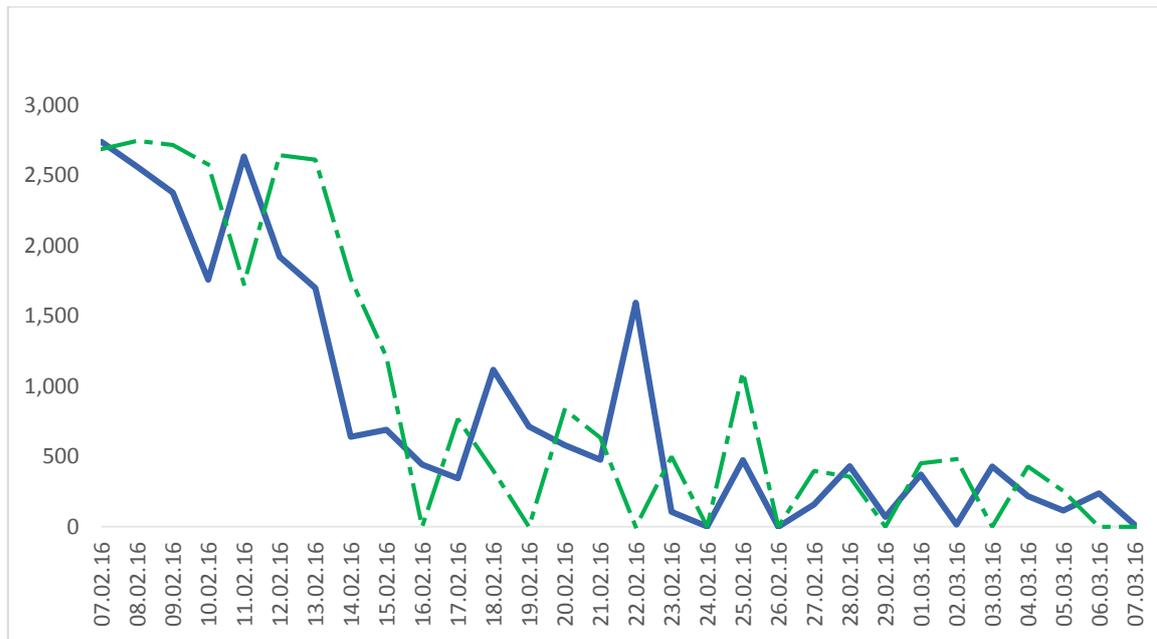


STATISTICS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- There were **no departures** to Croatia, while only **14** arrivals were recorded from fYR Macedonia.
- A group of **437** refugees, including many women and children, got stranded under heavy rain at the green border between fYR Macedonia and Serbia since 15:00. Apparently, fYR Macedonian police refused to take them back as shelter capacity in Tabanovce is full, while Serbian police refused to let them in claiming that the Croatian border is closed. This situation remained unresolved by the end of the reporting period. UNHCR and partners provided raincoats, blankets, clothes, food and water as well as medical assistance. Small family tents were set up by MSF to provide shelter for overnight.


SOUTH

While no one arrived during the reporting period at the Miratovac Refugee Aid Point (RAP) from fYR Macedonia, a group of **14** Syrian refugees reached Presevo RC without going through the profiling procedures in Miratovac. After they were questioned by the authorities they were hosted at pre-registration rub hall. Their situation remained pending the decision by the authorities. UNHCR assisted them with water and blankets.

Five persons with specific needs (PSNs) that arrived the day before were prioritized and assisted for the registration at the Presevo RC. UNHCR, SCRM, Police, Medical Centre, ADRA, Red Cross, IOM, UNICEF/DRC, Caritas, DRC, BCM/CRS and REMAR assisted refugees 24/7 at the RC. Natan, Humedica, Care international/Nexus, SOS Children, OXFAM 484, Global Medic and Indigo were present during the day. Save the Children, APC, Youth for Refugees, Atina, Border Free, Mercy Corps and MSF were active outside the RC.

All UNHCR Refugees Housing Units and the Tobacco Factory dormitories were fully occupied by the 625 stranded refugees. Additional 25 refugees/migrants were hosted outside in MSF, Mercy Corps and Border Free tents.

UNHCR and partners distributed 121 UNHCR blankets, seven winter boots, one jacket and 651 water bottles. Public Doctors, MSF, Humedica and Natan treated 127 patients and the Health Center Vranje was available to provide reproductive health services. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space hosted 184 children and 70 women. Caritas, REMAR and Red Cross Serbia distributed hot meal and fruits to stranded refugees.

EAST

No arrivals were recorded from Bulgaria. The Belgrade Centre for Human Rights (BCHR) team visited the Centre for Foreign Children in Nis, and counselled nine Afghan unaccompanied and separated children, accommodated there. They reported to have entered Serbia irregularly via Bulgaria and they were found by the Police near Dimitrovgrad. They will be accompanied to the police station to express their intention to seek asylum in Serbia and then transferred to Krnjaca Asylum Center (AC).

BELGRADE

Over **180** refugees/migrants were assisted in Belgrade by UNHCR partners. They were mainly from Morocco, Algeria, Pakistan or Afghanistan but also few from Syria and Iraq. Over 65 were present at night in the city.

Many sought aid in food, clothes, use of internet and referrals to various services, including hospitals, registration and asylum information. SCRM, UNHCR/DRC, Red Cross and Refugee Aid Miksalište assisted them. Caritas distributed food and clothes at the park near the railway. MSF offered primary health care and distributed NFIs. Asylum Info Centre remained open 24/7 and reported that 28 Iraqi refugees, comprising three families with 15 children, expressed their intent to seek asylum in Serbia and were referred to Krnjaca AC.

WEST

No train arrived from Croatia to Sid train station, consequently there were no departures of refugees.



WAHA doctors provided a Syrian refugee with necessary medical care, Šid (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 7 March 2016

About 470 refugees remained in the Sid RAP, vast majority were those who have been denied boarding trains and twelve Afghans who have registered with IOM for Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) programme.

At Sid train station, UNHCR/HCIT distributed 65 UNHCR blankets, 400 WFP HEB, 1,008 water bottles, 40 winter jackets and 47 boots. IDC/Sid Health Centre and WAHA treated 61.

In Adasevci some 250 refugees who arrived from Presevo were waiting on buses. UNHCR, SCRM, Police, APC, Red Cross Serbia, MSF, CRS/Divac Foundation, BCM, REMAR, OM and Czech Volunteers assisted refugees 24/7; World Vision, Intersos, Caritas, TDH, EHO, DRC and NSHC during the day. MSF provided medical assistance to 46 refugees and BCM/Sid Health Centre treated 48.

The UNICEF/ WV/CSW child friendly space was open. The Red Cross and Caritas distributed food on buses. REMAR offered hot tea and soup. CRS/Divac Foundation distributed adult and children's winter clothes and footwear.

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