



SITUATION REPORT #P7

14 July 2020

CONFIRMED CASES¹



7175

69_{BD}

RS ENTITY

3254

FBIH ENTITY

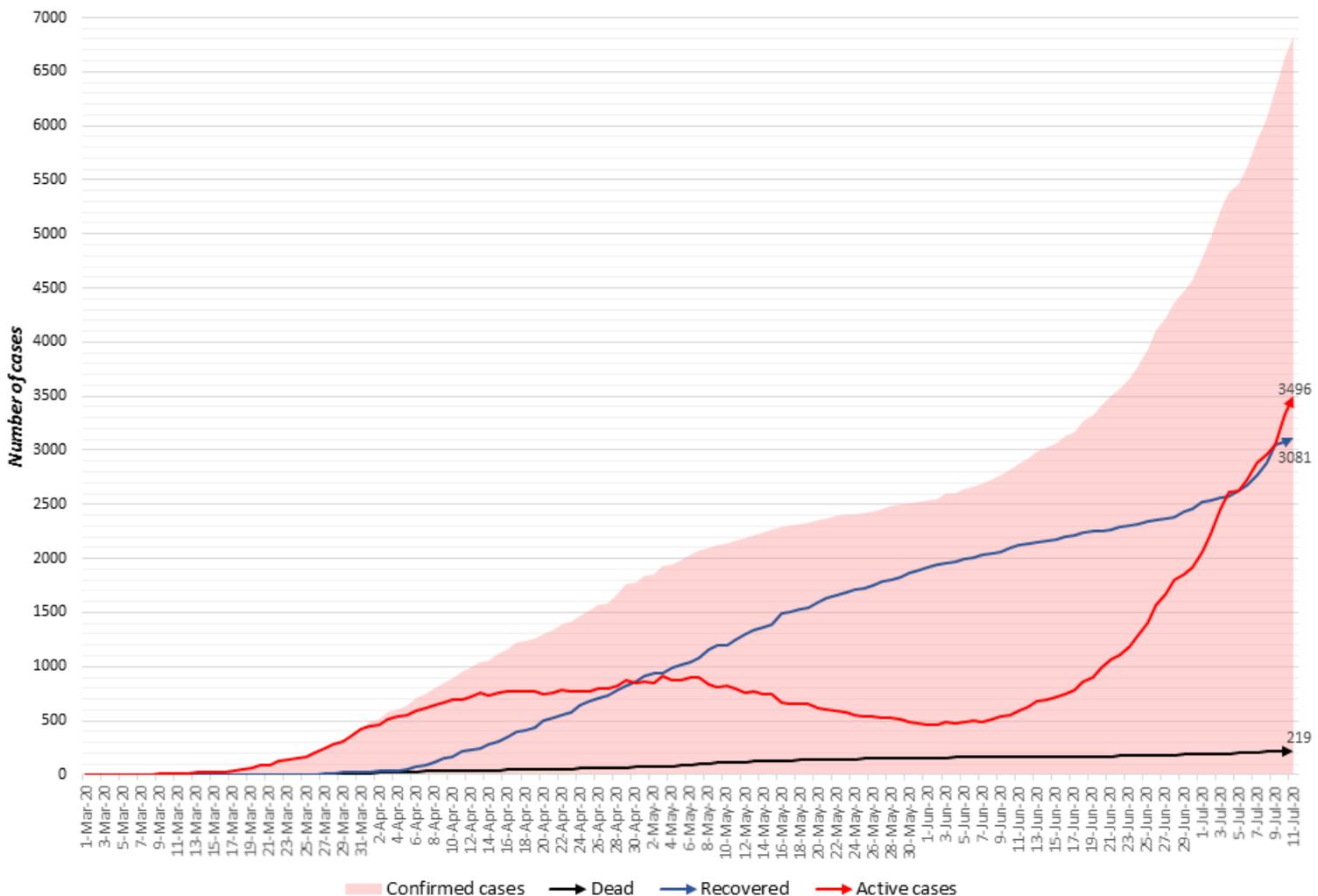
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DEATHS REPORTED AS
ASSOCIATED
WITH COVID-19

230

SITUATION SNAPSHOT AND RESPONSE

Overview of the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 12th



(Credit: WHO Country Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Sources: IPH FBiH, IPH RS, FMoH, MoCA)

