

- 2,487** migrants and asylum seekers assisted with accommodation in the official reception facilities in BiH
- 2,018** beds available in the reception facilities in BiH
- 4** Temporary Reception Centres (TRCs) fully operational in BiH**
- 1,101** estimated migrants and asylum-seekers outs of TRCs in BiH*
- 1,170** Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018, **180** in 2021



PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE NEW DTM ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN BIH AND THE WESTERN BALKANS © IOM 2021

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 9 November, IOM and Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) conducted the 7th Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) exercise to collect information on migrants' presence outside of official reception centres in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). A total of 174 locations were visited in six cantons. Preliminary results show that 52 per cent of the migrants met during the exercise declared being from Afghanistan, followed by 20 per cent from Pakistan; 76 per cent were adult males and 17 per cent were children (almost equal share of boys and girls) of which 42 per cent of the vulnerable persons were children under 5, and 39 per cent were unaccompanied and separated children (UASCs) between the age of 15 and 17 years old.

On the same day, IOM and the Embassy of Italy in BiH presented the preliminary results of the new DTM activities conducted in BiH and the Western Balkans (WB). The event was attended by officials of the Ministry of Security (MoS) and SFA, along with over 75 guests in person and online. In addition to presenting migration trends and flows in the WB and along the Eastern Mediterranean Route, the event highlighted the importance of strengthening collaboration and technical expertise for the collection of data on the mobility, vulnerability and needs of irregular migrants, for improved migration management systems and evidence-based policies and decisions.

Between 10 and 11 November, a capacity-building training was organized for 53 Border police (BP) officials, with the aim of preparing for the proper use and maintenance of specialized

equipment procured with the financial support of the European Union.

AFGHANISTAN UPDATE

There are currently 845 migrants from Afghanistan in reception facilities operated by IOM and other organizations in BiH, representing 35 per cent of all migrants assisted. Based on the 7th IOM DTM exercise on migrants' presence in the BiH conducted on 9 November, most of the migrants identified are Afghan nationals. Out of the total migrant children identified in the locations visited, 80 per cent were from Afghanistan.

Between 1 January and 7 November 2021, it is estimated that 682, 891 persons have been internally displaced by conflict in Afghanistan (source: OCHA). The impact that this crisis may have on the WB is difficult to predict. IOM is closely monitoring the situation in Afghanistan and along the Eastern Mediterranean Route (EMR). Thus far, there has been no significant change in the number and nationality composition of migrants in the sub-region.

***References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999)

* Preliminary number recorded by IOM DTM on 28 September 2021
 ** Pending the official closure of TRC Sedra by the BiH Council of Ministers

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IOM RESPONSE

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

There are currently 2,487 migrants accommodated in official reception facilities in BiH.

New personal protective equipment (PPE) has been distributed in all temporary reception centres (TRCs), followed by an information session by IOM and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) to agree on the use of the PPE in the symptomatic and COVID-positive quarantine zones.

In TRCs Blažuj and Ušivak, after the storm that caused damages to vehicles, tents, equipment, and electricity cables last week, the IOM maintenance staff conducted general cleaning and repairs. Other repairs to doors, locks, heaters, beds, etc. were conducted as per usual. Distributions of NFIs were organised for all new arrivals on their first day. The packages included linens, blankets, shoes, clothes, personal hygiene products, as well as customised items for women/girls and small children/infants. Further distributions will take place throughout the week for additional hygiene items and clothes.

of NFIs distributed: 7,904

of people assisted with NFIs: 865

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

IOM's maintenance and cleaning team continue to inspect all TRCs installations on a daily basis, with two cleanings per day, weekly disinfection, disinfestation and derating (DDD) measures, and several repairs on sanitary installations in the Centres. In TRC Borići, following a new Boil Water Advisory by the Public Health Institute for the City of Bihać, IOM distributed 780 bottles of water and ordered 1,140 additional bottles from the IOM Central Warehouse.

