

62 children accommodated in TRC Ušivak started school with the support of IOM, UNICEF, © IOM 2021

**1,217**  
New arrivals in October 2021  
(source: MoS BiH)

**2,978**  
Migrants and asylum-seekers in formal centres  
(source MoS, MHRR, IOM, UNHCR)

**800 - 1,100**  
Migrants and asylum-seekers estimated outside  
(source DRC, IOM, local authorities)

### Arrivals

1,217 migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees arrived irregularly in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) in October, representing a 22 per cent decrease compared to the previous month and a 12 per cent increase compared to October 2020. Of those, the majority declared to be from Afghanistan (46%), Pakistan (14%) and Iran (9%). As with the previous two months, there were no unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) amongst irregular arrivals in October. The total number of arrivals so far is 14,511, which is on par with the first nine months of 2020. In total, 83,924 arrivals have been recorded since the start of the mixed movement in January 2018.

### Presence in BiH at the end of the month

2,978 migrants and asylum-seekers were accommodated in reception facilities at the end of October, while around 1,000 persons are estimated to squat outside formal accommodation, mainly in Una-Sana Canton (USC).

### October highlights

On 4 October, thanks to the commitment of the cantonal Ministry of Education, and the Sarajevo Canton government, 62 migrant children accommodated in the Temporary Reception Centre (TRC) Ušivak started classes in two elementary schools in the canton with support from UNICEF and World Vision (WV), while IOM

is providing support in terms of transportation and school meals on a daily basis.

The finalization of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP for outreach activities “Setting up of Referral Pathways Workshop” took place in Sarajevo, which was organized by the BiH Ministry of Security MoS), the Service for Foreigners’ Affairs (SFA) and IOM. The workshop further defined the procedures, roles and responsibilities of all partners involved in providing support to migrants outside official reception. Between 12 and 15 October, IOM organized training sessions for the Border Police, the SFA and management officers coordinating the police bodies of BiH in Bihać, USC, on the topics of assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR), protection, risks of irregular migration and cultural competency and awareness. The training served to improve the capacities of state authorities in the registration, screening and identification of vulnerable migrants, as well as in the management of reception facilities with the overall goal supporting state authorities to take charge of the emergency response.

On October 22, the SC government, the SC Ministry of Education, school principals and school teams from two schools attended by migrants and refugee children in the SC visited their counterparts in the USC with the aim of exchanging best practices at all levels, on the inclusion of migrant and refugee children in the formal education system.

### POPULATION GROUP OVERVIEW

Accommodated and Assisted at the end of October 2021

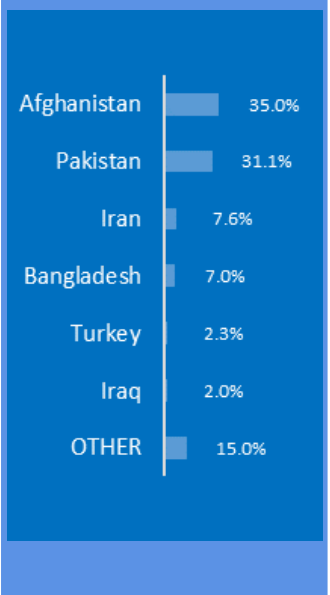
**71.3 %**  
Single adult males

**10.3 %**  
Children in families

**10.2 %**  
Women and girls

**4.5 %**  
Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC)

Top declared Countries of Origin of migrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers accommodated in BiH at the end of October 2021



As part of the visit, meetings were held with the USC Prime Minister, the USC Minister of Education, school principals and other school staff, UNICEF and SCI.



UNHCR partner Bosnia and Herzegovina Women's Initiative together with persons under international protection distributed food on 24 October, the United Nations Day © UNHCR 2021

On 24 October, the United Nations Day was celebrated to commemorate the anniversary of the official creation of the United Nations in 1945. The United Nations in BiH organized the first UN Festival in the National Museum of BiH in Sarajevo, promoting culture, creativity and creation, innovation and entrepreneurship, equality but also diversity. This year's UN Day is marked under the slogan #ImagineChange in BiH, which celebrates all those heroes and changemakers who are initiating positive changes in their communities. On the occasion of the UN Day, UNHCR Representative in BiH, Lucie Gagné, sent a video message showing the work of free legal aid partner Vaša Prava BiH in TRC Blažuj. On 26 October, IOM delivered a national presentation of its new policy on the full spectrum of return, readmission and reintegration.

The meeting gathered representatives of the MoS, SFA, Border Police (BP), Ministry of Human rights and Refugees, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs to which IOM provided an overview of the policy, which supports the adoption of a holistic approach to the issue of return, readmission and reintegration of migrants in a changing global migration governance landscape. IOM has been stepping up to support the return management operations from BiH, and in 2021, 173 migrants returned to their countries of origin through the AVRR programme. IOM's support focuses on strengthening the operational capacities of the Border Police, with the aim to increase border surveillance and prevent and combat smuggling of people and goods.

On 29 October, the recently appointed Head of Cooperation of the EU Delegation in BiH (EUD BiH), Stefano Ellero, joined the Head of Operations Section I of the EUD BiH, Nicolas Bizel and the Head of Policy DG NEAR, Frederick Swinnen and MoS/EUD Senior Migration Expert, Nino Hartl, and visited the Provisional Camp (PC) and the TRC Lipa set up to accommodate up to 1,500 people. On that occasion, the IOM Chief of Mission (CoM), Laura Lungarotti, the representatives of MoS and SFA provided an update of the joint efforts in the creation of reception facility. On the same day, the delegation visited TRC Borići where all the available services were presented and they had the opportunity to participate in a discussion focus group with migrants housed in the center.

