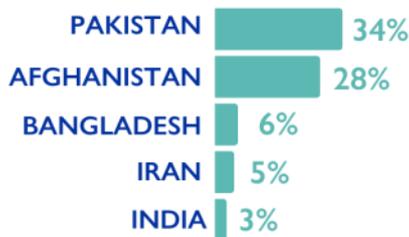
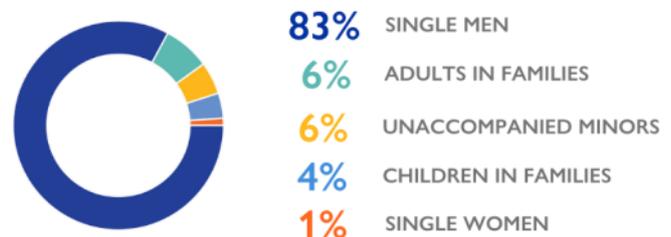


### TOP 5 NATIONALITIES IN TRCS



### SEX AND AGE DISAGGREGATED DATA 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	423											852

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 15-18 February, IOM, in cooperation with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) and the Ministry of Security's (MoS) Office of the State Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in BiH, organized two consecutive trainings on counter-trafficking, aimed at strengthening the capacities of employees and service providers in Temporary Reception Center (TRC) Lipa who are in daily contacts with migrants to identify and refer potential victims of trafficking (VoTs) as prescribed in the national referral mechanism and applicable international standards. This is part of a wider efforts to increase identification of potential victims of trafficking within mixed migration flows and improve the functioning of the referral system. To date, 128 persons in direct contact with migrants have been trained. In additionally, IOM is developing an electronic tool to support frontline workers with identification, based on human trafficking indicators.

On February 20, the Austrian Ambassador, Her Excellency Ulrike Hartmann, Member of the Austrian Parliament, Ewa Ernst-Dziedzic, IOM's Chief of Mission, Laura Lungarotti, SFA Deputy Director, Mirsad Buzar and a representative of the NGO SOS Balkan Route visited TRC Ušivak in the Sarajevo Canton. IOM and SFA presented the TRC's functions, structure, operations, occupancy, and

services provided by partner agencies and discussed ongoing projects funded by Austrian institutions and prospective plans for future support.



VISIT OF THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION TO TRC UŠIVAK © IOM 2022

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## COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

On 14-15 February, IOM, the Republika Srpska Civil Protection, and the Red Cross held a training on Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) for 26 officials involved in preparedness and response to natural disasters in the Bijeljina area. Participants learned about setting up, managing and closing temporary accommodation facilities for displaced persons, activities for protecting the rights of the most vulnerable, and mechanisms for accountability to affected populations (AAP).

IOM continues to oversee (CCCM) activities in the TRCs and support the SFA with CCCM in TRC Lipa. During the reporting week, weekly coordination meetings were held in TRC Miral and TRC Borići, with emphasis on successful practices in provision of services and running of reception facilities. Additionally, synergies between the Fashion and Woodwork corners opened in both TRCs were discussed. For instance, in TRC Miral, the CCCM representatives discussed the possibility to use these activities to support the Cantonal Hospital "Dr Irfan Ljubijankić" in Bihać and other local organisations. As such, the Fashion and Woodwork corners in TRC Miral will start producing sheets for the children's ward of the hospital as well as for the children's centre "Duga" in Kulen Vakuf.

## PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

In TRC Miral, a presentation and panel discussion on the "Rights, Responsibilities and Opportunities for People on the Move" was organized by IOM in coordination with UNHCR, Vaša prava, and DRC. The event reached over 150 migrants and asylum-seekers, raising awareness about rights and obligations under the legal system in BiH and ratified international conventions as well as opportunities and available solutions for people on the move.

In TRC Borići, representatives of the CCCM, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) team, Protection focal point and the Community Engagement Assistant had a meeting with the local Women's Volleyball Club to discuss training and competition opportunities for female beneficiaries accommodated in TRC Borići. There are 18 women and girls in TRC Borići who are interested in taking part in the project. The activity aims at improving social cohesion among migrant and the local population.

In TRC Blažuj, IOM is developing several initiatives that will engage beneficiaries in new and creative ways. A gardening project "Green House" will start in March, on a designated patch of land within the TRC, where migrants will have the opportunity to cultivate land and plant vegetables and fruits. A radio programme that will enable broadcasts in languages spoken by beneficiaries will also be launched in March, to share information and cultural segments relevant to the migrant population. All beneficiaries are encouraged to take part in these activities.

In TRC Ušivak, an information session for 11 women was organized by IOM CCCM staff to inform them about their entitlements within the Centre and provide an introduction to prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and gender-based violence (GBV) mechanisms to better understand their rights in respect to protection and access to victim support services.

**# of persons referred to partner organizations by IOM: 113**

**# of protection/MHPSS services provided by IOM: 3,166**



INFORMATION SESSION FOR WOMEN ORGANIZED IN TRC UŠIVAK © IOM 2022

## 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 (DDD) measures, and regular repairs on shelters and sanitary installations. In TRC Borići, the construction works for the installation of 25 containers on the upper plateau are well underway as well as reconstruction of the Centre's facade. The metal fence has been installed for safety concerns on the main plateau, to separate the construction site from the common spaces frequented by beneficiaries. During the reporting period, 65 persons used the Mother and Baby Washing Unit (MBWU) services, including 32 mothers and 33 children (19 boys and 14 girls).

