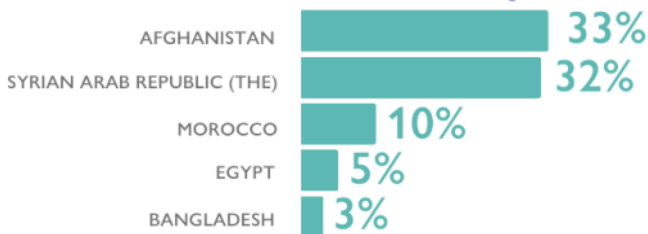


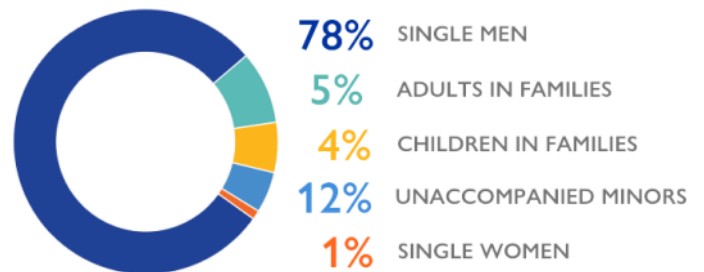
TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

	OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
BORIĆI	109	580	10
LIPA	343	1,512	6
BLAŽUJ	1,082	1,700	6
UŠIVAK	324	800	8
TOTAL:	1,858	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	3,257	34,409
2024	2,953	1,598	1,993	2,032	1,953	1,805	3,091						15,425

SITUATION OVERVIEW

In line with the BIH Migration and Asylum Strategy (2021-2025), and ongoing efforts towards transiting to a State-led migration response, on 1 August the Ministry of Security and the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) took over the management of TRC Blažuj. The SFA will serve as the central coordination actor and establish four teams to manage all activities related to registration, accommodation and transportation. IOM will provide ongoing support during this transition period, working closely with partners in preparation of the transition of delivery of services in the Centre.

During the reporting period, IOM and UNFPA organized a comprehensive Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) session for female beneficiaries at TRC Ušivak. This session aimed to raise awareness about sexual exploitation and abuse, educate participants on their rights, and provide them with the necessary tools and knowledge to protect themselves. The session also included discussions on how to report incidents and the support services available in the centre.



PREVENTION OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (PSEA) SESSION FOR THE FEMALE BENEFICIARIES AT TRC UŠIVAK
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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

Between 22 July and 4 August 2024, IOM recorded a total of 3,361 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 8 – 21 July 2024 (3,212). There were 3,666 new departures, which is a 29.6 per cent increase compared to departures recorded in the previous reporting period (2,830).

Over the course of the reporting period, the Una Sana Canton Public Health Institute carried out a total of 783 entry medical screenings in TRC Borići and TRC Lipa, and the Sarajevo Canton Primary Health Care Centres provided a total of 1,146 screenings in TRC Blažuj and TRC Ušivak.

In TRC Blažuj, in preparation for the upcoming transition of the delivery of services, a comprehensive inventory of all machines owned by IOM and used for the regular maintenance of the centre was conducted. The machines were organized and stored in the centre's warehouse. Additionally, a new system was established, including a form for the issuance and return of machines after use, to ensure a smooth handover and continued efficient use of equipment.

In TRC Lipa, IOM and SFA staff held a joint coordination meeting to exchange positive practices and results from implemented activities, in line with the IOM/SFA Plan for the transition of activities within the centre. The discussion focused on the implementation of coordination mechanisms for the efficient delivery of assistance services.

In TRC Ušivak, representatives from the Association of Italian Catholic Guides and Scouts (AGESCI) met with the IOM Area CCCM Coordinator. With SFA's approval and in agreement with IOM, 20 volunteers from the organization will be present in the centre from 5-17 August. Their primary focus will be to conduct workshops and activities for children.

of arrivals to TRCs: **3,362**

of departures from TRCs: **3,666**

of vulnerability screenings in TRCs: **1,293**



ARRIVAL OF NEW BENEFICIARIES IN TRC BLAŽUJ.
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PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

Between 22 July and 4 August 2024, IOM facilitated a total of 1,293 emergency screenings, through which 413 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 216 persons while 1,304 individuals were reached through information and awareness raising sessions.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM held a focus group with four migrants (two women and two men) to present the Virtual Feedback Mechanism currently in development and to collect feedback from beneficiaries on the best modalities to provide feedback or lodge complaints, ensuring ease of access for all. Participants responded positively to the presentation and the idea of a new virtual mechanism, stating that it would make it more accessible and user-friendly than the traditional method of using boxes and paper forms. This feedback is crucial in advancing accountability mechanisms and launching the new Virtual Feedback Mechanism in August.

In TRC Lipa, IOM organized various activities in the Creative Zone. Beneficiaries enjoyed learning and engaging in creative projects, including soap, decoration and candle making, as well as participating in sewing activities. The activities were coordinated by a professor from the Technical Faculty of Bihać - Department of Design.

In TRC Borići, joint info sessions were organized in the centre. The sessions conducted by IOM and UNHCR implementing partner Vaša Prava, included information on rights, obligations, asylum procedure and assisted voluntary return and reintegration.

of emergency screenings in TRCs: **1,293**

of persons with protection risks and needs **413**



RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES 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.