On 28 and 29 October, the UNHCR Representative visited USC to participate in a ceremony to hand over a van to the Red Cross as a part of the project "Enhancing Social Cohesion in Communities Hosting People on the Move", which will be used to improve the implementation of outreach activities for both the local population and the migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees staying outside the reception centres in BiH.

## CENTRE COORDINATION AND CENTRE MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

In TRC Blažuj, representatives from the Ministry of Interior (MoI) and the MoS, together with the advisor to the Ambassador of Bangladesh, visited the TRC and had a short information meeting with the Camp Manager. Moreover, the CCCM held a meeting with IOM Area Coordinator and discussed about establishing a new sewing corner since this activity was well accepted among beneficiaries. During the month, Save the Children (SCI) escorted five minors who had been temporarily accommodated in TRC Blažuj, to the Reception Centre Duje (RC Duje), which is operated by the NGO International Forum of Solidarity - Emmaus and provides tailored assistance to UASC in BiH. On 13 October, representatives of the Austrian civil service, Minister Counsellor of the MoS BiH, the SFA Deputy Director and IOM National Outreach Coordinator visited the TRC and held a meeting with the Camp Manager, to discuss future cooperation and updates on migrations in the sub-region. In coordination with the SFA, one UASC was transported to the safe house in RC Duje, a total of 16 beneficiaries were transferred to AC Delijaš and in coordination with SCI, 13 UACS were transferred to TRC Ušivak.

In TRC Borići, several visits for partners and donors were organized during the month of October, including EUFOR Romania, the Competence Center for Humanitarian Negotiations (CCHM), the IOM Field Security Officer and the Security Coordinator of the area, the Evangelical Relief Agency (ERA) and Caritas. Lastly, a delegation of Italian Member of the Parliament (MEPs) visited the centre on 29 October and was welcomed by the SFA officials and the TRC management, who provided information on the assistance available there.

In TRC Miral, it was agreed that the SFA representatives will attend Complaint Councils to enhance receiving feedback and the general coordination, starting from October. In October, the IOM CCCM team held a meeting with representatives of the primary school in Vrnograč and with representatives of the local community, to discuss the construction of a children's playground for children with disabilities.

## Participation and Accountability to Affected Populations

IOM encourages the centre population to play an active role in decision-making process and activities that affect them. TRCs have [Community Representative Councils](#) and regular meetings are organized by IOM with partner agencies. These serve as a platform for discussion of TRC issues, conflict prevention and resolution, dialogues between different migrant groups and between the centre population and centre management.

In TRC Miral, a community representative meeting was held on 20 October, with the participation of the Chief inspector of SFA with the aim to provide migrants with information on governmental regulations, policies and strategies on migration and assistance to them. The community representatives appreciated the opportunity to discuss the overall migration situation in and outside of the TRC, ask questions, appeal to certain changes they deem to be useful, suggest other changes and receive direct feedback from the SFA.

Community representatives will be nominating members for the Complaint Council from each nationality and will rotate after every two councils. One representative of the SFA will attend each Complaint Council meeting.

In TRC Ušivak, IOM organized a cleaning action of the open spaces in the family area in which migrants from different communities also took part. Community representatives gave positive feedback. During several meetings held in the TRC, the representative of Afghanistan expressed gratitude for the existence of the social corner where women can practice fitness, yoga or aerobics. Additionally, migrants expressed gratitude for the COVID-19 vaccination campaign and the recent inclusion of children in the local school programme. Lastly, in October, during the weekly community representatives

meeting, residents suggested weekly visits of containers by IOM to motivate migrants to keep their containers, bathroom, toilets, and outdoor area as clean as possible.

In TRC Borići, the community representatives called for the organization of more sports and dance activities, as well as sewing activities to which IOM and other partner organization will respond accordingly.

## PROTECTION

### Asylum and Registration

During the period, 34 asylum claims were registered by the MoS/Sector for Asylum (SfA). 129 asylum claims were registered so far in 2021, representing a 42 per cent decrease compared to the same period in 2020. At the end of October, 91 people were identified by UNHCR awaiting registration in BiH. Access to asylum continues to be restrictive in BiH, with current registration rates far below those of previous years. The average processing time from registration of an asylum claim to the first-instance decision made at the case level was 444 days for the first-instance decisions issued in October. In October 2021 a first person from single male TRC Miral was registered, which UNHCR has been continuously advocating for.

### Child Protection

A total of 161 guardianships were assigned to unaccompanied children by Centres for Social Welfare (CSW) and WV with UNICEF support in SC and 124 children were supported in TRCs Borići and Ušivak through case management.

In USC, SCI continued to support refugee and migrant children with access and enrolment into schools. In total, 91 children were enrolled in three elementary schools in Bihać and one child in a secondary school. Through 53 non-formal workshops and education, SCI reached 91 children and 54 parents. A total of 561 children on the move (122 girls in families, 157 boys in families and 281 UASC) benefited from on-site 24/7 protection support as well as non-formal and recreational activities, including through CFS in TRC Ušivak (in partnership with WV) and in Borići (in partnership with LAN and SCI) during the month of October. A total of 196 children benefited from 215 activities organized in CFS in TRCs Ušivak and Borići.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**91** persons awaiting registration of their asylum claim with the assistance of UNHCR/Vaša Prava

**129** asylum claims pending at the end of October

**12** individuals residing in Una-Sana Canton registered asylum claims. This is a notable increase compared to the previous months.

