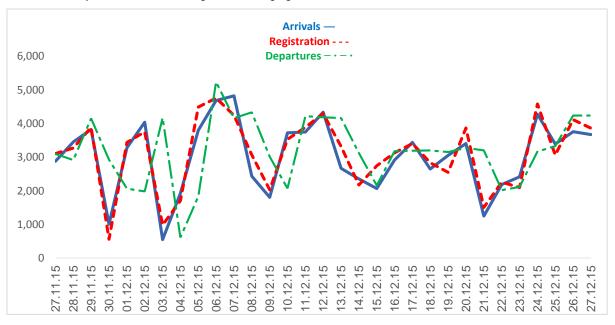


SERBIA UPDATE 23-27 December 2015

STATISTICS

During the period from 23 to 27 December inclusive:

- 17,515 refugees and migrants arrived: 16,957 from fYRo Macedonia and 558 from Bulgaria
- 17,094 asylum seekers departed to Croatia.
- 17,722 asylum seekers were registered, bringing the total in 2015 to 570,780.



SOUTH

16,957 refugees and migrants were assisted at the Miratovac Refugee Aid Point (RAP) upon arrival from fYRo Macedonia.

The Police, IOM, Philanthropy, Remar, Medical Center, UNHCR, MSF, DRC and UNICEF continued assisting arrivals at the Miratovac RAP. Humedica is present in Miratovac village from 07:00 am to 11:00 pm. Between 30 and 400 people stayed overnight at the RAP during the reporting period.

UNHCR/DRC distributed UNHCR blankets, water, winter jackets, winter boots and socks. The health clinic provided medical assistance at the RAP. UNICEF/DRC/CSW hosted children and mothers in their Child Friendly Space container.



The covered pre-registration waiting area at Preševo RC, Preševo (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 27 December 2015

Persons with specific needs (PSN) identified at the RAP were transferred by DCR/DRC, IOM and MSF vans to the Presevo Reception Centre (RC). UNHCR funded buses continued running 24/7 from the Miratovac village to the RC, thus assisting asylum seekers with access to registration.

16,704 asylum-seekers were registered at the RC. UNHCR, SCRM, Police, the Medical Centre, Red Cross, UNICEF/DRC, Caritas, DRC, and Remar assisted asylum seekers 24/7 at the Presevo RC. UNFPA, IOM, Natan, Humedica, ADRA, Care international/Nexus, SOS Children, OXFAM 484, Global Medic and Youth for Refugees were present during the day. Save the Children, APC, Youth for Refugees, Atina and MSF are present outside the RC.

UNHCR/DRC assisted PSNs and distributed UNHCR blankets, sleeping bags, water, socks, winter boots, WFP HEB biscuits, winter jackets and donated wheel chairs

Asylum-seekers frequented medical services inside the RC, and the clinics of MSF/Humedica/Natan.

UNICEF/DRC/CSW hosted children and mothers in the child friendly space.

Improvement of reception conditions in Presevo progressed with the completion of the UNHCR funded pre-security area and roof pathways.



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EAST

558 refugees and migrants arrived in Dimitrovgrad, Knazevac and Negotin from Bulgaria.

The Red Cross, ADRA, DRC, UNHCR and Divac foundation distributed food, water, clothes and blankets. WAHA assisted refugees and migrants in need of medical care at Dimitrovgrad RAP 24/7.

BELGRADE

In average, on a daily basis, some 245 refugees and migrants were provided assistance in Belgrade.

Most sought aid in food, clothes and use of Internet. SCRM, UNHCR/DRC, Red Cross, BCHR, Asylum Info Centre and Refugee Aid Serbia at Miksalište assisted them.

WEST

17,094 asylum seekers departed to Croatia by train from the Sid Train Station.

At the Train Station, UNHCR/HCIT continued assisting asylum seekers, including PSN, and distributed UNHCR blankets, water, WFP HEB, UNHCR bags and boots. IDC/Sid Health Centre provided medical assistance to asylum seekers.

At Adasevci RAP, SCRM, UNHCR, Police, APC, Red Cross Serbia, CRS/Divac Foundation, MSF, BCM, OM, REMAR and Czech Volunteers assisted asylum seekers 24/7, and World Vision, INTERSOS, TDH, NSHC and DRC during the day.

REMAR served soup and tea; Red Cross Serbia and Divac Foundation delivered food on the buses; Divac Foundation also delivered food packages and various clothing and hygiene items.

MSF and Primary Health Centre in Sid/BCM (Outpatient services) provided medical assistance. UNICEF/WV/CSW hosted children and mothers in the Child Friendly Space. INTERSOS provided services to asylum seekers with phone charging.

Further improvements to all three RAPs in the Sid area were discussed and agreed upon between SCRM and UNHCR.

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