In TRC Ušivak, the IOM maintenance staff turned off the water supply and switched to the water reservoir to following the floods reported in the region. The situation has now returned to normal. During the week, the Mother and Baby Wash Unit (MBWU) provided services to 89 persons (53 mothers and 36 children).

of people assisted with laundry services: 1,490

of people assisted by the IOM MBWU: 89

FOOD AND NUTRITION

In TRC Ušivak, 360 breakfasts were served to 88 children during the reporting period. Thanks to support from Pomozi.ba, lunches were provided for the 19 children enrolled in public school programmes. In TRC Miral, the new winter menu has been in place since 4 November. Also, on 12 November the IOM team, SFA and USC Red cross organized the "Delicious and Healthy Day" for migrants with fruit salad, sweets, cakes and tea with the aim of socializing and sharing experiences. In TRC Blažuj, regular meal distribution continues. In TRC Blažuj, to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of lights, a small group of migrants prepared

traditional dishes with the support of Pomozi.ba and the Bosnia-Herzegovina Women Initiative (BHVI), who donated food.

of meals distributed: 29,159



IOM, SFA, RED CROSS ORGANIZED A "DELICIOUS AND HEALTHY DAY" FOR MIGRANTS IN MIRAL ©IOM 2021

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

IOM continues to work closely with SFA and partners in the coordination of assistance to migrants in TRCs. The registration process for new arrivals and returnees has improved significantly since the launch of the new SMART CAMP app, helping to control unauthorized entries and clarify House Rules.

Moreover, in TRCs Miral and Borići, the IOM staff attended the Security Orientation Briefing and Data Protection Policy refresher sessions. In TRC Blažuj, 96 new migrants and 200 returnees were registered over the week. IOM also supported DRC's medical team to conduct 230 COVID-19 screenings. No COVID-19 positive cases were reported during this period. In TRC Borići, 83 migrants were also registered, and 74 were accommodated in the preventive isolation area. Following approval by the SFA, 14 UASCs were referred by the Centre of Social Welfare (CWS) legal guardians for temporary accommodation in TRC Borići, and three were transported to TRC Ušivak with the CSW escort. In TRC Ušivak, 19 children accommodated in the Centre continue to attend school, compared to the 62 children registered at the beginning of the school year. This reflects the high turnaround observed during the last few months. During the reporting period, the IOM Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MPHSS) team referred 46 cases to other organizations and provided 2,198 protection and MHPSS services in and outside of the TRCs.

ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF TRCs

During the week, the IOM Outreach Mobile team provided 2,060 services to migrants identified outside of reception facilities, including information sessions, Psychological First Aid, transportation, and food.

A total of 134 migrants accepted accommodation and were transported to TRCs, including 53 to Borići, 8 to Ušivak and 73 to Provisional Camp (PC) Lipa.

The IOM Outreach team continues to visit the Velika Kladuša location known as VK7 every day, to provide services and information, as well as offer relocation and assistance.

On 7 November, a total of 103 migrants were residing in the VK, including 18 families (69 persons including 30 toddlers), 4 UASCs and 30 single men. All are from Afghanistan. During the joint activity 'Communication with Communities' conducted in a different location, IOM and the UNHCR profiled 16 migrants, including 15 adult men and 1 UASC. Out of the total, 75 per cent were from Pakistan, and 25 per cent from India. All declined accommodation in reception facilities.

Between 6 and 12 November, the IOM AVRR team reached a total of 134 migrants (27 in the centres and 107 in outside locations) and a total of 40 in-depth counselling sessions were held. Additionally, seven migrants returned to their country of origin (6 to Pakistan and 1 to India).



IOM STAFF ACCOMPANYING MIGRANTS RETURNING TO PAKISTAN AND INDIA © IOM 2021



CAPACITY-BUILDING TRAINING FOR BORDER POLICE IN MOSTAR © IOM 2021

ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION (AVRR)

IOM's AVRR teams are active in all open TRCs, including PC Lipa, and in outreach locations, to promote migrants' rights and provide information and advice to migrants interested in returning to their countries of origin. IOM and UNHCR continue to jointly disseminate information on AVRR, asylum procedures and assistance available in TRCs in locations in USC.

MAIN GAPS

In the short term, the top priority remains the need for additional funds to provide food and NFI to migrants living in TRCs and those sleeping outside of TRCs. Funds are also critically needed to cover for repairs and running costs of TRCs. As winter approaches, IOM and its partners are exploring ways to complement funding to ensure preparedness and response to emergencies, including in light of the potential effects of the Afghanistan crisis. In the medium and long term, the main gaps to be addressed relate to the capacities of the authorities in the areas of registration, screening, and identification of vulnerable migrants, as well as management of reception facilities. Capacity-building remains a priority to progress towards the overarching goal of ensuring state ownership of the emergency response in BiH. Additionally, IOM works to

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