**561** children on the move from on-site 24/7 protection support as well as non-formal and recreational activities, including through the Child-Friendly Space (CFS) in TRC Ušivak (in partnership with World Vision) and in TRC Borići (in partnership with LAN and SCI)

**196** children benefitted from CFS activities in October

**33** adolescents referred by UNFPA team in TRC Ušivak to their legal guardians due to the perceived need for medical intervention, clothing and documentation.

## Gender-based Violence

In October, UNFPA identified 43 new GBV cases of which 28 cases were within the female population while 15 survivors were men. Different types of violence have been reported to UNFPA team, most of the reported cases are related to psychological and physical violence, however, UNFPA also observed and provided support to a single case of rape and a case of juvenile/forced marriage. GBV case management was provided in accordance with psychosocial, medical, legal aid and security needs of the individual cases of survivors. The total number of GBV cases followed up by UNFPA team is 122. Also, 58 cases were closed due to longer inactivity and protracted absence from TRCs. Individual counselling interviews were held by UNFPA team for five LGBT+ people with the aim of empowering and reducing high-risk behaviors, preventing sexually transmitted diseases and protecting against Gender-based violence.

## Protection Outreach

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) outreach Protection teams, in out-of-site areas identified 464 migrants and asylum-seekers in need (53 women, 176 children (116 boys and 60 girls), and 235 adult males and referred them (673 referrals conducted) to various services in TRCs, including accommodation (401 referrals), transportation (165 referrals), NFI (41 referrals), child protection (27 referrals).

The outreach Protection activities are implemented country-wide (USC, Sarajevo and Tuzla) through the deployment of six mobile teams conducting regular protection monitoring activities, identification and referral, as well as the distribution of food and non-food items.

In every week during October, SCI outreach teams across the country reached from 45 to 82 potential UASC outside of TRCs. The main nationality of the UASC was Afghanistan. The increased influx of UASC previously registered in TRC Ušivak is still ongoing, highlighting that there is a great turnover of UASCs in the squat in Velika Kladuša. During October, an increased influx of people on the move was noticed, including UASC coming from Africa. SCI, DRC and IOM outreach teams regularly provided assistance such as psychosocial support and information on the possibility of accommodation and continued to provide those in need with NFI.

In October, 57 UASC were identified in front of TRCs Miral and Borići by UNICEF/SCI Child Protection (CP) team, out of which 16 UASC agreed to accommodation in the Centre for Children and Youth (CCY) of the RC Duje. Another 43 UASC were identified at checkpoint Velečevo by UNICEF/CSW. UASC identified in front of TRCs and at the checkpoint often include vulnerable categories such as neuropsychiatric cases, children below 15 years of age, and children with various skin infections.

The restriction on movement in USC and the ban on using public transport for migrants and asylum-seekers is still in place. A total of 514 migrants and asylum-seekers were disembarked in Velečevo in October. In October, the IOM outreach mobile team provided 12,904 services to migrants identified outside of the official reception facilities, including: 5,555 information sessions, 3,942 Psychological First Aid and 217 transportation services to 833 migrants. A total of 754

migrants accepted accommodation and were transported to various reception facilities, out of which 282 to TRC Borići, 10 to TRC Ušivak, 28 to CCY Duje, 8 to TRC Miral, and 426 to PC Lipa.

The IOM and UNHCR teams conducted four joint activities 'Communication with Communities'. A total of 335 migrants were profiled in outreach locations and transit points in Velika Kladuša, and Cazin area, in USC, including 39 families with 182 members, out of whom 79 were adults and 103 were toddlers, 6 were UASC, and 147 adult men. Out of the total, 78 per cent were from Afghanistan, followed by 18 per cent from Pakistan, and 4 per cent from Iraq.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**43** new GBV cases were identified and assisted in Sarajevo and USC by UNFPA. Newly identified cases were predominantly women survivors (28), while 15 survivors were male.

**122** GBV cases received follow-up by UNFPA GBV Case Managers, with 58 cases closed due to inactivity and protracted absence from TRCs.

**9** work plans developed by UNFPA Case Managers to meet survivor's needs and provide interagency support, whereas **9** safety plans were developed with the aim of increasing the survivor's sense of security.

**3,765** assistances were provided by DRC Protection Outreach Teams assisting **464** PoCs in need through protection referrals country wide and assistances through distribution of food and non-food items to men, women and children sleeping rough or reporting pushbacks from Croatia.

**12,904** services were provided to migrants identified outside of official reception facilities by IOM outreach mobile teams.

In October, IOM facilitated the return of 13 migrants (4 to Morocco, 4 to Pakistan, 2 to Iraq, 1 to Turkey, 1 to Algeria, and 1 to Bangladesh). Furthermore, 1,809 migrants were reached by IOM AVRR outreach staff in BiH (190 in centres and 1,619 outside centres). The Outreach Team was present in TRCs/PC, promoting migrants' rights and informed decision on voluntary return and reintegration options and counselling relevant to their decision. Information also include data on mobility restrictions and can be accessed on web page developed for [AVRR information campaign](#) as well as Facebook page [Support for Migrants](#).



IOM/AVRR and UNHCR teams in joint outreach in USC © IOM 2021

## SHELTER

### [Sarajevo Canton and Herzegovina-Neretva Canton](#)

**TRC Ušivak** (opened in October 2018) IOM maintenance staff started the set-up of two containers for the centre operational needs: one for the multifunctional team of the Center for Social Welfare (CWS) who works with UASCs, and the other for the IOM outreach team.

