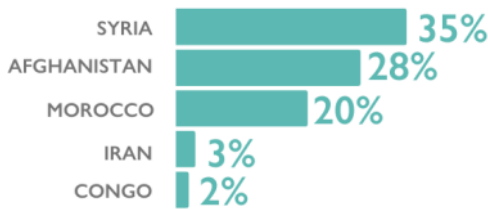
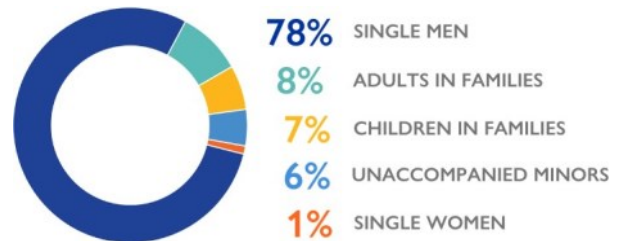


	TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)		
	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	188	580	7
LIPA	902	1,512	6
BLAŽUJ	826	1,700	5
UŠIVAK	391	800	9
TOTAL:	2,307	4,592	

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	1,781	1,460	1,960	2,065	2,893	2,772	3,967	3,542	4,734	3,487	2,491	845	31,997

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 4 December, IOM proceeded to an important handover of equipment, including vehicles, IT and biometric equipment to the Service of Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). The equipment will strengthen BiH authorities' capacities to register and provide protection-sensitive support in the context of the migration response. The donation, of a value of 300,000 KM, was made possible thanks to the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, in the framework of the Western Balkans Readmission Capacity Building Facility (WBCAP).

On 2 December, the No Nation Fashion (NNF) initiative was featured prominently during the Sarajevo Diplomatic Winter Bazaar. In recent years, IOM established three Fashion Studios in reception centres, where people on the move can engage in social activities, express their creativity, use and improve their skills, exchange with local artists and communities, and collaborate with the private sector. The items produced in the Fashion Studios, including masks, bags, beddings, sheets, decorative items as well as garments mixing Western, African and Asian traditions, helped raise funds during this year's Winter Bazaar.



THE DONATION OF VEHICLES, IT AND BIOMETRIC EQUIPMENT WAS PROVIDED TO THE SERVICE FOR FOREIGNERS' AFFAIRS THROUGH THE WBCAP PROJECT. ©IOM 2023

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

Between 27 November and 10 December, IOM recorded a total of 3,819 people arriving in four temporary reception centres, including newly registered persons and those previously registered and returning for assistance. This represents an increase of 34.4 per cent compared to the previous reporting period (13 - 27 November 2023). There were 3,646 new departures, which represents a 53.5 per cent increase. People from Syria now represent the largest group in TRC Blažuj, accounting for 38 per cent of the total population in the centre, followed by people from Afghanistan constituting 29 per cent.

In TRC Blažuj, IOM facilitated the relocation of migrants to the collective accommodation, to improve conditions of stay. The heating system was enhanced throughout the centre and one of the accommodation hangars was equipped with an additional 32 beds and mattresses.

In TRC Lipa, on 9 and 10 December, IOM in coordination with the SFA organized creative and educational activities to celebrate International Human Rights Day. The events took place at the Creative Zone of the centre, featuring the creation of supportive messages and quotes related to human rights. In addition, a movie screening was organized depicting migration and human rights themes.

During the reporting period, the Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting for the Sarajevo Canton reception centres TRC Blažuj and TRC Ušivak was organized by IOM in coordination with the SFA in TRC Blažuj; attended by representatives of partner organizations active in both centers. The meeting facilitated coordinated efforts and effective communication among all stakeholders involved in managing the centres and providing services to the migrants. It provides a platform for discussing challenges, sharing best practices and planning future strategies to enhance the efficiency and impact of the collective efforts.

of new arrivals: **3,819**

of emergency screenings in TRCs: **2,137**



MIGRANTS AND STUDENTS OF POLIMODA FASHION SCHOOL FROM ITALY TOGETHER PRODUCED FASHION GARMENTS IN NO NATION FASHION STUDIO.
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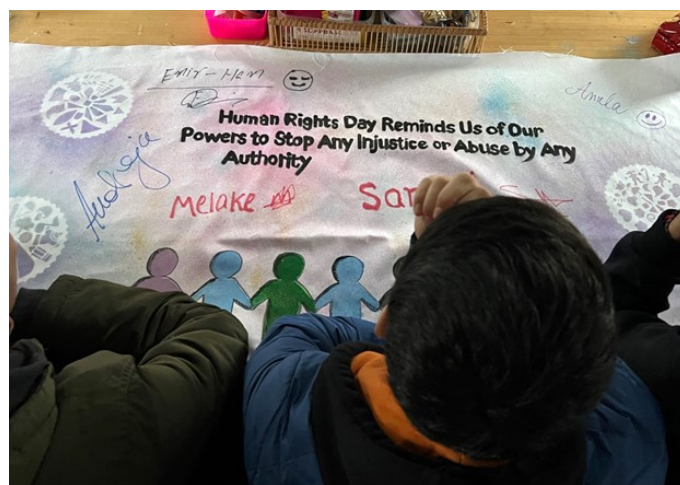
PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

Between 27 November and 10 December, IOM facilitated a total of 2,137 emergency screenings, through which 478 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 266 persons while 1,362 individuals were reached through information provision and awareness raising sessions.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM in coordination with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), provided assistance to migrants with medical needs after the working hours of the doctors in the Centre's outpatient clinic. The cases were followed up by IOM Protection team and referred to DRC.

