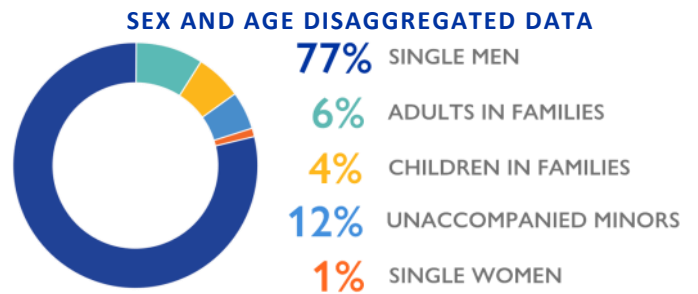
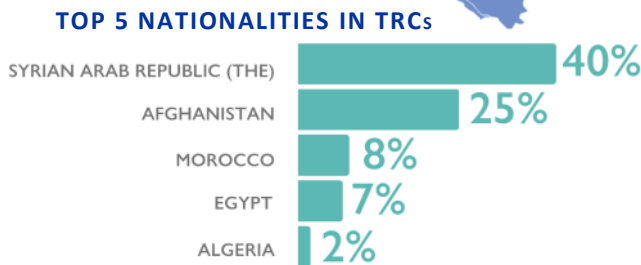


	TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)		
	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	109	580	11
LIPA	257	1,512	6
BLAŽUJ	962	1,700	6
UŠIVAK	298	800	8
TOTAL:	1,626	4,592	



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	3,257	34,409
2024	2,953	1,598	1,993	2,032	1,953	1,805							12,334

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Security (MoS) reported 12,334 new arrivals to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) in the first half of 2024, comparable to the number of arrivals in the first half of 2023 when MoS recorded 12,931. In 2024, most people came from Syria (39%), followed by Afghanistan (17%) and Morocco (9%). Arrivals from Egypt have been on the rise, making up four per cent of all arrivals in the first half of 2024.

The Japanese Embassy in BiH supported the organization of the Hokusai Manga event in Sarajevo, which included a lecture and workshop for migrants from four reception centres. Participants learned about the rich history and techniques of Manga art, exploring its origins and development over time. A renowned Japanese artist and President of the Manga Association of Japan, Ms Machiko Satonaka, gave the lectures and shared her successful career in creating Manga.



BENEFICIARIES PRINTED MANGA CHARACTERS ON TOTE BAGS IN THE TRC LIPA CREATIVE CORNER, AFTER THE MANGA EVENT.
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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

Between 24 June and 7 July 2024, IOM recorded a total of 2,006 people arriving at four temporary reception centres, including newly registered persons and those previously registered and returning for assistance, which represents a 4.6 per cent increase compared to the previous reporting period 10 - 23 June 2024 (1,917). There were 1,888 new departures, which is a 10 per cent increase compared to departures recorded in the previous reporting period (1,714).

During the reporting period, the IOM camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) teams worked with health workers from the Una Sana Canton Public Health Institute (USC PHI) and Sarajevo Canton Public Health Center (SC PHC) to carry out medical screenings for new arrivals of migrants. The team helped migrants when they arrived and conducted medical checks, making sure they got prompt health evaluations. Between 24 June and 7 July USC PHI carried out 354 entry medical screenings in TRC Borići and TRC Lipa, and the SC PHC provided 851 screenings in TRC Blažuj and TRC Ušivak.

In TRC Lipa, the Service for Foreigners' Affairs has set up separate premises for the pre-registration of new arrivals to facilitate faster process for beneficiaries when they arrive at the centre. IOM ensured better technical conditions and internet access to make sure the pre-registration activities continue without interruption.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM in coordination with the SFA, admitted 168 unaccompanied or separated children (UASC), and 32 family members, following the coordinated relocation from TRC Blažuj to TRC Ušivak. The admission process for UASC population was conducted in coordination with World Vision and with legal guardian support.

of arrivals to TRCs: **2,006**

of departures from TRCs: **1,888**

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

Between 24 June and 7 July 2024, IOM facilitated a total of 765 emergency screenings, through which 281 persons with protection needs were identified. IOM provided individual assistance, including interpretation and logistical support (such as orientation at the TRCs and the provision of documents) to 241 persons while 888 individuals were reached through information and awareness raising sessions.

IOM organizes different activities and sessions with beneficiaries to promote community involvement and increase awareness in all reception centres. During the reporting period, a total of 27 community support events were organized in four reception centres (11 creative and art sessions, 7 legal/info sessions, 2 sessions with a focus on mental health, 3 sports and play events, among others) for a total of 487 participants.

In TRC Blažuj, the activities involved badminton with six beneficiaries, customized psychosocial support session on educational possibilities for two beneficiaries from Somalia, a discussion on NGO and humanitarian work with two Somali and one Russian beneficiary who are interested in this career path, and legal/info sessions for four Egyptian and Syrian beneficiaries.

IOM has also organized live screenings of the football matches for beneficiaries who wish to follow the ongoing European Championship. Such events enable migrants to follow current events and socialize.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM organized an educational guitar workshop for all beneficiaries interested in participating in cooperation with *Caritas*. The workshop aimed to enable beneficiaries to acquire the basic knowledge of guitar playing and enhance their musical skills.