¹ As reported on 14 July 2020 by 16:00hrs

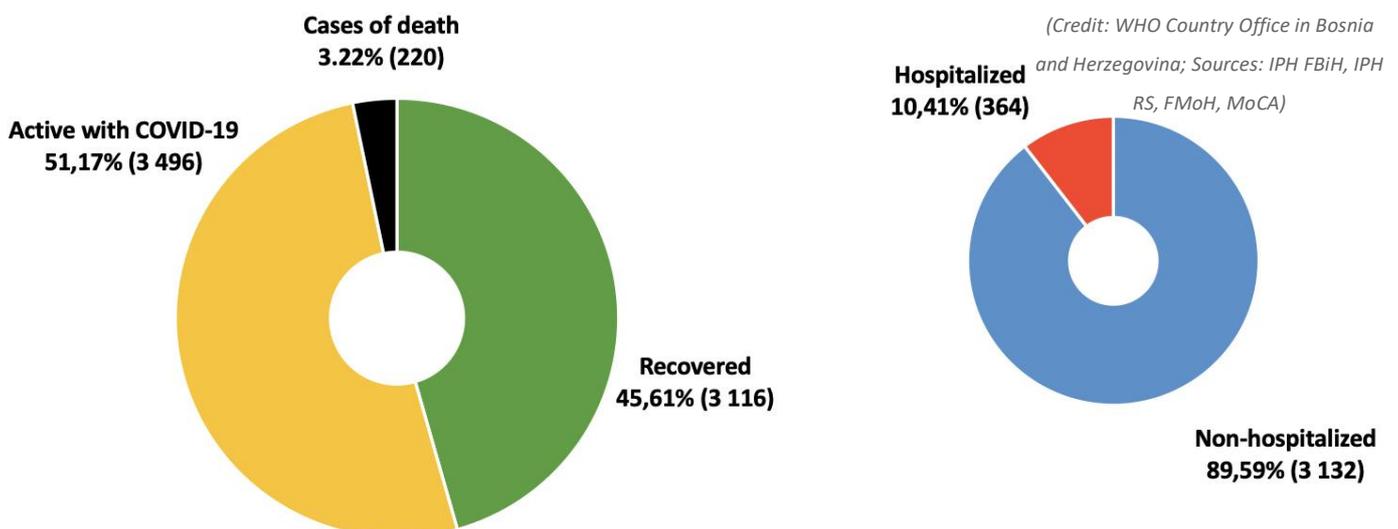
SITUATION OVERVIEW

The BiH Council of Ministers decision on State of Natural or Other Disaster (BiH's equivalent of „State of Emergency“) remains in place. At the entity levels, however, the previously declared State of Emergency in the RS was terminated on 20 May, and the State of Natural Disaster in FBiH was, likewise, lifted on 29 May. Curfews have been lifted across the entire territory of BiH, however mandatory requirement that everyone wear face masks in enclosed spaces/areas is still in place. BiH citizens entering into the country no longer need to observe self-isolation, while foreign citizens entering the country on business need to show a letter of invitation from a legal body/institution which is engaging that person, as well as certificate reflecting a negative COVID-19 test result that is not older than 48hours. Borders are open for citizens of Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia as of 1 June; air travel resumed. Due to the recent rise in numbers of new cases across the region, stricter measures upon entry apply for anyone coming from BiH into Montenegro and Slovenia. Croatia’s decision to close its borders for non-EU citizens caused repeated strong reactions from BiH.

While the numbers of new cases reported continues to break daily records across the country, authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina noted at different levels that re-introduction of lockdown measures is not discussed. Instead, discussions on possible measures to mitigate COVID-19 impact on the economic sector are in focus. Members of the joint Collegium of BiH Parliament’s House of Peoples and House of Representatives met with representatives of the FBiH Entity Employers Association and have announced operative meetings with the members of the FBiH Government with the aim to urgently adopt another set of immediate measures for mitigating the COVID19 impact and preservation of jobs. At the same time, FBiH Government adopted decision to distribute 33 million BAM for subventions of contributions for workers (covering the month of April).