IOM in coordination with World Vision provided school transport for 10 children attending classes in two local primary schools in Ilidža and Pazarić. The children were also provided with snack packs by the IOM CCCM team.

In TRC Blažuj, IOM is enhancing the Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) mechanisms to address emerging needs. Four new information notice boards were installed in the centre and posters were created in English and translated in most commonly used languages including Arabic, Farsi, Urdu, Pashtu, and French to effectively communicate information to migrants. During the reporting period, the information sharing mechanism was further strengthened with the introduction of a public audio address system. The primary purpose of this system is to inform migrants about their rights as well as the services and rules within the center. It is particularly beneficial for migrants who stay for a short duration and for those who are illiterate. Until now, audio recordings have been made in three languages: Arabic, Spanish, and English and translation in additional languages are under preparation, aiming to reach a broader number of the migrant population and ensure that information is accessible.



MIGRANTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTIVITIES MARKING INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY IN TRC LIPA SENT OUT MESSAGES AFFIRMING HUMAN RIGHTS.
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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 Ušivak, IOM has been working on repurposing shelters/accommodation. By carefully planning and securing available accommodation facilities, the IOM team aims to ensure that the center can effectively accommodate incoming migrants.

of persons sheltered in the TRCs: 2,307

of laundry services: 2,136

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 64,705 meals and 24,487 NFIs were distributed.

In TRC Lipa, IOM provided 290 blankets for migrants in addition to regular NFI distributions of winter clothes including 430 jackets, trousers and long sleeve T-shirts donated by local non-governmental organization "SOS".

of meals distributed: 64,705

of NFIs distributed: 24,487

complementary baby food distributed: 631

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. The mobile teams screen for vulnerabilities, provide emergency assistance, make referrals when necessary and provide transportation services for migrants to TRCs upon request.

During the reporting period, IOM's mobile teams provided 110 transportation services (mainly to reception centers) for 237 migrants and conducted 327 general information sessions.

During the reporting period, there was a notable increase in the provision of transport services at TRC Blažuj, primarily due to the increased arrivals of people from Syria, especially in the evenings, many of whom were traveling with family members. Thus, in TRC Blažuj IOM facilitated transportation services for 25 families to TRC Ušivak, comprising of 27 adults and 36 children in the second week of the reporting period. Additionally, safe transport was provided for 59 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) to TRC Ušivak, as well as for 25 single adults to various locations.

Afghanistan (27%) was the main declared nationality of assisted migrants, followed by the Syrian Arab Republic (26%), Morocco (21%), the Democratic Republic of Congo (6%), Iraq (4%), Pakistan (4%), Sierra Leone (3%), Türkiye (2%), South Sudan (2%), Bangladesh (1%), Guinea, Sri Lanka (1% each).

of persons transported: 237

of information sessions: 327

RETURN & ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

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

Between 27 November and 10 December, the team reached 237 migrants of which 114 from TRCs and 123 migrants from other locations off-site – through information sessions on assisted voluntary return and reintegration. 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 and provide information about AVRR, but also guarantee the swift directing of migrants to protection services.

A total of 153 counselling sessions were held to ensure that beneficiaries are well informed and aware of the assistance available during pre-departure, travel, and post-arrival.

Three persons returned to their country of origin (2 to India and 1 to Netherlands), while nine others applied for AVRR and their return preparations are currently in progress. The trend of increased interest in AVRR has been reported in Sarajevo and Una Sana cantons.

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

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,407 (M1,243, F164)

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2023: 83 (M77, F6)



FOOD DISTRIBUTION LINE IN TRC BLAŽUJ.
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Meet Khalid Siddiqi: new IOM Team Member in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Khalid's story is one of resilience and aspiration. Originally from Afghanistan, he sought refuge from war and found a new beginning in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Khalid first arrived at TRC Blažuj in March 2020. His dream was to build a normal life free from the shadows of conflict. With determination, he spent over two years volunteering with various organizations at the center, showcasing his dedication and skills.

His efforts paid off when he started working with IOM's partner Pomozi.ba as an Assistant Chef and later with the Red Cross of the Federation of BiH,

as an Interpreter/Cultural Mediator.

Holding a White Card for more than two years, Khalid's journey led him to a job in TRC Blažuj, a place he once called home. He has now come full circle as he joins the IOM team. His unique insights and experiences are invaluable, especially considering the majority of migrants at TRC Blažuj are from Afghanistan.

Khalid's story is not just about finding employment; it's a testament to the power of hope and the importance of giving asylum seekers opportunities to thrive.



KHALID STARTED WORKING WITH IOM IN DECEMBER 2023, MAKING A TRANSITION FROM A BENEFICIARY TO A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

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