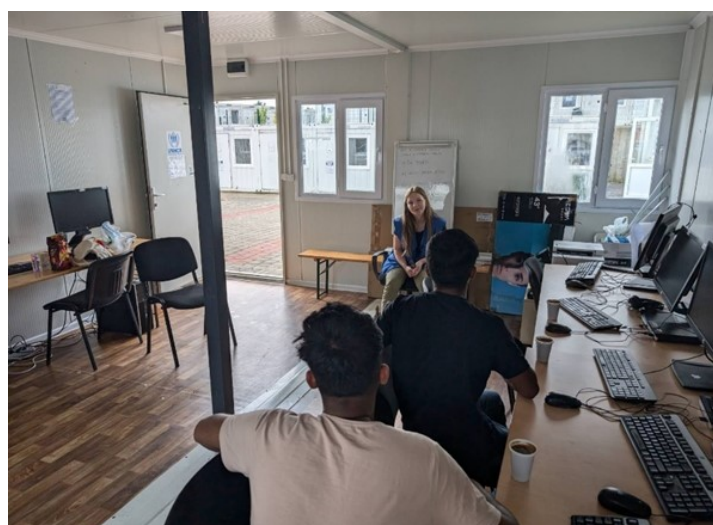
of vulnerability screenings in TRCs: **765**

of persons with protection needs: **281**



REBUILDING OF INFORMATION PANELS IN TRC UŠIVAK TO INCREASE THEIR RESISTANCE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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INFO-LEGAL SESSION IN TRC LIPA.

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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 improved the WASH conditions in the family zone by adding six toilets and four showers with four sinks in two separate rooms for men and women beneficiaries. In addition, IOM carried out cleaning activities with the help of volunteer beneficiaries to improve the sanitation and hygiene in the accommodation units. These ongoing efforts aim to create a healthier living environment for the residents.

In TRC Blažuj IOM maintenance staff set up a basketball backboard and a hoop near the existing goals and drew the lines for basketball games on the playground. This improvement enables the area to be used for both football and basketball.

of persons sheltered in the TRCs: 1,626

of laundry services: 1,713

FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

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

During the reporting period, a total of 35,806 meals were served and 12,560 NFIs were distributed. Recognizing the diverse needs of individuals, special attention was given to those who required a specialized diet due to health issues.

Nine people received special diet food during the reporting period. Besides the normal meal service, beneficiaries also received dry food packages as required.

During the reporting period, the local association "Džematlije" donated 64 packages which contain 20 packs of spaghetti each, and 52 boxes which contain 20 packs of macaroni each, to support the kitchen in TRC Blažuj.

of meals distributed: 35,806

of NFIs distributed: 12,567

ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

IOM has mobile teams that are present at locations outside of TRCs to increase access to information and services with the aim of providing alternatives for migrants camping or squatting in abandoned buildings where they face increased protection risks.

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 50 transportation services (mainly to reception centres) for 144 migrants and conducted 305 general information sessions.

of persons transported: 144

of information sessions: 305

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.

IOM's Return and Reintegration team regularly engages in various activities encompassing outreach, information dissemination, counselling, registration, and movement operations.

Between 24 June and 7 July 2024, the team reached 172 migrants, of which 129 were being hosted in TRCs and 43 from other locations off-site with 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 assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR), but also guarantee the swift directing towards protection services. A total of 106 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 five persons returned to their countries of origin (Azerbaijan 2, Russian Federation 1, Türkiye 1 and Islamic Republic of Iran 1); and the AVRR team registered seven persons, the preparation of their voluntary returns is in progress.

IOM AVRR team hosted colleagues from IOM Montenegro as part of a study visit, which was conducted under the project "Addressing Mixed Migration Flows in the Western Balkans." The purpose of the visit was to strengthen capacities and exchange experiences. During this visit, colleagues became familiar with the methodology and approach of the AVRR program, Protection and DTM, as well as the structure of CCCM. They also had the opportunity to learn about the dynamics of providing assistance to the migrant population in temporary reception centres.

Applications for Assisted Voluntary Returns: 114 M: 107, F: 7

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2024: 90 M: 84, F: 6

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,510 M: 1,339 F: 171



IOM MOBILE TEAMS PROVIDE
TRANSPORTATION TO RECEPTION CENTRES TO MIGRANT FAMILIES.
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“Basim, a talented tailor from Syria“

Basim sits alone at his sewing machine, a measuring tape draped carelessly around his neck. A few minutes later, he stands at the tailor's table and asks if anyone wants to try on the nearly finished dress. The rest of us stand in awe, witnessing this magical one-man-show moment. The white dress is stunning, as if a piece created for a prêt-à-porter fashion show.

Basim, along with his wife and three children, arrived at the TRC Ušivak, fleeing war-torn Syria, through Türkiye and Serbia, hoping to eventually reach Germany where his siblings are waiting for them. Shy at first, Basim quickly began contributing ideas in the No Nation Fashion (NNF) Studio and creating garments and accessories. It only takes him a few hours from concept to a finished piece.

"I am completely self-taught; I have always had a great love for the textile industry. Since I learned quickly by watching my mother, my family bought me a sewing machine. That really helped me while we were in Türkiye, where I worked for a while in the textile industry, sewing and cutting over 500 formal garments."

Amid uncertainty and struggles, Basim finds solace and joy in the sewing machine and scissors, letting his troubles melt away as he creates. His dream is to continue working on his designs and open his own business in the textile industry.

In the NNF studio in TRC Ušivak, Basim has created several clothing pieces without any help. He follows his heart, embodying the NNF vision: that fashion knows no border nor barrier, that it is a universal language, a symbol of courage and persistence in achieving one's goals.



BASIM DEMONSTRATED HIS IMPRESSIVE TALENT IN THE NO NATION FASHION (NNF) STUDIO AT TRC UŠIVAK.
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