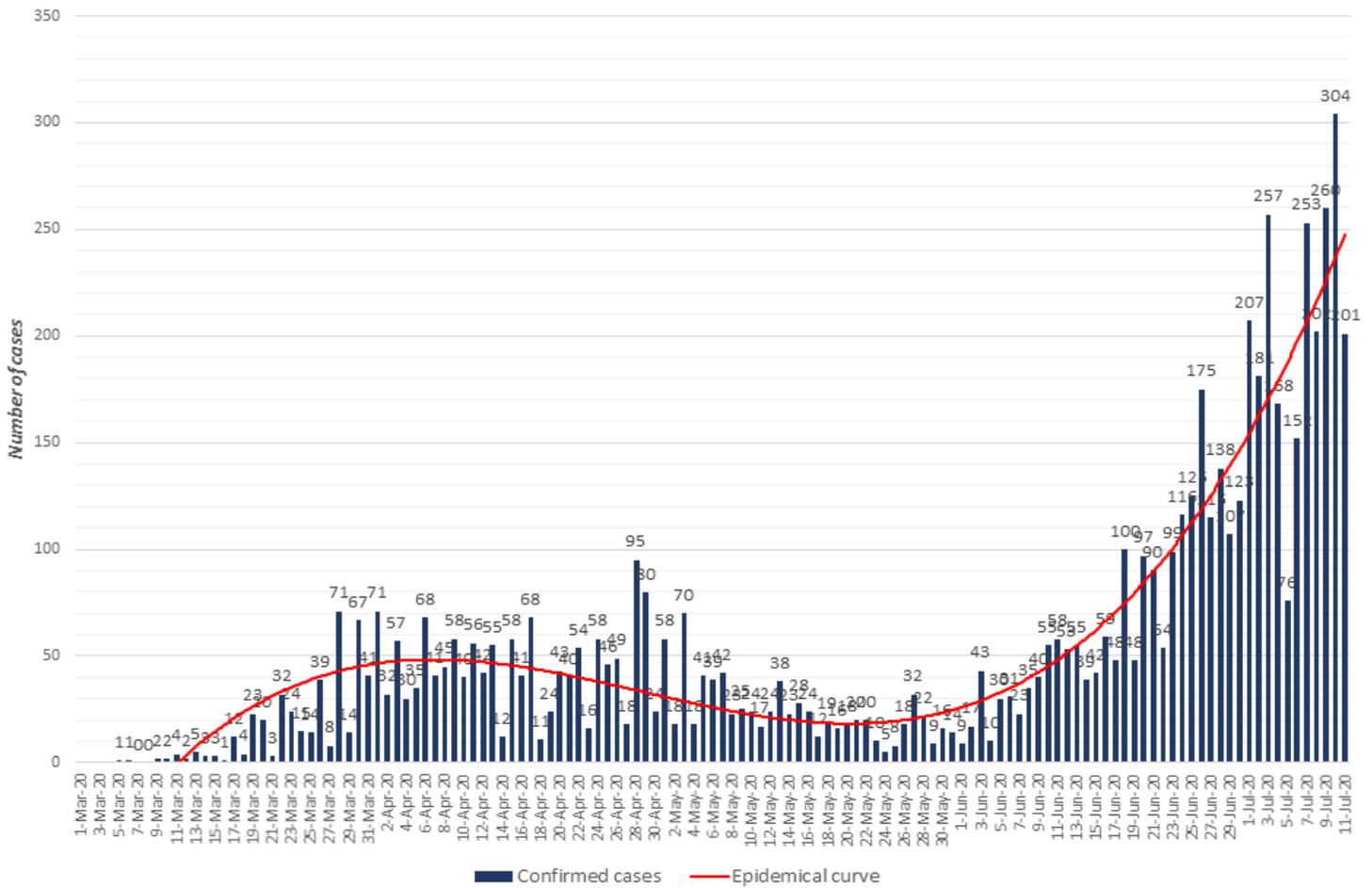
Localized clusters continued to appear throughout BiH, raising the overall numbers of new cases to daily record highs in the past week, however with a note – in some instances – higher daily numbers occur due to backlog in testing. Unfortunately, high numbers come with a continued reporting on cases of death associated with Covid19. In FBiH Entity, the Crisis HQ revised some of the measures, most notably with a mandatory wearing of masks in open public spaces if there is no possibility to respect the one meter distance between people; while urging citizens not to participate in any public gatherings unless absolutely necessary. In the RS Entity, wearing a mask in open public spaces is now mandatory again. The deterioration of the epidemiological situation urged young medical workers from the Banja Luka University Center to publicly issue a strong appeal to the public: the virus is here, real and unpredictable.

Distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases in Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 12th

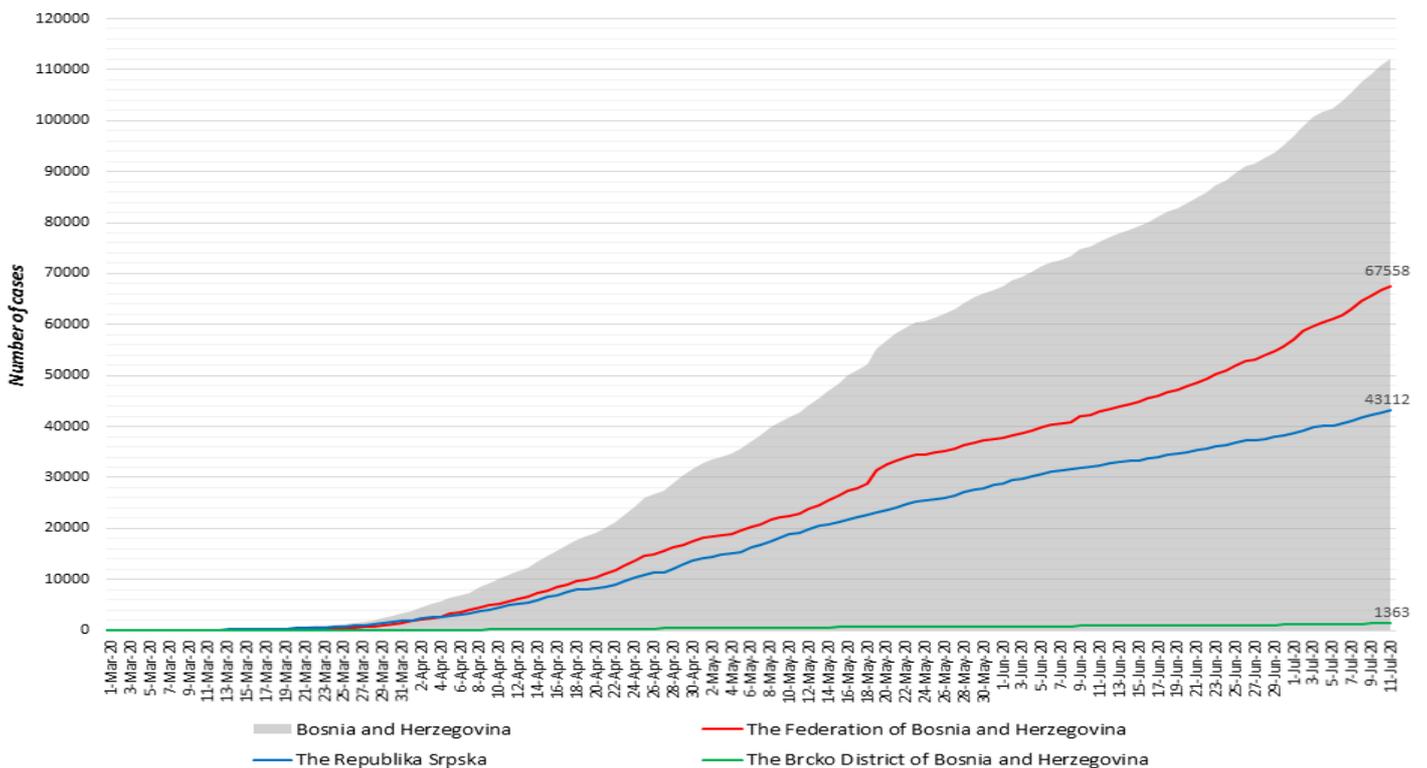




Distribution of COVID-19 positive cases and trendline in Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 12th