In TRC Lipa, in coordination with SFA, the cleaning staff carried out a thorough cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation of the pump station. This is part of the regular maintenance activities to ensure proper conditions for water sampling by the Una Sana Cantonal Public Health Institute, aiming to protect the health of beneficiaries and staff and to ensure the safety and quality of the water used for drinking and cooking.

In TRC Blažuj, during the reporting period, construction work continued in the kitchen and sanitary facilities. Currently, efforts are focused on both the exterior and interior facades of the kitchen building. Flooring work is underway in the sanitary containers, and partitions are being constructed within the sanitary building.

of persons sheltered in the TRCs: 1,805

of laundry services: 1,520

FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

In all TRCs, IOM conducted its regular food and Non-Food Item distribution activities with partner organizations, such as the Red Cross and Pomozi.ba. During the reporting period, a total of 47,940 meals were served and 11,888 NFIs were distributed. Recognizing the diverse needs of individuals, special attention was given to those who required a specialized diet due to health issues.

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

of meals distributed: 47,940

of NFIs distributed: 11,888

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 77 transportation services (mainly to reception centres) for 235 migrants and conducted 546 general information sessions.

The Syrian Arab Republic (32%) was the main declared nationality of assisted migrants, followed by Afghanistan (30%), Morocco (20%), Egypt (10%), Pakistan (4%), Iraq (4%) and Türkiye, Iran, Lebanon, Algeria (less than 1%).

of persons transported: 235

of information sessions: 546

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 22 July and 2 August 2024, the team reached 240 migrants, of which 184 were being hosted in TRCs and 56 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 154 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 returned to their countries of origin (Algeria 1, Jordan 1, and Türkiye 1); and the AVRR team registered 12 persons, the preparation of their voluntary returns is in progress.

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 their country of origin. In cooperation with World Vision, the AVRR team in TRC Ušivak is also organizing information sessions for UASC.

Applications for Assisted Voluntary Returns: 130 M: 120, F: 10

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2024: 101 M: 93, F: 8

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,521 M: 1,348 F: 173



AVRR INFO SESSION IN TRC LIPA.
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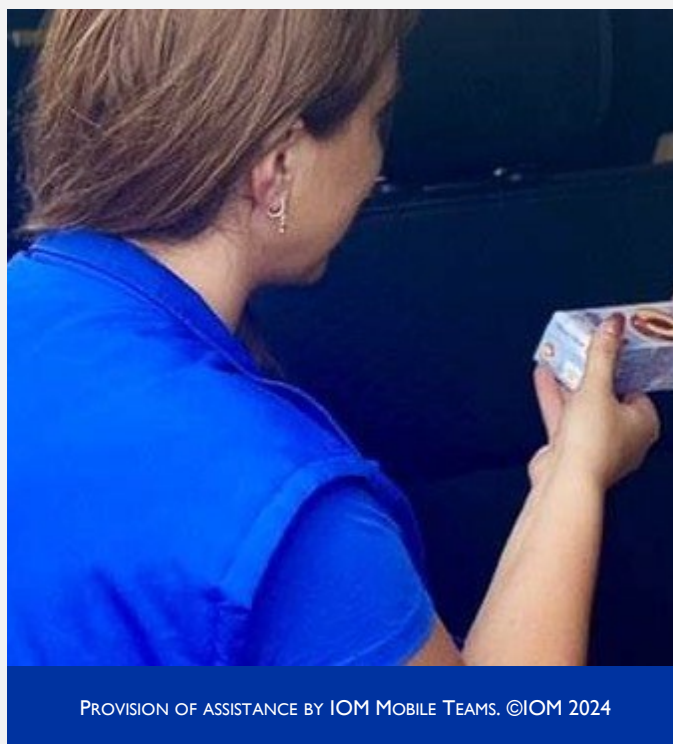
“A transportation service filled with love“

IOM deploys mobile teams to reach out to migrants in various locations used as transit points. The IOM Mobile Teams are present in locations outside of temporary reception centres (TRCs), to increase migrants' access to information and services, and reduce the number of migrants camping or squatting in abandoned buildings. The IOM Mobile Team screens for vulnerabilities and provides emergency and transport assistance to migrants in need.

During transportation from Odžak, near the northern border with Croatia, to TRC Ušivak, the IOM Mobile Team witnessed an emotional encounter between a migrant woman from Nepal and a five-year-old from Iraq. Prior to being assisted by the IOM team, the two didn't know each other. They were exhausted and far from their homes. The migrant woman, whose husband had passed away, embarked alone on a journey that promised a brighter future for herself and her five-year-old daughter, back in Nepal. The five-year-old boy, who left Iraq with his family, was separated from his mother after she had experienced health issues and was under the care of his uncle and older brothers.

During the long travel from Odžak to Sarajevo, the IOM Mobile Team and the beneficiaries were silent, trying to rest and sleep before their arrival at the centre. But that day, the familiar silence was broken when the mother from Nepal reached out to the child from Iraq and said, "Give me five". She placed him next to her and even though they didn't speak the same language, they played together during the remainder of the journey to the centre. They exchanged smiles, laughs and a few tears, remembering the loved ones left behind in pursuit of their difficult journey.

“A long drive doesn't always have to be boring. Today we witnessed a mother and a child meeting for the first time and sharing a moment of joy and happiness filled with love. When we arrived, the IOM colleagues at TRC Ušivak welcomed the boy, his uncle and brothers and the migrant woman from Nepal, providing them with shelter, food and non-food items (NFIs), access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services, health, protection, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), as well as access to information, specialized services and educational activities.” - IOM Mobile Team Banja Luka



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