**TRC Blažuj** (opened in December 2019) IOM with the support of an external company placed gravel and a stabilization pad at the entrance to the centre, on the plateau in front of the SFA building with the aim of installing new tents to accommodate the new migrants. In addition, IOM built a wheelchair ramp at the entrance to the DRC building.

**Salakovac Refugee Reception Centre (RRC)** (opened in 2000) provides accommodation to asylum-seekers and refugees.

**Delijaš Asylum Centre (AC)** (opened in 2014), in Trnovo Municipality, exclusively accommodates individuals who have sought asylum in BiH.

### [Una-Sana Canton](#)

**TRC Borići** (opened in January 2019). With lower temperatures approaching, a total of 26 electric heaters were distributed to migrants throughout the centre, including the isolation zones.

**TRC Miral** (opened in October 2018), with the approaching wintertime, IOM maintenance staff transferred 800 litres of fuel for the purpose of accommodation units heating.

**TRC Sedra** (opened in August 2018 and closed on 30 August 2021 – pending final approval by the Council of Ministers of BiH)

**Lipa site** (opened in January 2021) IOM delivered a total of 160 beds to the SFA for use in the new TRC Lipa, which were assembled and placed into accommodation units. The finishing works of the centre continued in view of the opening, in particular for the connection of the generator to the pumping station, the excavation of trenches for new walls on the plateaus, the preparation of canals, and the installation of pillars and the arrangement of fences. Lastly, in October, representatives of the Islamic Community visited the site to arrange for the donation of three sanitary containers. The representatives of the Red Cross City of Bihać and IOM visited the new TRC Lipa to finalize works related to the electrical systems and mandatory certification.”

### [Other Cantons](#)

SCI continued to support the SFA in ensuring additional shelter for UASC identified out of reception centres across BiH. In October, CCY in R Duje (Tuzla Canton) hosted 52 children, representing a 3 per cent increase compared to September.



Works on arrangements of fences in TRC Lipa © IOM 2021

IOM provides NFIs for newly arriving migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers in all TRCs. A NFI distribution system is in place and operational with set schedules displaying distribution times. IOM provides NFI welcome kits, after which individual NFIs refills are provided. NFIs include items such as clothing, footwear, hygiene products, clean bed sheets and linen, or medical items per need. NFIs also include packages for hospitalized migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers, which contain pyjamas, slippers, a towel and other items necessary for hospital stays. Specially prepared baby packages and other items are available based on needs. All new arrivals in pre-registration or in isolation are provided with hygiene packages (including soap, shampoo, shower gel, toilet paper, tissues) as well as clothes when needed.

In October, IOM distributed a total of 34,311 individual items to 3,236 persons.

Furthermore, through the Women and Girls Center (WGC) and Boys and Young Men Centers (BYMC), UNFPA continued to distribute modern contraceptives and hygienic products. In October, UNFPA distributed 96 dignity kits and 126 contraceptives for women. In addition, 192 condoms were distributed, and 59 dignity kits were distributed through BYMC.

DRC supported in 3,765 assistances through distribution of emergency food and non-food items.

In October, several donations of NFIs were recorded by various organization and international and local NGOs, as follows:

In TRC Borići: used clothes for women and children by the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS); 88 packets with dry food, dates, fruit compote, almonds, water, and raisins for children, and 100 hygiene packages for women and men by Evangelical Relief Agency (ERA); 41 scarfs, 15 hats and 22 pairs of gloves for 0-6 year old children by the Caritas of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Banja Luka; new clothes for women, children and men by the US based Refugee Network;

In TRC Blažuj: blankets by the Islamic Relief distributed with welcome packages; 1800 packages of plastic spoons and cups by a local company.

In TRC Ušivak: 250 hygienic packages composed of donation items.

### Outreach

IOM/Red Cross outreach teams continued to provide food and NFI packages, PPE, such as facial masks, single use gloves, and disinfection gels. The NFIs included clothes, hygiene items, sleeping bags, backpacks, shoes, jackets and raincoats. The IOM outreach team handed over 350 non-food items (NFIs) for distribution to migrants identified nearby TRC Miral, who stated they had been involved in alleged pushback cases. Consequently, a total of 259 NFIs were distributed to 44 migrants for the mentioned purpose, including 108 hygiene items, 39 pairs of shoes, 34 jackets, and 78 clothing.



IOM Outreach team shares food and NFI items © IOM 2021



IOM Outreach team screening beneficiaries in USC ©IOM 2021

## HIGHLIGHTS

**NFI**

**34,311**

NFI distributed in TRCs

**343**

NFI distributed in outreach by IOM/  
Red Cross



**96**

Dignity kits distributed by UNFPA

**126**

Contraceptives distributed by UNFPA

To set up WASH services at par with the minimum SPHERE standards, IOM dedicates significant efforts to maintenance and repair, particularly of WASH containers and infrastructure, as damages frequently occur in the TRCs. Regular repairs and replacements include sink faucets, toilet tanks and pipes, shower faucets, flushers and water taps. The four TRCs have functional laundry systems for the washing of bedding/sheets and beneficiaries' clothes. IOM continues to support all TRCs in BiH with vector and pest control activities. Disinfection, disinfestation and de-rating (DDD) measures are conducted on a weekly basis.

**TRC Borići** has 40 toilets and 32 showers. Hot water and drinking water are available. 15 washing machines are installed and operational.

