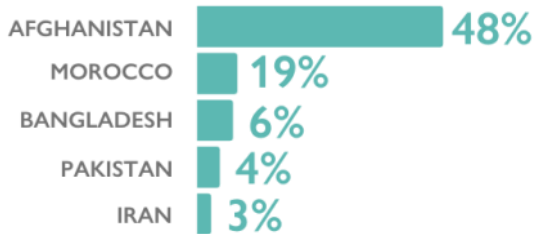
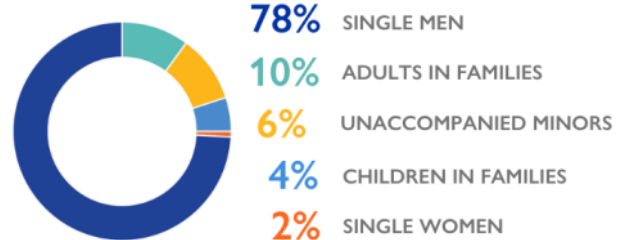


	TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)		
	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	42	580	9
LIPA	71	1,512	13
BLAŽUJ	469	1,700	7
UŠIVAK	108	800	10
TOTAL:	690	4,592	

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	2,389	4,640	5,010	1,856	3,252	27,429
2023	1363	1212											2,575

SITUATION OVERVIEW

IOM supports the transition to State-owned management of Temporary Reception Centers (TRCs) in BiH. In the framework of the transition, IOM is building the capacity of responsible authorities through the provision of technical support, tools, and resources with a view to strengthen national ownership of the response to the needs of migrants in BiH. On 16 and 17 February, IOM certified trainers and cultural mediators provided a training to the BiH Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) staff on cultural awareness and the operational management of TRC Lipa.

On 8 February, representatives of the Norwegian Embassy to Bosnia and Herzegovina visited Banjaluka for activities supported by the project "Improving migrant assistance and supporting local communities in Republika Srpska", funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In Banjaluka, IOM-led interventions supported the Foundation Mozaik and the Home "Rada Vranješević", two social institutions that provide humanitarian assistance to migrants and to the local population. Through cooperation established within the Project, local communities in Republika Srpska, including Banjaluka have increased awareness of rights-based approaches to the migration response.



CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SFA STAFF ENGAGED IN TRC LIPA ON CULTURAL AWARENESS AND OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT HELD IN BIHAC.

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

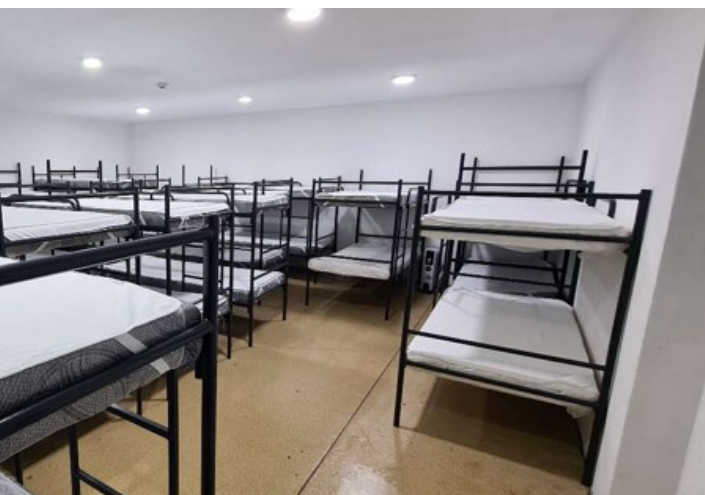
Between 6-19 February, IOM recorded a total of 1,551 new arrivals and 1,935 new departures at all TRCs in BiH.

In TRC Borići, IOM improved the functionality of pre-registration and isolation spaces through conducting necessary repairs, painting, and cleaning of the premises, as well as an inspection of the condition of beds for their repair or replacement. A total of 10 old bunk beds and 28 mattresses were replaced.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM in coordination with the Service for Foreigners Affairs held a camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) meeting on 15 February with partner organizations for information exchange and coordination purposes. IOM and partners agreed to update the standard operating procedures for TRC Ušivak to facilitate the mapping of services and enable efficient coordination among the different service providers. Furthermore, to support the work of partners, IOM is preparing a list of all available cultural mediators/interpreters, which will serve as a pool for all organizations in the centre to outsource interpreters as needed.

In TRC Borići, the biweekly coordination meeting was held on 13 February among IOM, the SFA and partner organizations to discuss the current situation and implemented and planned activities. The representatives of partner organizations agreed to systematically inform newly arrived beneficiaries about the services in the centre, and to engage in organizations of social activities.

IOM has prepared a Capacity Building Plan for national stakeholders of the migration response in line with the transition to state-owned management of TRCs. Implementation of the Plan has intensively started in February, 2023 with the cultural awareness and operational management topics for the SFA staff engaged in TRC Lipa. The next training will cover the use of Smart Camp Application for the SFA staff engaged in TRC Lipa.



