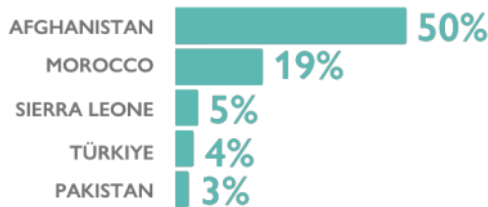


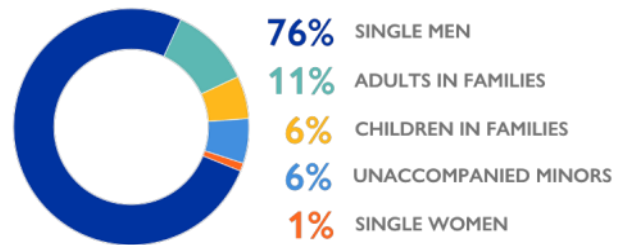
### TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	219	580	7
LIPA	698	1,512	6
BLAŽUJ	402	1,700	5
UŠIVAK	176	800	9
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>4,592</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	2,615	2,389	4,640	5,010	1,856	3,252	27,429
2023	1,781	1,460	1,960	2,065	2,893	2,772	3,967	3,542	4,734	3,487	340		29,001

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 31 October, the IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Unit published the results of the Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) Migrant Mobility Situation Report.

From 4 September to 29 September, IOM carried out a route observation exercise in the Republika Srpska, Sarajevo Canton, Posavina Canton, Tuzla Canton, Bosnian-Podrinje Canton and Una Sana Canton to monitor trends in entries, exits, as well as transit modalities within BiH. IOM surveyed 1,028 migrants in active transit locations such as bus stops and other key entry and exit points throughout the country as well as in reception centers in BiH.

On 30 October, members of the diplomatic community in BiH visited the No Nation Fashion (NNF) corner in the Temporary Reception Center Ušivak. The aim of the visit was to present the NNF initiative as an inclusive space for migrants of all genders and ages and to showcase their development path, journeys, stories and talents.



IOM'S DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX ROUTE OBSERVATION EXERCISE IS PERFORMED EACH MONTH. ©IOM 2023

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## COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

Between 30 October and 12 November, IOM recorded a total of 1,565 people. This total includes people newly registered and those previously registered and returned for assistance, to four temporary reception centers. This represents a decrease of 45.9 per cent compared to the previous reporting period (16 - 29 October 2023). There were 1,898 new departures, which represents a 42.2 per cent decrease.

The Area Interagency Coordination meeting was organized in TRC Blažuj by IOM camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) team, with participation of representatives from partner organizations active in Sarajevo Canton reception centers. The meeting served as a platform for exchanging information on current events, significant recent developments, and the challenges faced in the implementation of activities and possible synergies.

During the reporting period, IOM, in coordination with World Vision, provided school transport for six children attending two local primary schools in Ilidža and Pazarić. The children were also provided with snack packs by IOM.

In TRC Blažuj, regular monthly hygienic-epidemiological monitoring for October was performed in collaboration with the Public Health Institute (PHI). The PHI conducted thorough inspections of all services and areas within the TRC as part of the requirements for the hygienic-epidemiological report. During the reporting period, to maintain appropriate hygiene standards, blankets used in the pre-registration zone were collected daily by IOM staff and sent to the laundry. This ensures that they are clean and ready for newly arrived beneficiaries, reflecting the commitment to provide a sanitary environment for all residents. In addition, daily cleaning activities, which include the voluntary participation of migrants, were organized daily in Blažuj.

In TRC Lipa, the joint IOM and SFA teams completed their work on the first bilingual drafts of Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for Food, Non – Food Items (NFI), Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Shelter services. The purpose of SoPs is to ensure consistency by outlining step-by-step procedures and offer clear and detailed instructions for carrying out everyday tasks.

**# of new arrivals: 1,565**

**# of emergency screenings in TRCs: 448**

**# of persons with protection risks and needs: 75**

## PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

Between 30 October and 12 November, IOM facilitated a total of 448 emergency screenings, through which 75 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 49 persons while 366 individuals were reached through information provision and awareness raising sessions.

The Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH) training was conducted by IOM PSEAH Focal Point for IOM staff in TRC Blažuj and Ušivak. The training enabled the participants to refresh their knowledge on how to uphold the highest standards of conduct and ensure the well-being of both staff and the migrant population. The training was divided into several sessions related to the identification, reporting, and processing of sexual exploitation and abuse cases.

In TRC Borići, on 30 October, six unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) started to receive their technical training to become electricians and IT technicians. This was in collaboration with UNICEF, World Vision, the Una Sana Canton Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports, and the Bihać School of Electrical Engineering.

In TRC Lipa, IOM organized an interactive information session with the participation of ten migrants from Morocco, Syria, and Algeria to discuss relevant information on migrants' legal rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and on option to return voluntarily to their country of origin. Based on the feedback of beneficiaries, an additional information board was placed in the dining area of the center.

In TRC Ušivak, social activities centered around the No Nation Fashion (NNF) Studio, where 16 migrants participated. On 31 October, a Fabric Dying Techniques workshop was organized with participation of five migrants; on 1 November, four females participated in the interactive workshop for creating the quilt; and on 3 November, an embroidery workshop was held with five females and two male participants from Morocco and Afghanistan.

