



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											1007

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 23 February, IOM conducted the 10th Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) exercise jointly with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) and with the support of the Red Cross to collect information on the number of migrants outside of temporary reception centres (TRCs). A total of 385 migrants who are not accommodated in any of the TRCs in BiH were identified in 245 locations. Eighty-three per cent were adult males and Afghanistan and Pakistan were the two main nationalities reported. Due to the winter temperature and the successful ongoing efforts of IOM to provide migrants outside of TRCs with shelter, the number of migrants identified outside of TRCs in February was low.

On 26 February, migrants accommodated in TRC Borić joined the celebrations marking the 762nd anniversary of the City of Bihac at the local Cultural Centre. Beneficiaries represented their countries, including Afghanistan, Jordan, Iran, Syria and India, through national cuisine and desserts they prepared especially for this occasion. The event, which was attended by city authorities, cantonal representatives and many Bihac citizens, provided a unique opportunity for community engagement and many participants stated that similar initiatives should be organised more often.



10TH DTM EXERCISE ORGANIZED ON 23 FEBRUARY © IOM 2022

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COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT

In TRC Miral, a Mine Risk Awareness training was organized and delivered by certified IOM staff on 24 February for a group of 40 migrants. A Working Group for updating the new Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for TRC Miral has been appointed, consisting of Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) staff, support staff, and focal points. In the next period, the Group will work to include all updates in the new SOP for TRC Miral. Regular updates to CCCM's procedures are crucial for optimal coordination of activities among different actors involved in service provision, to preserve the quality of services and protection in line with international standards.

In TRC Ušivak, a CCCM training on "Management and coordination of camps in natural and other disasters" was delivered for first responders to human made and natural disasters from the Civil Protection of the Federation of BiH and Sarajevo Canton. Participants also visited TRC Ušivak and TRC Blažuj to get acquainted with the organizational aspects of the centres and services for migrants.

Lastly, during the week, members of the Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe accompanied by representatives of the Croatian Ministry of the Interior, UNHCR, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and the Border Violence Monitoring Network (BVMN) visited TRC Lipa and TRC Miral. They were accompanied by representatives of the SFA and IOM, who presented on assistance available to migrants hosted in TRCs.

PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

In TRC Borići, the Community Representatives meeting was organised on 24 February with the participation of the CCCM Manager, Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Focal Point, Security Assistant, DRC Protection Assistant, and the community representatives from Iran, Jordan, Pakistan and Cuba. Key discussion points focused on the role of community representatives, as well as ongoing topics including participation in the celebration of the City of Bihać Day, ongoing construction work and risk mitigation related to scaffolding and construction, as well as internet coverage in the various buildings.

In TRC Borići, the IOM MHPSS and Protection Focal Point took part in marking the Pink T-shirt Day, joining the campaign on the International Day for the Prevention of Peer Violence on 23 February, in cooperation with partners through the Child Friendly Space's dance workshop. The staff and children danced to choreography, sending the message that any form of violence is socially unacceptable.

In TRC Miral, IOM organized a survey regarding food preferences and dietary restrictions among the migrant population on 23 February. The information received through the survey will be added to the SMART camp application, which will enable tracking of dietary needs of beneficiaries.

In TRC Ušivak, the IOM CCCM team is working to include an equal number of women in the community council. The weekly council meeting that was held on 24 February included seven women out of 10 participants. Furthermore, seven migrants participated in the crafting of new fashion items in the sewing corner activities. These will be presented at the IOM PopUp show on International Women's Day on 8 March in Sarajevo.

of persons referred to partner organizations by IOM: 201

of protection/MHPSS services provided by IOM: 2,309



TRC UŠIVAK STAFF ASSISTING A NEWLY ARRIVED FAMILY ©IOM 2022



PINK T-SHIRT DAY IN TRC BORIĆI ©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 Lipa, preparatory work for the construction of the NFI warehouse is ongoing. In agreement with the SFA and with the assistance of IOM staff, two sanitary containers were relocated, as well as two housing containers. Migrants contributed to the action, which greatly facilitated and accelerated the process. During the reporting period, 63 persons used the Mother and Baby Washing Unit (MBWU) services, including 37 mothers and 26 children (21 boys and 5 girls).

of persons sheltered: 2,063

of persons assisted by the IOM MBWU: 63

of persons assisted with laundry services: 1,021

HOSPITALITY OF THE CITY OF BIHAĆ THROUGH THE CENTURIES

In 1260, Hungarian King Bela IV thanked the people of Bihać for their hospitality and protection by declaring Bihać a free city. Today, 762 years later, on 26 February, the City of Bihać celebrated its anniversary and city authorities organized a cocktail event and invited representatives of different communities of the migrant population hosted in TRC Borići to join the celebration, among other guests.

They gladly accepted the invitation and prepared a range of dishes and sweets typical of their national cuisines, to thank the city for its hospitality. Guests at the event had a chance to taste delicious Mamool, a Syrian dish, along with Zardeh, or *Gosh-e-fill*, which means "sweet ear" in Dari. Guests from Afghanistan advised Bosnians to drink more tea than coffee, while Indian migrants, who prepared Gulab Jamun, noted that more vegetables would not hurt. With a heavy heart, Bosnians agreed that Syrian baklava was better.



MARKING THE CITY OF BIHAĆ'S 762TH ANNIVERSARY ©IOM 2022

FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

In all TRCs, IOM conducted its regular food and non-food item (NFI) distribution activities, with support from partner organizations, with 26,585 meals and 7,739 NFI items distributed without major incident.

of meals distributed: **26,585**

of NFIs distributed: **7,739**

of persons supported with NFI: **801**

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 working quickly to screen any vulnerabilities, provide emergency assistance, and transport migrants to TRCs. During the reporting period, the IOM Mobile Outreach team provided 2,635 services to migrants identified outside of reception facilities, including 985 information sessions, 49 psychological first aid (PFA) sessions, 48 transportation services to 137 migrants, 1,231 food items and 1,025 non-food items. A total of 125 migrants accepted accommodation in TRCs and were assisted by IOM, including 69 TRC Lipa, 46 to TRC Borići, 9 to TRC Miral and one to TRC Blažuj.

of persons transported to TRCs: **125**

of individual services provided to migrants outside of TRCs: **2,635**

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 354 migrants, including 247 in TRCs and 107 in off-site locations. A total of 73 in-depth counselling sessions were held. IOM assisted five migrants return to their countries of origin, including three to Cuba, one to Pakistan and one to India.

Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018: **1,219**

Assisted Voluntary Returns in 2022: **24**

SAFETY & SECURITY

In TRC Blažuj, IOM coordinated the launch of the "Harm Reduction Program" with DRC and Médecins du Monde (MDM) to prevent and treat alcohol and psychoactive substance abuse among beneficiaries through awareness raising targeted group sessions as well as by using the individual MHFSS approach for persons struggling with addiction. In some cases, controlled application of substitution therapy prescribed by doctors is also supervised by psychologists. It was observed that the situation with alcohol and drug addicts has been calmer after the launch of the program, as the number of related crisis situations decreased.

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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