**TRC Miral** has 64 toilets and 34 showers, including five separated toilets and showers for UASC. Drinking water is available in the centre. Seven washing machines are fully operational.

**TRC Ušivak** has 47 toilets and 36 showers and facilities are separated by sex. Hot water and drinking water are available at the centre.

**TRC Blažuj** has 80 toilets and 97 showers. Hot water and drinking water are available.

**PC Lipa** has a total of 40 portable ecological toilets and 21 showers with warm water installed.

## HIGHLIGHTS



271

Toilets available in TRCs/PC



220

Showers available in TRCs/PC



3,496

Beneficiaries assisted with laundry services



17,408

Hygiene items distributed in TRCs, and

## FOOD AND NUTRITION

### Meal distribution in centres

IOM and partners (Red Cross in USC/Salakovac; and Pomozi.ba in SC) continued to support the provision of three meals and two fruit snacks per day. Meals are prepared in line with international standards that guarantee sufficient nutritional calorie intake. 127,955 meals were prepared in October, out of which 34,454 in USC, 93,222 in SA canton and 93 in Salakovac. In October, UNFPA BYMC distributed over 2200 drinks and 41 boxes of dates and biscuits to adolescents and young men participating in regular Boys and Young Men activities.

### Improvements based on community feedback

IOM ensures that fully equipped kitchens are available in TRCs so that migrants can prepare their own food if they wish. In TRC Ušivak, upon migrant's request, the menu has changed, in coordination with Pomozi.ba. In TRC Miral, IOM and the Red Cross agreed to connect with the local baker to address migrants' complaint about the bread served. Lastly, the changes recently requested by migrants regarding the menu will be operational starting from the beginning of November.

### Persons with special dietary requirements

Partner agencies also made sure that all persons with special diet needs were assisted. This included special meals for vegetarians and those with various diseases (such as diabetics, Chron's disease etc.).

### Infant and Young Child Feeding Counselling

UNICEF with partner Fenix facilitated an online information session for UNICEF/SCI child protection staff on the importance of breastfeeding during emergencies, the activities of mother-baby corners, key standards related to Infant and Young Child Feeding in emergencies and provided support to new mothers and pregnant women. In addition, workshops were organized for parents and children who deal with self-care, mother's hygiene and creativity. In October, a total of 114 children under five and 100 parents benefited from Mother and Baby Corner (MBC) services in both USC and SC. Last month, 255 baby milk formulas were distributed for 31 babies, and 310 complementary baby meals prepared for 96 babies.

### Donations

No donation in food was recorded during the month of October.

### Outreach

In addition to the above, the IOM/Red Cross outreach team also distributed food items to migrants residing out of reception facilities.

In September, the outreach mobile team distributed a total of 454 food items, including 175 bottles of water (0.5l) and 279 packs of menthol bonbons. Additionally, 151 loaves of bread, donated by TRC Borići, were also distributed to migrants identified in outreach locations and transit in USC.

## General

In October, the DRC, established fully equipped Dentistry units in TRCs Blažuj and Ušivak. In order to gain insight into the health condition and possible presence of urological problems, the UNFPA urologist, in addition to sessions at the BYMC, regularly visited the adolescents' accommodation units in TRC Usivak, informing and giving advice to 85 adolescent residents.

## COVID-19

In October, 3,699 entry screenings for COVID-19 symptoms were performed in TRC/RRC/PC by DRC. A total of 588 migrants were vaccinated with Astra Zeneca vaccine in BiH (461 with first dose and 127 with second dose).

At the end of the month, 97 migrants were accommodated in preventive isolation in USC and SC TRCs and 39 migrants were isolated in symptomatic isolation, out of which 10 were active cases of COVID-19. 97 migrants were tested on COVID-19 during the month of October, out of which 14 were positive.

The UNFPA team provided translation support during the COVID-19 vaccination process in TRC Blazuj. In addition, 17 COVID-19 and health awareness raising sessions in SC for 172 adolescents and young men within the centres were conducted, while 503 counselling sessions were provided by UNFPA team in out of reception sites.



Gyneacologist examination in Bihać Health Care Centre © UNFPA 2021

## Primary and Secondary Healthcare

A total of 3,825 examinations were performed in five temporary medical units in six TRCs/PC, including Salakovac. 2,035 direct medical interventions performed by Primary Health Care (PHC) medical teams were conducted in coordination with DRC. In addition, 3,961 individuals were medically attended directly by DRC staff.

In October, 83 referrals towards specialized healthcare in PHC and 79 towards Secondary Health Care (SHC) were conducted, while 16 hospitalizations were realized for patients in need of SHC. DRC implementing partner JRS, provided assistance/

medical escorts to 291 patients through 530 medical accompaniments to primary and secondary care facilities in USC, SC and Herzegovina-Neretva Canton (HNC).

Main conditions observed in October were respiratory system diseases (21%), symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (15%), skin diseases and subcutaneous tissue (14%), digestive diseases symptoms (12%), diseases of the musculoskeletal system, and connective tissue (10%).

## Healthcare provided by outreach teams

DRC in Tuzla regularly visited key spots and shelters where migrants are sleeping in the rough and completed 129 direct medical interventions. In addition, six individuals were referred to SHC. In USC, 332 interventions were performed. A total of 23 referrals were conducted PHC/SHC, as well as 104 referrals for accommodation in TRCs. Moreover, six RC mobile teams in partnership with DRC continued implementing outreach health activities, primarily in enhancing the provision of first aid and strengthening the referral process towards public health institutions. In October, 1,517 individuals were assisted through 1,218 first aid assistances and 543 PSS first aid consultations.