**# of persons sheltered: 2,154**

**# of persons assisted by the IOM MBWU: 65**

**# of persons assisted with laundry services: 968**

## FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

In all TRCs, IOM conducted its regular food and NFIs distribution activities, with support from partner organizations, distributing a total 25,523 meals and 8,611 items distributed without major incident. In TRC Lipa, IOM and SFA representatives facilitated a focus group discussion with beneficiaries to discuss issues related to food quality and beneficiary's general impressions regarding food assistance. The discussion was chaired by the IOM CCCM and Food and Nutrition Assistant, in the presence of the SFA Food Focal Point and migrants from different cultural backgrounds. The group explored practical ways to improve the existing menu to reflect the cultural diversity of people accommodated in the TRC.

**# of meals distributed: 25,523**

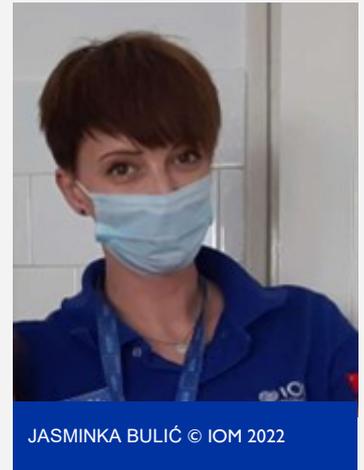
**# of NFIs distributed: 8,611**

**# of persons supported with NFI: 781**

## Meet Jasminka Bulić, IOM MHPSS and Protection Focal Point in TRC Borići, presented by her IOM colleague Emina Bajrić

I have read somewhere that the famous Czech writer, Franz Kafka, once said that the first impressions of a person are generally unreliable. When I first met my colleague Jasminka, she struck me as a cold. However, seven months later, I think Kafka might have been right as Jasminka is anything but cold, and I wish to pay her tribute today. I had the privilege to witness the love, care, support and time that Jasminka gives to others. She dances with children, plays music during meals to improve the atmosphere, organizes events to remind everyone, most importantly migrants, that they are valuable human beings who have much to offer. She is a devoted listener and dedicates herself to solving problems confided to her. I cannot help but admire her tenacity, confidence and skills. When you mention Jasminka, people often comment how approachable, caring, communicative and joyous she is. I asked her once to tell me what type of person she was and she said: "I am the type of person who, if given a choice to continue to sleep with my dreams or to wake up and chase them, would choose the second one". It was right to the point. I feel grateful and privileged for having the chance to know her and work with her.

Staff providing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) in TRCs contribute to protecting the rights and dignity of migrants in reception facilities. Thanks to their humanity and diligence, they help migrants work through difficult experiences encountered on their journey and work closely with partners and state authorities to screen new arrivals to identify vulnerabilities and ensure adequate assistance.



JASMINKA BULIĆ © IOM 2022

### ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION FACILITIES

The IOM Outreach team continues to be present in locations outside of the TRCs to increase information and access to services, with the aim to reduce the number of migrants camping or squatting in abandoned buildings. The IOM Outreach teams are working against the clock to respond to and assist migrants after pushbacks. They screen for any vulnerabilities, provide emergency assistance, and transport migrants to TRCs.

During the reporting period, the IOM Mobile Outreach team provided 3,129 services to migrants identified outside of reception facilities, including 675 information sessions, 55 psychological first aid (PFA) sessions, 52 transportation services to 185 migrants, 1,300 food items and 1,112 non-food items. A total of 173 migrants accepted accommodation in TRCs and were assisted by IOM, including 3 to TRC Miral, 43 to TRC Borići, and 128 to TRC Lipa. During the joint activity Communication with Communities, UNHCR and IOM profiled 47 migrants in outreach locations in the Velika Kladuša area.

# of persons transported to TRCs: **185**

# of individual services provided to migrants outside of TRCs: **3,129**

### RETURN & ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

IOM's Return and Reintegration team provides administrative, logistical and financial support, including reintegration assistance, to migrants unable or unwilling to remain in the host or transit country and who decide to return to their country of origin. During the reporting week, IOM reached 379 migrants, including 77 in TRCs and 302 in off-site locations. A total of 52 in-depth counselling sessions were held to ensure that beneficiaries are well informed and aware of the assistance they can receive pre-departure, during the travel and post-arrival. IOM and UNHCR continue to jointly disseminate information on return and asylum in all TRCs as well as in outreach locations.

During the reporting period, IOM assisted four migrants return to their country of origin, including two to Pakistan, one to Nepal, and one to India.

# Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: **1,214**

# Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: **19**

### SAFETY & SECURITY

In TRC Borići, on 18 February, IOM staff certified as mine awareness instructors organised a Mine Awareness and Risk education session for 30 migrants. The session provided participants with mine awareness information to enhance their understanding of the dangers associated with the presence of unexploded ordnances (UXOs) across the BiH territory.

Participants were also informed about the application 'BiH Mine Suspected Areas', which provides online maps of contaminated areas. The session was interactive; the participants shared their experiences about encountering mine contaminated areas and discussed the necessary course of action and behaviour in potential sensitive and life-threatening situations.

### MAIN GAPS

Additional support to the migration response in BiH is needed. The top priority remains funds for food and non-food items for migrants living in TRCs and those sleeping outside of TRCs. Funds are also needed for critical repairs and running costs of TRCs. IOM and its partners are exploring ways to complement funding to ensure preparedness and response to emergencies.

Capacity-building remains a priority to progress towards the overarching goal of ensuring state ownership of the emergency response.



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