10 NEW BUNK BEDS AND 28 MATTRESSES WERE PROVIDED IN TRC BORIĆI.
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PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

Between 6-19 February, IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) teams facilitated a total of 721 emergency screenings, through which 68 persons with protection needs were identified. IOM provided individual assistance, including interpretation and logistical support (such as orientation at the TRCs, provision of documents) to 85 persons while 636 individuals were reached through information provision and awareness raising sessions.

In TRC Borići, IOM in coordination with the University of Bihac Technical Faculty continued organizing soap-making activities. In the reporting period, soap-making activities were organized twice, with the participation of four women from Cuba.

In TRC Lipa, migrants who have been actively participating in the Creative Zone made an additional step towards technically more demanding craftsmanship by designing and sewing women and men's shirts and tote bags.

Interactive mine risk education sessions were held by IOM certified trainers in TRC Borići and TRC Lipa to raise awareness on the existence of mine fields in the country and share useful advice and protocols in case of a mine risk.

In TRC Blažuj, a music event featuring various types of music was organized for over 100 migrants to foster a sense of community in the centre.

In TRC Ušivak, the music session was held for migrants by IOM and Caritas on 17 February. Seven migrants participated and played traditional music from their countries of origin.

of emergency screenings in TRCs: 721

of persons with protection risks and needs: 68

of people reached with information sessions: 636



MODERN SHIRTS AND TOTE BAGS PRODUCED IN THE CREATIVE ZONE IN TRC LIPA BY
MIGRANTS.
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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 measures, and regular repairs on shelters and sanitary installations.

In TRC Blazuj, one of accommodation hangars was renovated with the assistance of migrant volunteers.

In TRC Borići, the renovation of toilets in the main building is in progress. During the reporting period, built-in cisterns were installed in the designated premises.

of persons sheltered in the TRCs: 690



RENOVATION OF WASH FACILITIES IN TRC BORIĆI.
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During the reporting period, IOM's mobile teams provided 46 transportation services for 96 migrants and conducted 178 information sessions.

Ten referrals were made to address identified protection needs of nineteen migrants.

of persons transported: 96

of information sessions: 178



IOM AVRR TEAM PROVIDING INFORMATION FOR NEWLY ARRIVED BENEFICIARIES.
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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. During the reporting period, a total of 24,159 meals and 8,923 NFIs were distributed.

TRC Borići and TRC Lipa received a donation of clothes and hygiene packages on 9 February from the Swiss organization HELP Now Switzerland, as coordinated by the City of Bihać Red Cross.

of meals distributed: 24,159

of NFIs distributed: 8,923

ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

IOM has mobile teams that are present at locations outside of TRCs to increase access to information and services for migrants staying outside of formal reception facilities, with the aim to reduce the number of migrants camping or squatting in abandoned buildings. The mobile teams screen for vulnerabilities, provide emergency assistance, and provide transportation services for migrants to TRCs upon request.

RETURN & ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

IOM provides administrative, logistical and financial support, including reintegration assistance, to migrants who decide to return to their country of origin.

Between 6-17 February, IOM reached 369 migrants, of which 170 were in TRCs and 199 migrants in out of site locations, through information sessions on Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR). A total of 92 counselling sessions were held to ensure that beneficiaries are well informed and aware of the assistance available during pre-departure, travel and post-arrival. During the reporting period, three persons voluntarily returned to their country of origin (1 to Pakistan, 1 to Algeria and 1 to Morocco). Ten more people have applied for AVRR assistance and their return home will be organized upon the re-issuance of travel documents. The majority of AVRR applicants are from Algeria, Morocco and Pakistan.

One virtual counselling session with IOM Burundi was organized for one individual for who is in the return process. The purpose of this session was to provide more information about possibilities in the country of origin upon their return, such as country- specific information on employment, training, business opportunities and the school system. These inputs will support the process of tailoring reintegration assistance for this individual.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,331

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2023: 7

Fabian's Story

This is the story of Fabian, a modest and sincere 14-year-old teenager who left his country of origin and embarked on a journey away from his place of origin with his father. Originally from Ecuador, Fabian lived in Ukraine. With the escalation of the war, he left the country and came to find accommodation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). In 2022, when he arrived at the temporary reception center (TRC) Ušivak, Fabian was eager to resume his education. He has completed a year of education at a local primary school. When he is not at school, Fabian likes to take Bosnian language classes and guitar lessons.

When asked if he remembers any events that happened within the TRC that particularly marked him, he replied:

"I remember an event that I attended with my father. It was a culinary meeting outside the center in the neighbouring community of Hadžići. Also, I remember the football tournament held here at the center in the spring of last year for the children of families. It was awesome."



„AFTER MEETING PETER, AN IOM EMPLOYEE WHO TEACHES GUITAR, I BELIEVE I HAVE FOUND MY HOBBY“ - FABIAN
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In Bosnia and Herzegovina, IOM supports UNICEF activities to address children's individual needs, which encompass, among others, access to education, health care, and psychosocial support as well as family unification and various protection measures to ensure the children's safety. IOM is guided by international law in this field, including the International Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

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.

