

5,243 migrants and asylum seekers assisted with accommodation

(this includes IOM Temporary Reception Centres, centres managed by the State and NGOs)

5 Temporary Reception Centres fully operational



130%

ASSISTED: 26,000

TARGETED: 20,000



Road works to PC Lipa © IOM 2021

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Improvement of weather conditions, characterized by almost spring temperatures, in contrast to previous weeks, resulted in a reduced number of migrants and asylum seekers residing in the Temporary Reception Centres (TRCs) as well as of those who are sleeping outside, in informal locations. Sunny and warm days encouraged almost 1,000 migrants and asylum seekers to attempt onward movement.

Nevertheless, humanitarian partners and the State authorities including the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) continued to work together to provide improved living conditions to migrants in reception centres throughout the country and provided assistance to those in informal accommodation.

In provisional camp (PC) Lipa, which has a maximum capacity of 900 beds and is under the management and coordination of Service for Foreigners Affairs (SFA), had 710 migrants accommodated at the end of the reporting period.

Some of the concluded works last week included the construction of the medical corner which included foundation for the containers and connection to water, electricity and sewage. The technical inspection of the works was done and handed over to SFA by German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW).

Moreover, the BiH Army continued excavation works, fixture of ditches, and removal of bushes to expand the access road of PC

Lipa. BiH Army also installed a 6-meter plastic pipe under the road surface to prevent road flooding. Lastly, over the week IOM provided a total of 140 truckloads (equivalent to 1,746 m³) of gravel sand to repair the access road. Currently, 60 per cent of the road works are finalized.

During the reporting period, SFA in cooperation with the local police and SOS Bihac relocated 168 migrants and asylum seekers from two informal locations of Bihac municipality to PC Lipa. On the last day of reporting period, SFA in coordination with Ministry of Interior and the Border Police relocated 34 families (consisting of 115 members, including 53 children) to a family reception centre, TRC Borici, after they were found staying in informal accommodation, sleeping rough in Una Sana Canton.

IOM continued to contribute to sustainable solutions in the context of migration management, and held Camp Coordination and Camp Management related trainings for the SFA and Red Cross City of Bihać staff, on management and distribution practices of Non-Food Items. A total of seven persons attended the training held at the IOM main warehouse in Bihac. Additionally, IOM shared standard operating procedures on usage of generators, heaters, fuel, electrical power infrastructure, materials, and service interventions as well as reporting tools to the SFA Team Leaders.

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IOM RESPONSE



Migrants from Usivak and IOM staff help clean the environment © IOM 2021



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

IOM continued providing shelter and NFIs to vulnerable groups and affected populations. The highlight in TRC Ušivak, was the finalization of works (including ceramic tiles were put on floors, the water and electric installations were fixed, and the walls were painted) on the paediatric infirmary by IOM maintenance staff. In TRC Sedra, two containers were connected to electricity, one is used by security guards, and another will be used by UNFPA for activities with unaccompanied and separated children (UASC). Moreover, in order to improve internet connection in the centre, IT company set up an antenna and connected cables for Wi-Fi connection. In TRC Miral, information on COVID-19 prevention measures were placed throughout the centre. Furthermore, additional disinfection basins and dispensers were installed in front of the info container, in the isolation area and in the COVID-19 quarantine area.

of NFIs distributed: 13,012

of people assisted with NFIs: 1,535



Community Representative Meeting in TRC Miral © IOM 2021



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

In TRCs, CCCM coordination meetings were organized with all partner agencies including SFA, to effectively coordinate humanitarian assistance provided by all partners. In TRC Sedra, IPSIA and IOM engineers agreed on a place to install a gazebo, where social activities for migrants will be held, and the works will start soon. IOM also continued to encourage the centre's population to play an active role in decision-making processes and activities that affect them through Community Representative Councils, and "Boys Parliament" meetings - to ensure that the views and needs of UASC are considered and discussed.

During the reporting period, Focus Group Discussions on COVID-19 topics were held with migrants and IOM staff in TRC Borići, Miral and Sedra. Migrants had the chance to provide their feedback on the centre's COVID-19 quarantine and isolation areas. Most of them suggested to add interactive and leisure activities such as games, TVs and toys, especially for children.



WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)



Laundry room in TRC Borići © IOM 2021

All TRCs have functional laundry systems for the washing of bedding/ sheets and the centre population's personal belongings. IOM dedicated significant efforts to maintenance and repair, particularly of WASH containers and infrastructure, as damages occur frequently in all TRCs. Regular repairs and replacements on a daily/weekly basis include sink faucets, toilet tanks and pipes, shower faucets, flushers, and water taps. In TRC Sedra a contractor started works to repair the sewage system.

In TRC Usivak, collective cleaning actions took place on the surrounding area of the TRC, involving IOM and migrants to remove garbage from the streets.

of people assisted with laundry services: 1,515

of laundry bags washed: 1,634



Personal Protective Equipment distribution in TRC Usivak © IOM 2021



FOOD AND NUTRITION

IOM and partners (Red Cross in Una-Sana Canton/Salakovac; and Pomozi.ba in Sarajevo Canton) continued to support the provision of three meals and two fruit snacks per day in all TRCs and to make available open, fully equipped inner and outer kitchens for migrants to prepare their own food. In all TRCs, IOM continued to provide specialized food to migrants in need of specific dietary requirement upon a doctor's recommendation/medical prescription, and others (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic menus). IOM continued preparation of special menus for migrants who are observing Lent.

Baby formula and complementary baby food continued to be provided to babies below 24 months, prepared by Red Cross in line with UNICEF's guidelines on child feeding.

of meals distributed: 51,287

MAIN GAPS

In the short term, main gaps continue to be food assistance across all TRCs, the improvement of living conditions in PC Lipa, procurement and distribution of non-food items; improvement of the sanitary conditions of those sleeping outside in the absence of appropriate accommodation options; and insufficient funds to cover expansions of TRCs and other needs.

In the medium to long term, main gaps are data collection and analysis of all migrants present in BiH; capacity building of authorities in screening, processing, managing accommodation and solutions for migrants, and the need for additional and more adequate accommodation facilities, specifically also for UASC.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

IOM/Red Cross outreach teams continued to provide food and NFI packages, personal protective equipment and information on Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) options to migrants residing in informal accommodation in Una Sana Canton (est. 1,500-2,000 live in makeshift shelters in forests and abandoned buildings) daily. The NFIs included clothes, hygiene items, sleeping bags, backpacks, shoes, jackets and raincoats. On a regular basis, the outreach teams distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as facial masks, single use gloves, and disinfection gels, and cleaning tools to migrants residing in squats, as part of COVID-19 response. During the reporting period, the majority of migrants assisted were from Afghanistan and Pakistan followed by Bangladesh and Morocco. One vulnerable family residing in Velika Kladusa was identified by the IOM outreach team and transferred to TRC Sedra.

During the reporting week, IOM outreach teams distributed a fewer number of NFIs to vulnerable migrants and asylum seekers residing outside TRCs compared to the previous week, mostly due to a reduced number of people present outside. However, IOM received a great number of donations and distributed them to people in need. Among these: food packages, hygiene packages and sleeping bags provided by local NGO Žene sa Une and Church World Service (CWS).

of food packages distributed: 1,973

of Hygiene items and NFIs distributed: 20



Assisted voluntary return of migrants from BiH © IOM 2021

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