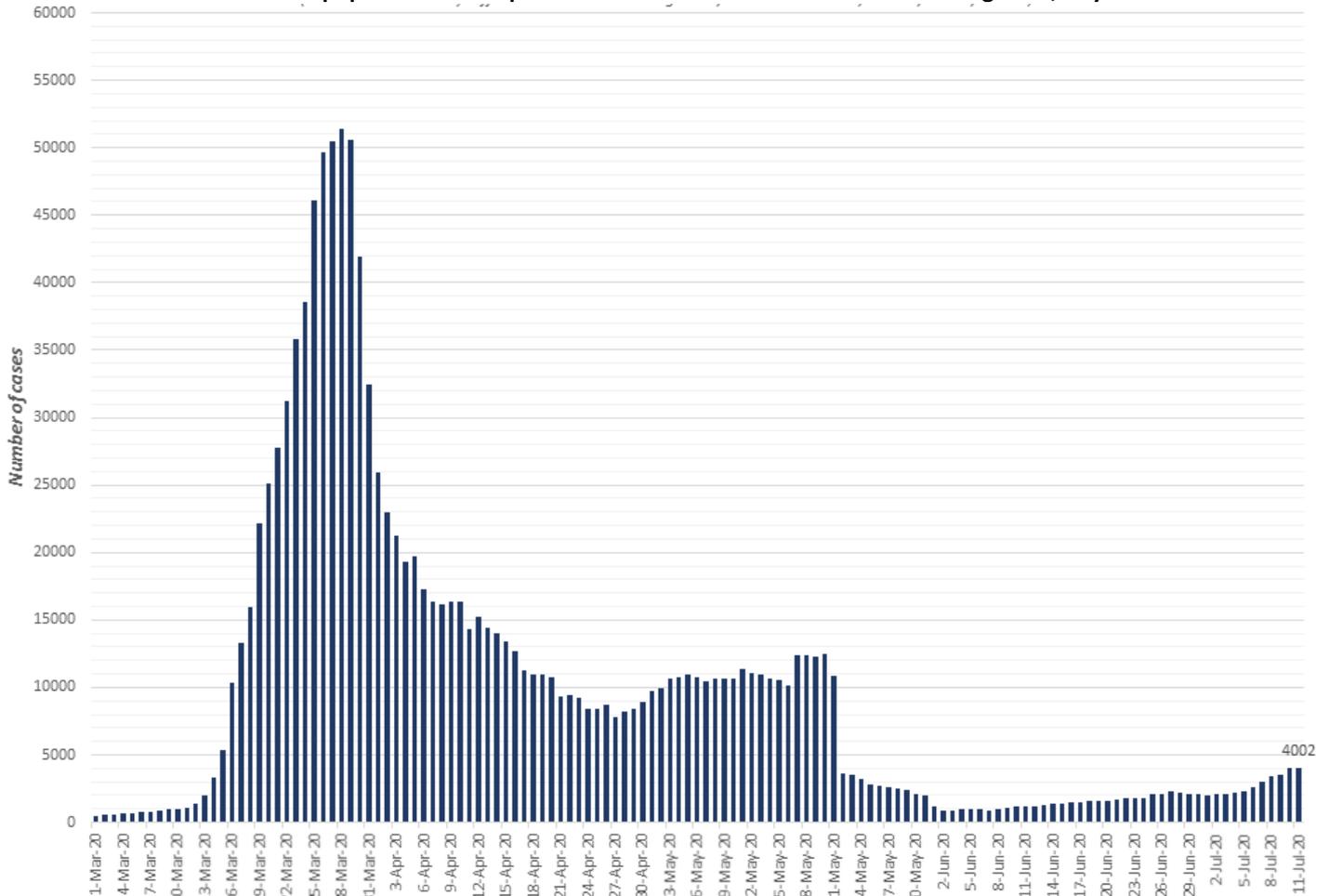


Total number of tests performed by entities and Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 12th





Total number of population under public health surveillance in Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 12th



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UN SUPPORT IN RESPONSE – LATEST

The UN team continues with the weekly presentation of key findings with regards to the sectoral and cross-cutting assessments conducted. Following UN Women’s presentation of the Rapid Gender Assessment of COVID-19 in Bosnia and Herzegovina, ILO and EBRD presented the analysis of the short and medium-term effects of COVID-19 on the employment and the labor market in BiH and the region, on 14 July. Presentation with key findings is shared with this report.

The first ever E-UPSHIFT workshop in the region was organized in BiH within the Joint Regional Dialogue for the Future Project, and best practices as well as tools are to be shared with teams in Serbia and Montenegro. UNICEF completed the E-UPSHIFT workshop on 12th July, with adaptation of the original methodology using innovative IT tools (YouTube video tutorials, Miro application and ZOOM breakout rooms for teams) and via flexible time arrangements for individual teams over the course of one week with the daily duration of 2-3 hours.



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World Population Day, observed each year on 11 July in an attempt to increase awareness about issues regarding global population, was marked with a distributed statement by UNFPA Executive Director Ms. Natalia Kanem titled

„Peace in the home: safeguarding the health and rights of women and girls – even during COVID-19“. Full statement can be accessed [here](#).