In TRC Blažuj, during the reporting period, IOM's Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) team continue to contribute to creating a safe, inclusive environment and to provide personalized support to members of various communities, including one member of the LGBTIQ+ community.



IOM STAFF MEMBER EXPLAINING THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE TO NEWLY ARRIVED MIGRANTS IN TRC BLAŽUJ.  
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CREATIVE WORKSHOP IN TRC UŠIVAK.  
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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.

IOM's maintenance team in TRC Blažuj completed the construction of two benches made of concrete and wood material in the outdoor communal area near the social corner. Additional benches will be made next week to provide more space for socializing.

In TRC Lipa, as part of the winterization process, IOM's Maintenance team continued with the insulation of external water supply and drainage pipes on sanitary containers.

**# of persons sheltered in the TRCs: 1,495**

**# of laundry services: 2,418**

## FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

In all TRCs, IOM conducted its regular food and Non-Food Items (NFI) distribution activities with partner organizations such as the Red Cross and Pomozi.ba.

During the reporting period, a total of 51,699 meals and 9,748 NFIs were distributed.

Weekly food satisfactory surveying has been completed by IOM's CCCM team in TRC Ušivak. The menu was adjusted in accordance with the results of the survey. IOM's CCCM Ušivak team will continue conducting weekly satisfactory surveys in order to ensure better monitoring and satisfaction with assistance.

The Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH) Red Cross donated 238 pairs of sneakers and underwear for the migrants in need and the most vulnerable cases.

**# of meals distributed: 51,699**

**# of NFIs distributed: 9,748**

**# complementary baby food distributed: 507**



FOOD SATISFACTORY SURVEYING IN TRC UŠIVAK.  
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## 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.

During the reporting period, IOM's mobile teams provided 117 transportation services (mainly to reception centers) for 309 migrants and conducted 512 general information sessions.

Afghanistan (53 %) was the main declared nationality of assisted migrants, followed by Türkiye and Morocco (11% each), Syrian Arab Republic (7%), Pakistan (5%), Nepal (4%), Sierra Leone (2%), Iran (2%), China, India, Iraq, Algeria (1% each), as well as Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, and Guinea (less than 0.5 % each).

**# of persons transported: 309**

**# of information sessions: 512**

## RETURN & ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

Between 30 October and 12 November, the team reached 300 migrants of which 169 from reception centres and 131 from locations off-site – through information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR). The outreach activities are implemented daily in distant regions within Tuzla, Sarajevo, and Una-Sana cantons, with the objective to reach as many migrants as possible, provide information about AVRR and guarantee the swift referral of migrants to protection services.

A total of 158 counselling sessions were held to ensure that beneficiaries are well informed and aware of the assistance available during pre-departure, travel, and post-arrival.

Fourteen persons returned to their country of origin (ten to Türkiye, two to Azerbaijan and one to Somalia), while eight others applied for AVRR and their return preparations are currently in progress. In cooperation with the IOM Somalia, AVRR BiH team organized an escorted return for one vulnerable beneficiary. This collaborative effort aimed to ensure the safe and secure repatriation of the individual, addressing their specific needs and circumstances. The coordinated approach involved careful planning and implementation to facilitate a smooth and well-supported return process for the beneficiary, underscoring the commitment to humanitarian assistance and reintegration support.

AVRR counsellors regularly participate in legal information sessions organized together with IOM Protection and Vaša prava teams for migrants accommodated in TRCs Blažuj, Ušivak, Lipa and Borići. At these sessions, the AVRR team provides additional information to migrants about their rights, key details of AVRR assistance and reintegration opportunities in their community before they return to country of origin.

**Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,390 (M1,236, F164)**

**Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2023: 76 (M70, F6)**

## The journey of two inseparable friends

David\* and Said\* met while working in their country of origin. At the time, David was looking for a roommate and Said seemed great. When he was young, Said was diagnosed with autism. This diagnosis has been a defining aspect of his life, shaping the way he experiences the world around him. Having a roommate was a first-time experience for him and provided him with a comforting sense of structure.

A few months ago, due to economic and security reasons, David decided to leave his country to start a new life in Europe. However, he did not want to leave Said behind. With the blessing of Said's parents, they embarked on this journey.

As neither of them had ever left their country before, they had high hopes and bright aspirations. They travelled by train, bus and on foot, encountering people and cultures that were vastly different from their own. The best part for them was the opportunity to learn and appreciate the diversity of the world.

However, as days turned to weeks, they faced countless difficulties – language barriers, hostile terrain, and the harsh reality of the life on the move.

*The hardest moment for me was walking through the woods at night.” – Said*

When they arrived in Bosnia and Herzegovina, David and Said were exhausted. They were at first accommodated in two separate units in the reception center Lipa. Quickly, the IOM team adapted the accommodation unit for them to be together and help each other at any time of the day. They were provided with food and non-food items, access to water, sanitation, and hygiene services as well as mental health and psychosocial support.

\* Names were changed to protect privacy

After receiving information about return options, they expressed interest to meet with the IOM assisted voluntary return and reintegration team for additional information to potentially return to their country of origin.

As always, together.



IOM's AVRR TEAM PROVIDES ADMINISTRATIVE, LOGISTICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT, INCLUDING REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS WHO DECIDE TO VOLUNTARILY RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

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In 2022, to help migrants make informed decisions, IOM organized 1,265 counselling sessions on return and reintegration and conducted over 2,000 group information sessions. As a result, 271 migrants expressed an intention to proceed to an interview for AVRR.

