



BORIĆI
LIPA

BLAŽUJ
UŠIVAK

TOTAL:

TEMPORARY RECEPTION CENTRES (TRCs)

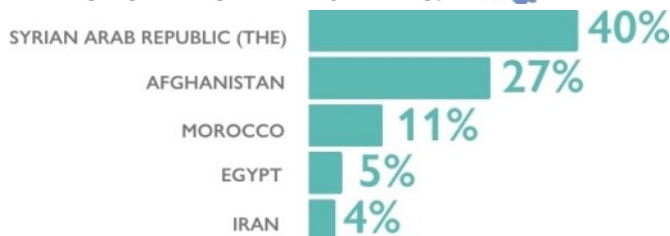
OCCUPANCY	CAPACITY	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
163	580	10
369	1,512	6
958	1,700	17
298	800	8
1,788	4,592	

SEX AND AGE DISAGGREGATED DATA



- 75%** SINGLE MEN
- 6%** ADULTS IN FAMILIES
- 5%** CHILDREN IN FAMILIES
- 13%** UNACCOMPANIED MINORS
- 1%** SINGLE WOMEN

TOP 5 NATIONALITIES IN TRCs



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	3,736	708					16,778

SITUATION OVERVIEW

In line with the transition to a State-led migration response and to ensure the efficient transition of the management of the TRC Blažuj to authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), IOM, the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) and the Red Cross Society of BiH have identified the crucial training programs required to support the transfer of responsibilities and guarantee that partners' staff are well prepared to provide services in compliance with established procedures and good practices. For example, to ensure that SFA staff can independently provide services and accurately record essential data, a four-day training course on the use of the SMART CAMP application was conducted by IOM.

The No Nation Fashion (NNF) brand and its capsule collection were featured prominently during the opening of the 30th edition of the Sarajevo Film Festival, showcasing the talents of migrants accommodated in BiH reception centres. The NNF initiative aims to empower beneficiaries present in TRCs through development and upskilling activities while catering for their wellbeing through creative

therapy workshops. Džanan Musa, IOM BiH Goodwill Ambassador, made a profound statement wearing his custom-tailored suit and symbolic belt, representing the resilience and unity of migrants that he met during his recent visit to Ušivak and Blažuj TRCs.



NO NATION FASHION UNVEILS EXCLUSIVE CAPSULE COLLECTION AT THE SARAJEVO FILM FESTIVAL. ©IOM 2024

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

Between 5 and 18 August 2024, IOM recorded a total of 3,566 people arriving at four temporary reception centres, including newly registered persons and those previously registered and returning for assistance, which represents a six per cent increase compared to the previous reporting period 22 July – 4 August 2024 (3,361). There were 3,593 new departures, which is a 2 per cent decrease compared to departures recorded in the previous reporting period (3,666).

During the week, the Una Sana Canton Public Health Institute carried out 626 entry medical screenings in TRC Borići and TRC Lipa, and the Sarajevo Canton Primary Health Care Centres provided 1,042 screenings in TRC Blažuj and TRC Ušivak.

In TRC Blažuj, IOM staff actively participated in daily operations to ensure the centre ran smoothly during the first month of the transition of management to the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA). IOM organized training for the SFA staff on the management of pre-registration and accommodation units, the use of the SMART CAMP application, and the provision of assistance to beneficiaries with identified vulnerabilities. Additionally, the training included information on procedures for accommodating unaccompanied and separated children, transportation services, scanning of ID cards, and the management of medical cases.

In TRC Lipa, IOM staff continued with the transfer of theoretical and practical knowledge for Red Cross (RC) of the Una-Sana Canton within the Food and NFI services which are set to be handed over the RC from 1 September 2024. These capacity building activities aim to enable the Red Cross staff to gain a comprehensive understanding related to daily operations, management, and procedures of the NFI and Food services.

The increase in the number of transfers of unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) from TRC Blažuj to TRC Ušivak continued, with proper supervision and assistance upon reception. A total of 327 UASC were transferred from TRC Blažuj over the course of the reporting period. At the end of the reporting period, UASC accounted for 67 per cent of the total arrivals in TRC Ušivak, including those initially registered at TRC Ušivak and those transferred from TRC Blažuj. Most children are nationals of the Syrian Arab Republic, followed by Afghanistan, Egypt and Iraq.



NEW ARRIVALS TO TRC BLAŽUJ.
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PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

Between 5 - 18 August 2024, IOM facilitated a total of 1,133 emergency screenings, through which 327 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 245 persons while 1,125 individuals were reached through information and awareness raising sessions.

