

3,455 migrants and asylum seekers assisted with accommodation in the official reception facilities

2,107 beds available in the reception facilities

3,220 migrants and asylum seekers outside of centres*

5 Temporary Reception Centres fully operational

1,084 Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018, of which **93** in 2021



Data collection of migrants exercise on 10 June in Sarajevo Canton © IOM 2021

SITUATION OVERVIEW

In view of the forthcoming closure of the Temporary Reception Centre (TRC) Sedra in August, IOM presented the contingency plan to partner agencies for their review and comments, at the inter-agency coordination meeting on 4 June. The relocation of migrants and the transfer of assets to other centres is still under discussion, with the aim of finding and implementing the best possible solution in compliance with humanitarian standards.

A third Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) exercise was conducted jointly with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) on 10 June, to collect information on the number of migrants present in BiH in 74 locations across six cantons. The data collection has been extended to include Canton 10, the largest of the cantons of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH), which also borders Croatia. The results will be presented next week after the data analysis.

IOM, SFA and partners - through outreach activities - are constantly working together to inform migrants living in informal settings in

squats and abandoned buildings, of the opportunities to be accommodated in one of the reception facilities available in the country, where they can access basic services, such as shelter, basic hygiene, sanitation, food and clothing. In this regard, on 8 June, at the request of the SFA, 131 migrants were transported from outreach locations in Velika Kladuša, in Una-Sana Canton, to TRC Borići. All persons transported were provided with medical screening prior to travelling and also received a welcome kit consisting of various non-food items (NFI) such as hygiene products, towels, and clothes.

The World Environment Day was celebrated in all TRCs in BiH. In TRC Ušivak, a collective cleaning action was organized, at the initiative of the Hadzici community, in which IOM, partner agency staff, and migrants took part. The cleaning action was organized to raise awareness of environmental protection issues, and bring local communities and people on the move closer together. After the clean-up, the volunteers enjoyed an ice cream together and continued socializing on the municipal football field.

* Number recorded by IOM DTM as of 30 April 2021

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IOM RESPONSE



Overview of construction work by IOM in TRC Lipa © IOM 2021



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

In TRC Lipa, the Technisches Hilfswerk's (THW) contractor continued to assemble the prefabricated structural part for the dining facility. On 4 June, the staff of the Center for Social Welfare (CSV) Bihać visited the TRC to assess the unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) future set-up.

In TRC Boriči, IOM worked with the SFA to prepare for the reception of new families to expand the COVID-19 quarantine area to a total capacity of 94 beds. Furthermore, to enhance living conditions of migrants and contribute to COVID-19 preventive measures, IOM continued painting the walls with the washable paint (during the reporting period the following walls were finalized: the common areas, the corridors and the stairways of all floors, the main hall on the ground floor, including the dining area and the staircase leading to the laundry).

In TRC Sedra, IOM monitored its inventory and developed an evaluation plan for the transfer of assets and goods to the IOM central warehouse, which will be implemented when the centre closes.

In TRC Ušivak, a wooden fence was installed around the Mother and Baby WASH facility.

In TRC Blažuj, eight spotlights with sensors (external lighting) and wooden fence were placed in the outdoor kitchen, for migrants to have light when they cook in the evening. Furthermore, the contractor replaced the window's glass in three hangars that were damaged previously. Other works conducted included the preparation of the ground for the construction of a badminton area (posts and net installed).

of NFIs distributed: 10,900

of people assisted with NFIs: 1,082



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

In TRC Blažuj, IOM announced the establishment of the new IOM Protection team and presented their work. The IOM Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) team and Vaša Prava indicated that they will conduct joint information sessions for migrants, during which both voluntary return and free legal assistance will be discussed.

In TRC Sedra, IOM and UNFPA informed partners that, in order to improve the psycho-physical health of women, they intend to organize specific activities in the coming period, similar to the football tournament which was previously organized for men.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM and Caritas informed partners of an upcoming "Pancake Day" on 9 June, to promote socialization among migrants through cooking. Caritas provided pancake trays while IOM took care of the necessary groceries.



Dining facility in TRC Lipa © IOM 2021



WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

Apart from the regular maintenance of the TRCs, which includes frequent repairs and replacements, IOM repaired the leakage spots in certain places in TRC Sedra, and thoroughly cleaned the ground underneath all the sanitary containers in TRC Blažuj.

of people assisted with laundry services: 1,278

of laundry bags washed: 1,757



FOOD AND NUTRITION

Due to the forthcoming closure of TRC Sedra in August, the IOM Food Focal Point met with the Red Cross team to discuss the need to gradually reduce food orders, as the number of migrants in the centre are decreasing daily. During the reporting period, the extra food from TRC Sedra was distributed to migrants outside TRCs by the outreach teams, including 72 juice boxes for children, donated by UNICEF.

In addition to the regular food distribution in the TRCs, the IOM outreach team provided 50 food packages to SFA to distribute to migrants arriving at Provisional Camp (PC) Lipa after food distribution hours.

of meals distributed: 38,251

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

IOM/Red Cross outreach teams continued to provide daily food and NFI packages including personal protective equipment, to migrants residing in informal accommodation in USC. Migrants assisted outside of the TRCs were primarily from Afghanistan, Pakistan followed by Iran and Algeria.

of food packages distributed: 2,399

of hygiene items and NFIs distributed: 595



AVRR information session held in TRC Miral © IOM 2021

ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION (AVRR)

IOM's AVRR outreach teams are active in TRCs Blažuj and Miral, and visit PC Lipa twice a week, to promote migrants' rights and provide information and counselling to migrants interested in returning to their countries of origin (CoO).

During the reporting period, 805 migrants were reached by the IOM AVRR team (69 in centres and 736 outside centres), and a total of 121 in-depth counselling sessions were held.

Two migrants returned to their country of origin Pakistan and Bangladesh, bringing the total number of persons returning in June to 10.

MAIN GAPS

In the short term, additional funding is required to procure food and NFIs, and to cover construction and running costs for the new TRC Lipa. The improvement of the sanitary conditions for those sleeping outside is also a pressing concern.

In the medium to long term, some of the key gaps to address pertain to the capacities of authorities in the areas of screening migrants to identify specific vulnerabilities, managing shelter and accommodation, identifying durable solutions for migrants, and upholding the rights of migrants in their daily operations. For this reason, capacity-building activities remain a priority, to progress towards the overarching goal of ensuring state ownership of the emergency response in BiH. Among other things, improvements are needed to systemize data collection on migrants outside of formal reception centres, and collect additional information on migrants' needs and vulnerabilities.



Fence around open kitchen in TRC Blažuj © IOM 2021

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