## Mental Healthcare

Médecins du Monde (MdM) continued implementing Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support (MHPSS) activities for the adult male population. MdM assisted 279 new direct beneficiaries. A total of 155 mental health consultations and 97 group empowerment sessions were conducted in four TRCs for 657 participants. Furthermore, a total of 105 psychiatric care consultations were conducted, with further 9 referrals to psychiatrists. The most dominant conditions observed by MdM during individual counselling sessions were anxiety-related symptoms, psychoactive substance abuse, mood-related complaints, sleeping complaints and functionality issues.

During October, UNFPA implemented 150 individual sessions with women and girls, treating general exhaustion, anxiety and loss of psychological resistance, post-traumatic conditions and working on the negative effects of unwanted traditional and religious practices on women. In total, 66 women and girls were assisted through group PSS sessions covering thematic units such as peer support techniques and self-help skills learning. Furthermore, psychological support was provided for seven mothers through the Young Mothers Club.

UNFPA intervened and assisted in 21 crises situations closely related to previous traumatic experiences including a specific case of acute psychotic personality disorder, two cases with previously identified epileptic seizures and women with continuous panic attacks and/or suicidal thoughts for which two referrals for neuropsychiatrist were conducted. GBV Case Managers provided first psychological support to 19 male survivors of GBV.

UNICEF/MdM teams provided 19 individual psychological counselling sessions and organized 11 group sessions for a total of 26 children.



## Pediatric Healthcare

During the month of October, a total of 232 children were examined in out of reception in USC, out of which 39 UASC and 29 children aged 0-12 months. 22 school age children were ensured pre-school medical examinations as part of the support to access to formal education.

UNICEF/DRC, together with the DRC outreach Protection team, visited families residing at out of site locations requiring urgent pediatric services. A total of 232 children aged 0-17 years were ensured counselling. In October 1,223 children benefited from health care services provided by UNICEF/DRC pediatric team in TRCs Ušivak and Borići with 810 parents counselled on the importance of immunization while 38 children were provided with dental care. Furthermore, 600 children benefited from awareness raising materials in TRCs Ušivak and Borići ensured through UNICEF/DRC pediatric units.

## Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (SRH)

In October, 96 women and adolescent girls participated in eight SRH sessions organized by UNFPA gynaecologists about contraception, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), menstrual cycle, raising awareness on breast cancer and self-examination. Following individual consultations, 26 women and girls underwent detailed SRH examinations in the local health clinics. According to the identified need, SRH supplements were distributed to 40 women.



SRH sessions provided to women and girls who reside outside of reception centres © UNFPA 2021

Moreover, in October, UNFPA organized a total 20 SRH urological sessions reaching 193 adolescents and young men and 29 of them were individually consulted.

The key topics included prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, topics of erectile function and dysfunction, causes of disorders, as well as self-examination in preventing testicular torsion.

In accordance with the observed interest for family planning services, the UNFPA urologist educated eight participants in USC TRCs on topics of protection of unwanted pregnancy and natural contraception methods. Following individual consultations, 17 adolescents and young men underwent SRH urological examination at the local health clinics.

Moreover, DRC provided assistance to a total of three pregnant women while three new pregnancies were reported, whereas 14 SRH related consultations were conducted in the reporting month. Furthermore, five health care visits to SHC were realized by DRC.

### HIGHLIGHTS



**3,825**  
PHC Examinations  
in October



**2,035**  
PHC Interventions supported  
by DRC in October



**40**  
Women supported with SRH services by  
UNFPA and DRC in October



**28**  
SRH sessions provided for adult men,  
adolescents and UASC by UNFPA in October

**429** individual MHPSS sessions and **108** group  
MHPSS sessions provided to women, men and  
children by DRC, MdM, UNFPA and UNICEF

## Educational activities

On 18 October, following the opening of the two Fashion Corners in TRCs Ušivak and Blažuj in the Sarajevo Canton (SC), the first Fashion Corner in USC was also officially opened in TRC Miral, where migrants will have the opportunity to use the equipped space to learn and improve their sewing skills by contributing to the development of the “Made in BiH by people on the move” brand, under the guidance of the IOM Fashion Corner Coordinator. During October the GBV Case managers in Canton Sarajevo and Una Sana Canton finalized six series of workshops on Gender-based violence for 71 male residents and 15 female residents. UNFPA Case Managers developed nine work plans to meet survivor’s needs and provide interagency support, whereas nine safety plans were developed with the aim of increasing the survivor’s sense of security.

UNFPA BYMC in SC and USC conducted 35 Boys on The Move educational sessions with 314 adolescent and young men participations. In addition, the UNFPA teams recorded 1,138 participations of adolescent boys and young men in all other Boys on the Move methodology sessions including language classes, computer science and math classes, art and creative sessions, thematic discussions, board games and sport activities. As part of the mentioned activities, 30 adolescents were included through four regular IT weekly sessions in TRC Ušivak, while UNFPA team in TRC Miral held five “Health Exercise” activities for 30 male residents with the aim of raising awareness of importance of physical activity and exercise, and the immediate/long-term positive health benefits. In October, the UNFPA teams within the WGC implemented 71 empowerment sessions with 402 women and adolescent participations, offering relaxing, artistic and motivating group activities. As part of the UNFPA empowerment activities, and in cooperation with the local non-governmental organization "Obojena klapa", 14 women and girls from different countries painted the outdoor space of the WGC in TRC Ušivak. Additionally, UNFPA worked on improving women and girls’ communication skills by organizing seven language sessions for 134 women and girls. Lastly, UNFPA organized a set of creative workshops with women and girls in TRC Borići marking “Halloween”. Lastly, 111 children have been included in non-formal education activities, including the Akelius Digital Language course implemented in partnership with WV in SC and SCI in USC.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**111** children have been included in non-formal education activities including the Akelius digital language course implemented by UNICEF in partnership with WV in Sarajevo Canton and SCI in Una-Sana Canton.

