


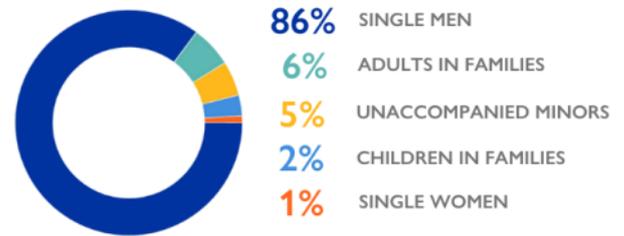
TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	62	580	103
MIRAL	377	700	12
LIPA	428	1,500	42
BLAŽUJ	843	1,700	65
UŠIVAK	141	800	36
TOTAL:	1,842	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	1234	327									2568

SITUATION OVERVIEW

During the week, IOM Una-Sana Canton's (USC) Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) team conducted an extensive assessment of protection activities in USC reception centres to evaluate the quality, efficiency, and appropriateness of processes, results and coordination with partners. The following mechanisms and structures have been assessed: emergency screening, referral pathways, safety and dignity of migrants, Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP), migrant inclusion in camp governance, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), information desk and welcome handbooks, disability inclusion, protection coordination, training needs, and capacity building. The information gained through the assessment will be crucial for programming future protection activities, including determining protection staff presence and shifts, determining training focus, streamlining administrative aspects of protection mechanisms, and coordination with partners.

IOM organized the delivery of new containers to TRC Lipa: three for medical purposes, four merged containers to serve as a kitchen in the single male adult zone, and an additional double container for service provision.



NEW CONTAINERS DELIVERED TO TRC LIPA. © IOM 2022

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MIGRANTS FROM TRC UŠIVAK WEARING CLOTHING MADE IN THE FASHION CORNER PROMOTING THE 'NO NATION FASHION' BRAND © IOM 2022

COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In all TRCs, the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) activities focused on sharing information among IOM, SFA and partners on changes taking place in the TRCs, notably the transfer of security from private services to the BiH Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies. The transfer, effective as of 10 April, was closely coordinated by all partners involved and constitutes another positive step towards a state-owned, long-term migration response.

IOM-led CCCM meetings also focused on other changes taking place in service provision, notably in relation to health assistance and medical escort services for migrants in TRCs. The new schedules and roles for medical escorts and transportation were adopted in all TRCs and information on medical assistance and the working schedule of the doctors was shared with migrants through community council meetings and other existing channels. IOM will monitor the new schedules for healthcare service provision to ensure all needs are addressed in a timely manner. Furthermore, IOM will provide medical transportation for migrants from outreach locations to and between TRCs during the night.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

IOM MHPSS and Protection teams are engaged in identifying vulnerabilities among migrants in TRCs, organizing psychosocial assistance activities and referring migrants in need of additional psychological support to partner organizations.

In TRC Ušivak, the Community Representatives Council Meeting, held on 8 April, gathered five representatives from Tunisia, Ethiopia, Iran, India, and Afghanistan. IOM briefly informed representatives on social activities available in the centre, including the Fashion Corner. Fifteen migrants joined in Fashion Corner creative activities during the week, and seven of the participants wore fashion items crafted in the Corner for a modelling photo shoot intended to promote the creativity behind the Fashion Corner concept through social networks.

In TRC Miral, the initial meeting of the Working Group for the Protection of Children took place on 4 April. The formation of the group and the meeting was initiated by the Center for Social Work in Velika Kladuša. Representatives of the working group will contribute to addressing the key issues in the field of child protection, including needs of unaccompanied or separated children (UASC).

In TRC Blažuj, the bi-weekly interagency meeting was organized by IOM and the SFA with partner organizations on 6 April. As in Miral, partner agencies also identified the need for a TRC Protection Working group to enable efficient

communication, avoid duplication of services, and facilitate smooth implementation of protection protocols among different actors. The need to update the Standard Operating Procedures was identified to reflect the recent changes in the organization of service provision in the health sector.

In TRC Miral, a new Mine Risk Education session was organized on 8 April by certified IOM trainers for 15 French-speaking migrants. The French speaking population has been rising in reception facilities over the last few months.

of persons referred to partner organizations by IOM: 34

of protection/MHPSS services provided by IOM: 700

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, 36 persons used the Mother and Baby Washing Unit (MBWU) services, including 21 mothers and 15 children (12 boys and 3 girls).

In TRC Borić, reconstruction work on the facade of the main building is in the final phase, with the northern and eastern sides of the building finished. Currently, thermal isolation work is being performed on the front of the building.

of persons sheltered: 1,842

of persons assisted by the IOM MBWU: 36

of persons assisted with laundry services: 874

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, with 16,736 meals and 11,044 NFI items distributed during the reporting period. IOM tracks individual nutrition needs with support from the medical personnel and provides adapted menus when medically prescribed. During the reporting period, the regular delivery of meals was enriched with two additional distributions for people who fast during Ramadan, for Suhoor (morning meal) and Iftar (evening meal).

of meals distributed: 16,736

of NFIs distributed: 11,044

of persons supported with NFI: 1,045

Community Story

On 9 April, IOM staff engaged in mobile teams in the “Improving Migrant Assistance and Supporting Local Communities in Republika Srpska” project joined local organizations, the city administration’s representatives, youth, and citizens to participate in “April – the clean-up month,” a city-wide clean-up organized each year by the City of Bijeljina. Around 200 people participated and as a result, a road leading to the site “Novak’s cave” as well as a nearby wood in Banjica were thoroughly cleaned. This event builds community spirit and a sense of responsibility for the environment. IOM volunteers reported that they enjoyed the day, the socializing, and the clean nature. Through their participation, alongside informal socializing during the day, their work with migrants also achieved more visibility in the local community.



IOM STAFF JOINED 'CLEAN-UP APRIL' IN BIJELJINA © IOM 2022

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 331 information sessions, 29 psychological first aid (PFA) sessions, 34 transportation services for 105 migrants, and distributed 754 food items and 645 non-food items. A total of 103 migrants accepted accommodation in TRCs and were transported by IOM, including 74 migrants to TRC Lipa, 13 migrants to TRC Borići, 9 migrants to TRC Miral and 7 migrants to TRC Ušivak.

of persons transported to TRCs: 105

of information sessions: 331

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 AVRR to 33 migrants in BiH, including 7 in TRCs and 26 in off-site locations. A total of 64 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, IOM assisted three migrant returns to Algeria, Morocco and Jordan. On 7 April, the AVRR Team held a presentation for families in TRC Ušivak. Twelve migrants from Cuba, Iran, India, Pakistan and Ecuador participated. During the presentation, beneficiaries were introduced to the AVRR program, how to apply, who to contact and what to expect upon return home. Examples of

successfully implemented reintegration plans by former AVRR beneficiaries who returned to their countries of origin were presented as well. Additional counselling was provided for migrants interested in AVRR.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,234

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: 39

SAFETY & SECURITY

On 10 April, the handover of security management in TRCs from IOM to the BiH Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies (DPCB) took place. Security staff managed by IOM ended their engagement in all TRCs at 12:00 AM. In coordination with the SFA, IOM has been organizing meetings with representatives of DPCB in all TRCs to assess the security situation and adapt accordingly.



AVRR INFORMATION SHARING AND OUTREACH © IOM 2022

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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