

4,081 migrants and asylum seekers assisted with accommodation, including in IOM Temporary Reception Centres, centres managed by the State, and NGOs.

1,754 migrants and asylum seekers outside of centres*

5 Temporary Reception Centres fully operational

1,076 Assisted Voluntary Returns since 2018, of which **85** in 2021



Eid al-Fitr celebrations in TRC Sedra, thanks to SFA and all partner organizations © IOM 2021

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 14 May, migrants celebrated Eid al-Fitr in all the reception centres in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), thanks to the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA), partner organizations, and donors (including individual citizens) who donated sweets and gifts for children. Partners with the help of children prepared beautiful decorations in family centres, while others arranged sweets, traditional Bosnian cakes, coffee, and tea. In temporary reception centre (TRC) Miral, IOM arranged for the space, dishes, and groceries for migrants from Pakistan to prepare traditional sweets for all the migrants in the centre.

During the reporting period, several transportations of families to TRCs took place. On the request of SFA, the IOM/Red Cross Outreach team provided assistance in the transportation of two families (eight individuals) from Bosanska Bojna to TRC Borići, while medical screening was conducted in TRC Miral. In Ušivak, 112 family members were accommodated (including 58 who arrived from Montenegro).

In TRC Borići, a migrant who was previously transferred to the Cantonal Hospital tested positive for tuberculosis (TB). IOM immediately worked to respond to the situation and consequently, all migrants from the same room were accommodated in the COVID-19 isolation area. In addition, the beneficiaries who were

accommodated in the isolation area while waiting to be screened and admitted in the regular accommodation were temporarily transferred to TRC Sedra's COVID-19 isolation area. Furthermore, all migrants who were in contact with the TB positive case will be tested for TB.

The reporting period was also marked by the EU Senior Adviser on Migration Management's visit to BiH, including a visit to the construction site in TRC Lipa to check the work on the dining and kitchen facility together with the Advisor to the Minister of Security. Furthermore, the Liaison Officer from the Ministry of Security, visited TRC Ušivak and met with IOM's Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) staff, who showed him the centre's facilities. Other relevant visits were made by the representatives from Caritas who visited TRC Blažuj and held a meeting with CCCM on the planned donation for the reconstruction of a new kitchen and the improvement of the *Social Corner*.

Lastly, a journalist from the Minority Rights Group International (from the Netherlands) joined IOM/Red Cross Outreach teams in their daily activities in Cazin and Velika Kladuša, in Una-Sana Canton (USC), to report on IOM activities and on migrants' current situation in outreach areas.

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IOM RESPONSE



Work on refurbishment of the roof in TRC Borići © IOM 2021

 SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

In TRC Lipa, work continued on Lot 4 (plateaus C1, C2, and C3). The THW's contractor made concrete steps between the C1/C2 and C2/C3 plateaus, and continued the work on the foundations for the dining and the kitchen area. Out of a total of 56 planned foundations, 47 foundation holes were dug and installed with reinforcement work, and filled with concrete. Out of a total of 10 sections of foundation walls in the dining area, formworks, reinforcements, and anchoring of the pillars with screws were prepared and positioned for the four remaining sections. The soil was towed and filled in the last four rectangular sections of the dining area's foundation wall, and levelled with a plate compactor.

In Provisional Camp (PC) Lipa, the contractor carried out maintenance work on one of the two generators (G7) purchased by IOM for SFA. In addition, a new thermostat, oil pressure sensors, and a temperature sensor were installed to solve the problem of generator's overheating.

In TRC Ušivak, all the containers in the newly established isolation area were equipped with bunk beds, mattresses, dining tables, and chairs. In addition, in the newly set-up Police container, the lighting was strengthened with electric cables and reflectors (10 meters of electric cable, 1 reflector, and 1 LED bulb were installed). In TRC Blažuj's new isolation area, cement was placed in front of the sanitary building (H14), and 40 cabinets and 12 beds were assembled in the containers. In TRC Borići, given the improved weather conditions and a large number of new arrivals and returnees, an improvised COVID-19 quarantine area was established, with a total capacity of 80 beds. Lastly, IOM maintenance staff removed the old roof structure from one of the small external buildings (a shed that was used as a laundry in 2018), and installed a new roof.