**62** children have started attending two local primary schools in Sarajevo Canton.

## Recreational activities

Istituto Pace Sviluppo Innovazione ACLI (IPSIA) together with Bihać Touristic Association and Caritas Ambrosiana implemented a tree planting project in different areas of the city of Bihać. Local youth, but also migrants from TRC Borići were all involved in tree planting activities. Moreover, a new gym activity in PC Lipa started and will be held few times a week.

On 12 October a concert of migrant musicians from Guinea was held in TRC Miral entitled "Talents of people in movement". The event was organized by IOM in coordination with SFA, UNFPA, the "Žene sa Une" and migrants. A presentation of the traditional dance of migrants from Pakistan was also organized, as well as a joint meeting with autumn sweets and hot drinks.



IT session in Women and Girls Centre in TRC Ušivak © UNFPA 2021



Preparation for Halloween in Women and Girls Centre in TRC Borići © UNFPA 2021

IOM security staff are present daily in TRCs, working to prevent and respond to safety and security risks and incidents, in cooperation with the SFA inspectors and contracted private security guards. Inspections and internal investigations of thefts and misconduct are regularly carried out and recorded. Video surveillance or other distant monitoring mechanisms are in place in the TRCs. IOM Security Assistants (SA) regularly support outreach and DTM teams in field activities by providing guidance and support in the implementation of risks management measures and security protocols.

In TRC Borići, to strengthen security and safety in the TRC, the security company completed the repair and installation of the CCTV system surveillance system, which now covers a wider surveillance range and all areas around the centre.

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### TRC incidents

No other mayor incidents were recorder in October.

## TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

IOM has on-call mobile teams available 24/7 for assistance and transportation of migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers. These include transportation for medical cases to hospitals, for children going to school, for vulnerable and injured persons heading to centres identified by outreach teams, for asylum-seekers going to asylum interviews, and for transfers at the request of the SFA.

In October, the organized transports included 291 to medical facilities, 14 to SFA, 105 for education purposes, 33 outreach and 107 others (which also includes transports between TRCs), in both USC and SC. In addition to that, the IOM outreach teams carried out 499 transports for 1860 migrants and asylum seekers.



IOM Outreach team organizing transport for families to reception facilities © IOM 2021



IOM Outreach team orgnaizing transport for migrants and asylum-seekers in USC @IOM 2021

## HIGHLIGHTS



**1,049** transports carried out for **3,502** migrants and asylum-seekers persons

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#### LINKS

UNHCR Data Portal: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mediterranean>

UNHCR Help: <https://help.unhcr.org/bosniaandherzegovina/>

IOM Data Portal: <http://migration.iom.int/europe/>

IOM Support for Migrants Application: <http://supportformigrants.com/>

IOM AVRR Information: <https://bih.iom.int/assisted-voluntary-return>

IOM Migration Response: <https://bih.iom.int/iom-migration-response>

Media guidelines: <https://bih.iom.int/pbn/reporting-migration-and-refugees-brochure>

Asylum Information Brochure: [https://issuu.com/unhcrsee/docs/information\\_for\\_as\\_in\\_bih](https://issuu.com/unhcrsee/docs/information_for_as_in_bih)