UNICEF, with its partner Save the Children, continues to provide 24/7 on-site child protection support to the unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) in Una – Sana Canton within the designated zones in Bira and Miral Temporary Reception Centers (TRCs) including protection support at the Sedra and Borići TRCs for R/M children and their families and UASC. Child Protection Officers provide 24/7 support including information sharing, case management, general assistance and referral to relevant institutions/organizations; medical escort and follow-up on medical cases. Due to the lack of accommodation capacities in the TRCs access to services remains a problem. Jointly with the news partners from Médecins du Monde (Mdm), UNICEF ensures that more children benefit from MHPSS in Temporary reception centers (TRCs) in Una – Sana Canton (USC) through initial and psychological sessions. In the reporting period individual counselling were provided for seven children within TRCs. A Rapid Assessment on MHPSS needs of UASC and gaps in services in TRCs Una Sana Canton (USC) is in the final phase with all the key informant interviews and focus group discussions conducted. This assessment will be a basis for the MHPSS approach in the field. Non-formal education activities continued to be organized, in total 52 workshops reaching 281 children.

Health care services for children, through provision of pediatric services in pediatric infirmaries in TRC Sedra and Borići, are also enabled. In the previous week the pediatric team provided 42 specialized pediatric health care services for 40 child patients. UNICEF/DRC Medical assistant conducted the workshop on personal hygiene (focus on social distancing and hand washing) targeting children of 4-8 years of age (13 participants, community of Iran and Iraq). The other workshop targeted girls aged 11-16 years (13 participants of Iran, Kurd and Iraq community). The workshop focused on oral hygiene and body care and it opened the floor for a number of questions by both girls and their mothers. UNICEF and DRC held two coordination meetings with other UNICEF partners SCI, Fenix, and MDM in relation to health services for children, aiming at improving referral pathways, and ensure better coordination and cooperation in the field.

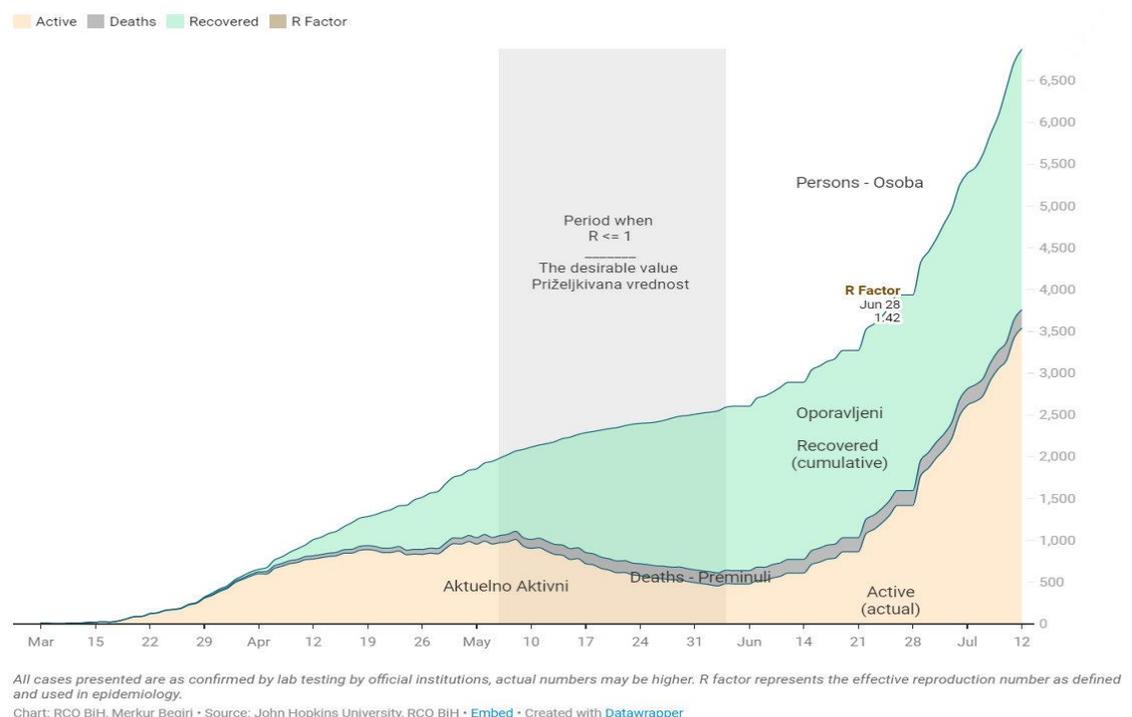


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Source: UNICEF

Office of the UN Resident Coordinator enabled an interactive chart which follows the COVID-19 trendline in BiH, including the effective reproduction factor (R).

Snapshot of the chart is provided here, while the site can be accessed [here](#).





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Check the running list of United Nations resources at the UN in BiH [website](#).