of NFIs distributed: 18,971

of people assisted with NFIs: 1,867

 CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

During the CCCM coordination meeting in TRC Blažuj, Bosnia and Herzegovina Women Initiative (BHWI) suggested starting new social/sport activities in coordination with World Vision (WV), and can provide an interpreter, who is also a coach. Partners agreed, and IOM will prepare special packages for migrants in the COVID-19 isolation area, containing a tracksuit, pyjamas, undergarments, and slippers, while WV will purchase chess board games. In TRC Sedra, Danish Refugee Council (DRC) highlighted the difficulty in receiving a large number of migrants returning from their attempt to cross the border for medical screening; and Save the Children International (SCI) reiterated the possible dangers of Una River nearby the centre, given that the weather is becoming warmer and more persons will be going to the river, and therefore asked to install warning signs around the fence. TRC Borići and Sedra agreed to organize a meeting focusing on COVID-19 isolation areas, with the participation of partner organizations, to discuss issues related to the capacities in each TRC and share the conclusions with the competent cantonal health institutions for their further instructions.

 WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

In TRC Borići, reconstruction work of the toilet and shower facilities at the second floor (current UASC zone) continued. Furthermore, IOM maintenance staff repaired the big tumble dryer in the centre's laundry room and the centre's park area was cleaned several times. In TRC Sedra, reconstruction work on the bathroom in bungalows (isolation area) were completed and new boilers and flush toilets were installed.

of people assisted with laundry services: 1,558

of laundry bags washed: 1,963

 FOOD AND NUTRITION

Prior to Eid al-Fitr, IOM Food Focal Points met with the Red Cross representatives to discuss the preparation of lunch for 14 May. Several donations occurred during the reporting period to celebrate Eid al-Fitr. For instance, in TRC Sedra, a total of 310 packages for children (150 by a private citizen and 160 by Gadzo d.o.o) were



Eid al-Fitr celebrations in TRC Miral © IOM 2021

received, in TRC Borići, 120 food packages for children were donated by the supplier Gadzo Comerc, whereas in TRC Blažuj, a sheep to be cooked was donated by a private citizen. The outreach team delivered 50 food packages to SFA at PC Lipa for migrants arriving at the camp outside food distribution hours.

of meals distributed: 43,455

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

IOM/Red Cross Outreach teams continued to provide daily food and NFI packages, to migrants residing in informal accommodation in USC. They also distributed 358 biodegradable wet wipes and 95 anti-bacterial gels to migrants in USC outreach locations.

During the reporting period, the outreach team also provided food assistance to two groups of migrants (15 persons) coming back from a border crossing attempt, who refused to be transported and accommodated in TRCs. One of the migrants was referred to the DRC for medical assistance due injuries from long walks.

Lastly, a family of five members, identified in Velika Kladuša area, expressed a desire to return to TRC Borići where they had previously been accommodated. The family was transported to TRC Sedra to be accommodated in the COVID-19 quarantine area and will be subsequently transported to Borići once the quarantine period is concluded.

of food packages distributed: 3,239

of hygiene items and NFIs distributed: 1,069

SAFETY AND SECURITY

On May 9, two persons arrived at the TRC Borići gate stating that they wanted to donate sweets to the children. The security guards called the IOM security assistant (SA) to explain the donation

MAIN GAPS

In the short term, additional funding is required to procure food and to cover the construction and running costs for the new site TRC Lipa, including the procurement of NFIs. The improvement of the sanitary conditions for those sleeping outside in the absence of appropriate accommodation options, and insufficient funds to cover expansions of TRCs, are also pressing concerns.

In the medium to long term, the main gaps are capacity building for authorities in screening, processing, managing accommodation and identifying solutions for migrants, to contribute to the overarching goal of State ownership of the response, while ensuring the rights of migrants and asylum seekers are upheld. Further support is needed to systemize data collection activities on the number of migrants present outside the centres and to include other components related to further knowledge on migrants needs and vulnerabilities.



Children receive gift packages for Eid from citizens in TRC Ušivak © IOM 2021

procedure, when suddenly one of two individuals started to verbally insult the SA and despite the warnings, threw a box of things over the fence. Security guards took the box to prevent crowds from gathering, and the police was called as the two individuals were not cooperating. One of the two people started recording what was happening, and the police took both to the station on charges of disturbing peace and public order.

ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION (AVRR)

IOM's AVRR outreach teams provide migrant families and individuals interested in voluntary return to their countries of origin with information and counselling relevant to their decision. During the reporting period, 269 persons were reached with AVRR information (out of which 232 are staying outside TRCs). During the reporting week, one migrant departed back to Pakistan.



Gardening in TRC Borići © IOM 2021

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