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LOCATION																					
Bosnia and Herzegovina without Una-Sana Canton												Una-Sana Canton							TOTALS		
	RRC Salakovac	AC Dojlas	TRC Ušvak	TRC Blažuj	Imm. Ctr.	MFS-Emmaus	Awaiting asylum in private accommodation	Outreach observed average # of people in SC	Outreach observed average # of people in TC	Outreach observed average # of people Other locations	# of people outside formal accommodation in BH without USC according to DTM Mobility Tracking on 28 September	TRC Miral	TRC Borici	TRC Sredra	PC Lipa	Žene sa Una SH	Awaiting asylum in private accommodation	Outreach observed average # of people in USC	# of people outside formal accommodation in USC according to DTM Mobility Tracking on 28 September	Total in BH Accommodated	Total in BH Estimated
KEY POPULATION # AND ESTIMATES (Population numbers below are a mixture of estimates and counts, depending on location. The numbers below are the most recent available. It must be kept in mind that populations fluctuate daily and the below is a snapshot at the end of the month)																					
Total Number	0	18	387	1287	67	8	96	242	67	0	213	394	321		387	3	10	483	888	2978	4175
# of males		10	261	1287	64	8	68	47	34	-		394	179		387	2	10			2670	
# of females		8	126		3	0	28	32	1	-			142			1	0			308	
# single adult men			23	1274			43	25	31	-		382	3		387	2	10			2124	
# of families		4	76	0			18	18	1	-			87							185	
# of children in families		10	116	0	0	0	22	25	0	-			160							308	
# of UASCs		0	97	13	0	8	2	2	2	-		12	1			0	0			133	
# of asylum-seekers	0	0	12	5	2	1	79	68	26	-		1	14		0	3	7			124	
# of persons awaiting asylum registration	0	3	14	18	0	2	17	11	9	-		5	27		2	0	3			91	
WHO DOES WHAT AND WHERE (3W)																					
Shelter	MHR/ MoS/AS/ UNHCR	MoS/AS/ UNHCR	SFA, IOM	SFA, IOM	MoS, SFA	MoS, SFA	-	-	Put			SFA, IOM	SFA, IOM	IOM	MoS, SFA	Žu/DR/ UNHCR	-				
Centre Management	MHR/ MoS/AS	MoS/AS	SFA, IOM	SFA, IOM	MoS, SFA	MFS Emmaus	-	-	-			SFA, IOM	SFA, IOM	SFA, IOM	SFA	Žu	-				
Protection	UNHCR/ BHW/VP, UNICEF/ WV, CSW	MoS/AS, UNHCR/ BHW/VP, CSW	UNHCR/VP, DRC, UNICEF/ WV, MIM IOM, UNFPA	UNHCR/VP, DRC, UNICEF/ WV, MIM IOM, UNFPA, Save the Children	UNHCR/ BHW/VP, CSW	SCL, MFS Emmaus	UNHCR/ VP/ BHW/VP	UNHCR/ VP/ BHW/VP, DRC	UNHCR/ VP/ BHW/VP, DRC	UNHCR/ VP/ BHW/VP, DRC		UNHCR/VP, DRC, UNICEF/ ŽIC, IOM, CSW, UNFPA	UNHCR/VP, DRC, UNICEF/ ŽIC/NGO LAN, IOM, CSW, UNFPA/MIM	UNHCR/VP, DRC, UNICEF/ ŽIC/NGO LAN, IOM, CSW, UNFPA/MIM	IOM, UNHCR, SCI	Žu, DRC/VP/UNHCR	UNHCR/VP/ BHW/VP	DRC, UNICEF/ ŽIC			
Health	MoS/AS, UNHCR, DZ, CH, DRC, UNICEF	MoS/AS/ UNHCR, DZ, CH, DRC	UNICEF, DRC, DZ, CH, UNFPA	DRC, RC, DZ, CH	SFA, DZ	MFS Emmaus	-	DRC, RC	DRC, RC	DRC, RC		DRC, DZ, CH, JRS, MIM	DRC, JRS, MIM, UNICEF, DZ, CH	DRC, JRS, MIM, UNICEF, DZ, CH	Public Health Institute USC, DRC	DRC, DZ, CH	-	DRC, RC			
Non-food items	IOM, RC, UNHCR/ BHW/VP, UNICEF, WV	MoS/AS/ UNHCR/ BHW/VP, Caritas	IOM, Pomoci.ba UNHCR/ BHW/VP, UNICEF/ WV, UNFPA	IOM, Pomoci.ba UNICEF/ WV, RC, DRC	MoS/SFA	SCI, MFS Emmaus	-	DRC	DRC	DRC		CoBRC, IOM, DRC, UNICEF	CoBRC, IOM, UNFPA, UNICEF/ ŽIC/ Fenix	IOM, UNFPA, UNICEF/ ŽIC/ Fenix	SOS BiHac, RC BiHac, RC USC, IOM	Žu	-	DRC, RC			
WASH	MHR/ MoS, UNHCR/ BHW/VP, UNICEF, WV	MoS/AS/ UNHCR	IOM	IOM	MoS/SFA	MFS Emmaus	Caritas	Pomoci.ba				IOM	IOM	IOM	SFA, IOM	Žu	-				
Security/Safety	MHR/ UNHCR	MoS/AS/ UNHCR	MoS/ SFA	MoS/ SFA	MoS/SFA	MFS Emmaus	-	N/A				MoS/ SFA	MoS/ SFA	MoS/ SFA	MoS/SFA, IOM	Žu	-				
Transport/ Logistics	MHR/ UNHCR/ BHW/VP, IOM	MoS/AS/ UNHCR/ BHW/VP, IOM	IOM	IOM	IOM	MFS Emmaus	-	-	-			IOM	IOM	IOM	IOM, SFA, SOS BiHac	Žu, IOM	-				
Administrative/ Legal	MHR/ MoS/ SFA/ AS, UNHCR/VP	MoS/AS/ UNHCR/VP	MoS/ SFA, IOM, UNHCR/VP	MoS/ SFA, IOM, UNHCR/VP	MoS/SFA, UNHCR/VP	MoS/SFA, UNHCR/VP	VP	-	-			MoS/ SFA/ AS, IOM, UNHCR/VP	MoS/ SFA, IOM, UNHCR/VP	MoS/ SFA/ AS, IOM, UNHCR/VP	MoS/SFA, UNHCR, Vala Prava	Žu, VP	VP				
Education	UNHCR/ BHW/VP, UNICEF/ WV	MoS/AS/ UNHCR/ BHW/VP	UNICEF, WV	WV	-	MFS Emmaus, SCI	-	-	-			-	UNICEF/ ŽIC/NGO LAN, MoE, IOM	UNICEF/ ŽIC/NGO LAN, MoE, IOM, PSIA		UNICEF/ ŽIC/ MoE, IOM	-				
Food and nutrition	RC, IOM, UNICEF/ WV, UNHCR/ BHW/VP, Caritas	MoS/AS/ UNHCR, Caritas	Pomoci.ba, IOM UNICEF/ WV	Pomoci.ba, IOM	MoS/SFA	MFS Emmaus	-	Caritas, DRC		DRC		IOM/ CRC	IOM/ CoBRC, UNICEF/ Fenix/ ŽIC	IOM/ CRC, UNICEF/ Fenix/ ŽIC	Red Cross BH	Žu	-	DRC, RC			