In TRC Lipa, the Creative Zone brought together beneficiaries from Afghanistan, Gambia, Iran, Nigeria, and Syria to socialize while making soaps, creating handcrafts, and sewing. Additionally, nine beneficiaries attended a session on preventing sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA).

In TRC Blažuj, a canvas painting workshop was held, offering beneficiaries an opportunity to express their creativity, learn new painting techniques and share knowledge with other participants. The workshop was complemented by a small dance event, allowing beneficiaries to relax and enjoy music in their native languages.

In TRC Ušivak, efforts were made to enhance the central notice board. Additional lighting was installed to ensure that beneficiaries have access to information even at night when visibility is low. A plexiglass cover was also added as a protective door, shielding posted materials from the weather and keeping important information accessible.

Throughout the reporting period, officers from the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies regularly conducted nightly security patrols accompanied by IOM, World Vision and other organizations providing assistance in the centres. These patrols aim to monitor the centre's security, prevent conflicts, and quickly address any rule violations.

of arrivals to TRCs: 3,566

of departures from TRCs: 3,593

of vulnerability screenings in TRCs: 1,133

of persons with protection needs: 327

of individual assistance: 245



MUSIC 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.

In TRC Ušivak, members of the Association of Italian Catholic Guides and Scouts (AGESCI) carried on with their activities. The AGESCI volunteers focused on painting the entrance staircase to the administrative building. Their work improved both the aesthetics and accessibility of the area, creating a more inviting atmosphere for staff and visitors.

of persons sheltered in the TRCs: 1,788

of laundry services: 1,647

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 43,994 meals were served and 8,747 NFIs were distributed. Recognizing the diverse needs of individuals, special attention was given to those who required a specialized diet due to health issues.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM reorganized the warehouse to optimize space with the aim to enhance efficiency during the NFI distribution.

of meals distributed: 43,994

of NFIs distributed: 8,747

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.

During the reporting period, IOM's mobile teams provided 80 transportation services (mainly to reception centres) for 279 migrants and conducted 508 general information sessions.

The Syrian Arab Republic (36%) was the main declared nationality of assisted migrants.

of persons transported: 279

of information sessions: 508

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 5 and 18 August 2024, the team reached 90 migrants, of which 50 were being hosted in TRCs and 40 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 51 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 seven persons returned to their countries of origin (Türkiye 5, Morocco 1, Pakistan 1); and the AVRR team registered seven 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: 137 M: 125, F: 12

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2024: 108 M: 98, F: 10

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: 1,528 M: 1,353 F: 175



IOM'S MOBILE TEAMS PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR MIGRANTS IN A VULNERABLE SITUATION TO TRC LIPA.

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AVRR INFO SESSION.

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“Jules’* Story”

Many youths choose or are forced to migrate to escape economic difficulties, violence, conflict, or are displaced due to the effects of war or climate change. 31 per cent of the 281 million total international migrants are under 30. As the most mobile social group, young people constitute the bulk of annual international migration movements. If provided with the opportunities to reach their potential, young migrants will help drive innovation, development, peace and security.

In the heart of The Gambia, Jules’ name once resonated with the pride of being crowned Miss Gambia 2019. Her journey in the Western Balkans began with a beauty pageant in Kosovo*, where she had the honour of returning not just as a contestant but as a host for the event.

Yet, beneath the glamour of international events lay reality. Recent political developments back home have introduced new challenges, including economic difficulties and safety concerns that influenced her decision to leave and embark on a journey alone, traveling through the Western Balkans in hopes of reaching a place where she could rebuild her life.

“In my country, the economic situation is dire,” she explained. “Job opportunities are scarce, and safety is a constant concern.”

Despite the setbacks, Jules remains hopeful.

“I am currently at the temporary reception centre here, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and though it’s not ideal, I feel somewhat secure.”

Jules’ ambitions are as multifaceted as her journey. She dreams of pursuing fashion and event decoration—a continuation of her work back home—and advancing her education and journalism career. Her experiences in the media, both as a radio and TV presenter, remain a significant part of her identity.

“Back home, I was in my final year at university, studying journalism. I also worked as a part-time radio presenter and did some TV work. If I return, I could resume my career, but the situation there is so unstable,” Jules shared.

Her story is one of youth, resilience, hope, and the quest for a better future. As her journey continues, and while the road ahead is uncertain, her determination shines brightly.



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