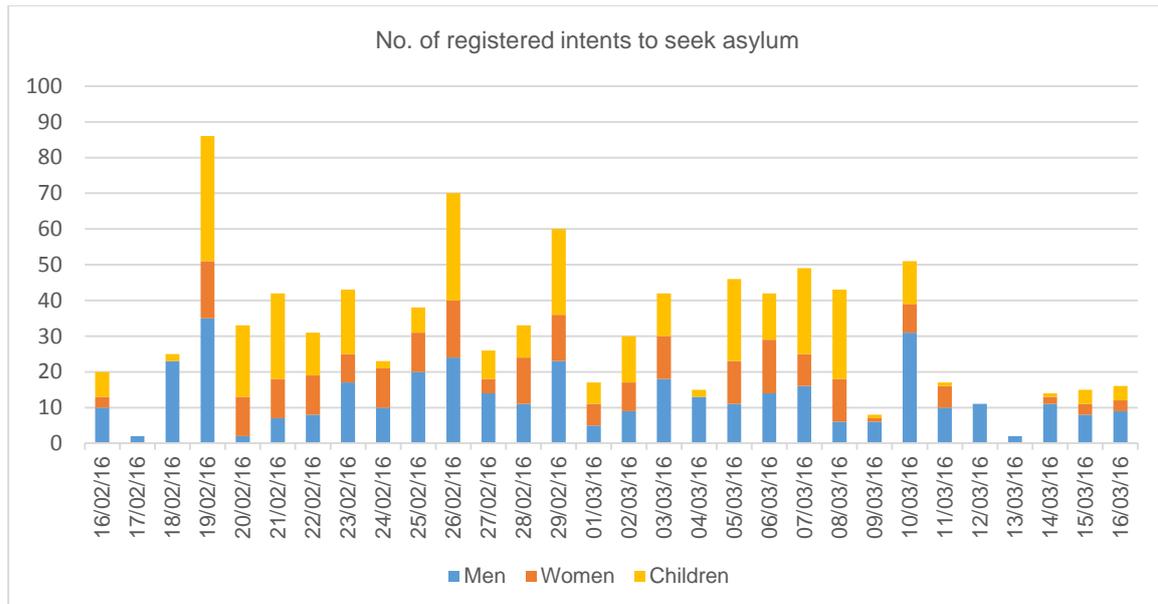


STATISTICS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Ahead of the EU - Turkey Migration Summit on 17-18 March, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants Mr François Crépeau expressed his concern about the current proposal and said that “*Europe cannot shrug off its responsibility for migrants and pass the buck to Turkey*”. Please find attached the full statement.
- Estimate of refugees/asylum-seekers currently in Serbia: **2,000**
- **16*** individuals expressed their intent to seek asylum during the reporting period, bringing the total in March 2016 to **418**. *Ministry of Interior (MOI) daily statistics
- No arrivals or departures were recorded.


SOUTH

Minister of Labour Mr Aleksandar Vulin visited Presevo Reception Centre (RC) where he also met UNHCR and focussed on the rehabilitation of the Tobacco Factory, undertaken by UNHCR/DRC/ECHO.

682 refugees were accommodated in the RC in Presevo, and **11** migrants outside the RC in NGO tents. UNHCR finished individual protection and solution assessments for 70 % of the total population in the RC. Preliminary findings identified survivors of violence or trauma, separated families, unaccompanied and separated children as well as medical needs. UNHCR assisted the transport of seven asylum-seekers to SCRM Asylum Centres.

UNHCR/DRC started construction of a new unified distribution point for all humanitarian agencies. REMAR offered hot meals, fruit, juice, and water in their tent and Caritas and Red Cross soup and fruits inside and outside the Tobacco Factory. UNHCR/SPDE distributed a new consignment of winter-jackets. Public Doctors, MSF, Humedica and Natan treated 40 patients. One refugee was transferred to the Hospital in Presevo. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space hosted 40 children and 38 women. Recreational and sports activities continued.

BELGRADE

UNHCR partners in Belgrade assisted over **160** refugees, migrants and asylum seekers, mainly from Morocco, Algeria, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Syria. Approximately 60 were observed in the city centre at night.

SCRM, UNHCR/DRC, Asylum Info Centre (AIC), Refugee Aid Miksalište, Red Cross assisted them with food, clothes, use of internet and referrals to various services, including hospitals, registration and asylum information. Caritas distributed food and clothes at the park near the railway. MSF offered primary health care and distributed NFIs. AIC remained open 24/7.

WEST



Refugees playing chess in the INTERSOS room with Wi-Fi and charging facilities, Adaševci (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 16 March 2016

521 refugees from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq, slept at the Refugee Aid Point (RAP) in Sid. Rub-halls were overcrowded with families and children. UNHCR/HCIT distributed 1,020 water bottles, 200 WFP HEB, 41 UNHCR blankets, one winter jacket, three raincoats, 68 hygiene packages and 200 lunch packages. WAHA treated 59 refugees.

329 refugees were sheltered in the motel rooms and rub halls of Adasevci RAP. Toilets and showers in some rooms were still out of order, and only one shower containers was operational for a few hours. SCRIM resolved the night heating problem for the rub halls while the structures was unheated during the day. MSF provided medical assistance and BCM/Sid Health Centre treated 14 refugees. The UNICEF/WV/CSW child friendly space hosted 51 children and 20 women.

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