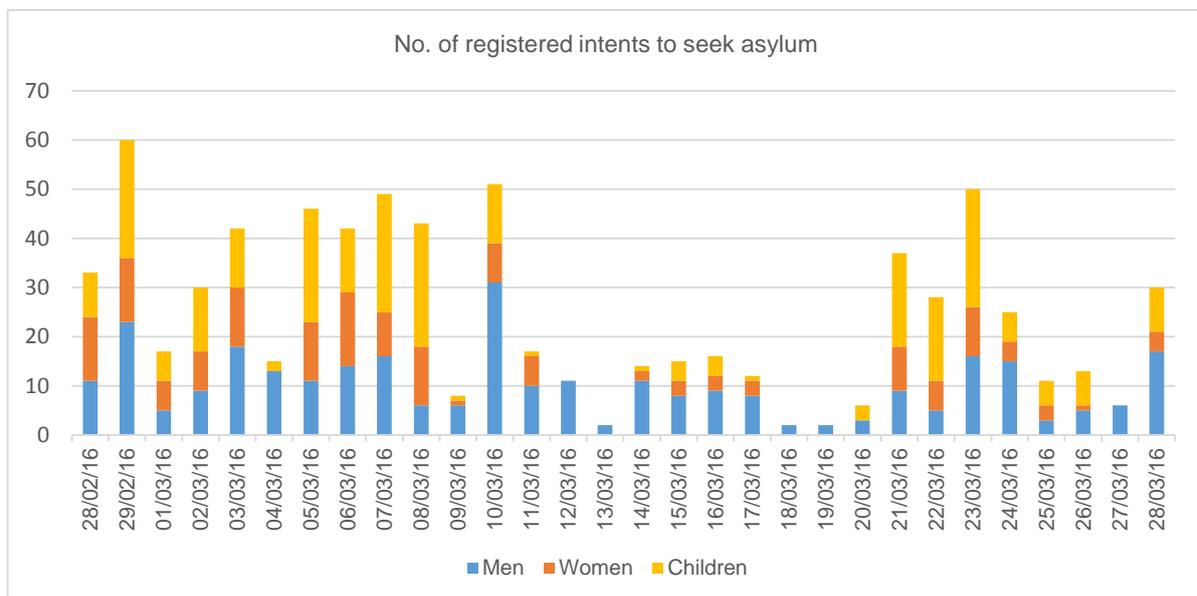


STATISTICS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Small numbers of irregular arrivals were noted during the reporting period. UNHCR got to know about **117** entries, of which **58** from FYR Macedonia and **59** from Bulgaria.
- Concern about low reception standards in Sid and Adasevci Refugee Aid Points (RAP) and the temporary Asylum Centre in Tutin persisted. Complaining about poor conditions and misinformation by authorities, on 25 March, **31** Syrian refugees, mainly women and children, who had been transferred from Adasevci to Tutin on 23 March, spontaneously returned to Adasevci.
- **85** persons expressed intent to seek asylum, bringing the total in March 2016 to **640** (statistics courtesy of the Ministry of Interior).
- Increased activities by smugglers were noted, with cars with North Serbian and even Hungarian number plates visible in Sid. Over **150** refugees left sites in the South and West towards Hungary, reportedly encouraged by “success” stories sent by those who reached Germany using that route.


SOUTH

On 25 March, **61** Syrian refugees, including women and children, tried to irregularly enter Serbia but were returned by police to the FYR Macedonia side of the green border, where NGOs and UNHCR provided them with humanitarian assistance. Later on the same day, FYR Macedonia authorities offered re-admission to Tabanovce and transport to Gevgelija.



Recreational activities for children in the Reception Centre, Preševo (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 27 March 2016

REMAR served hot meals, fruit, juice, and water in their tent and Caritas and Red Cross breakfast, fruits and soup inside and outside the Tobacco Factory. UNHCR/SPDE distributed 3,271 water bottles, 90 UNHCR blankets, 64 boots, 33 winter jackets, 186 pairs of socks and 786 WFP HEBs. Divac Foundation distributed other clothes and food to refugees. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space hosted 65 children and 64 women during the reporting period.

The Health Clinic assisted 181 refugees inside the RC while Natan/Humedica clinic had 40 patients. On the 24 March a Senior Sanitary Technician from the Vranje Public Health Institute inspected the RC. All common rooms were disinfected.

Border Free Association and World Vision, together with UNHCR and the SCRM, organised recreational activities including face painting, football tournament and live music.

EAST

59 refugees/migrants arrived from Bulgaria during the reporting period. Sigma Plus, Indigo and the Red Cross assisted them in Dimitrovgrad.

BELGRADE

Around **120** refugees and asylum seekers, mostly from Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia and some from Pakistan, were assisted daily by UNHCR partners in Belgrade. Between 40 and 50 spent the night in parks near the bus and train stations.

WEST

The population decreased from over 700 to approximately **510** refugees. Some **150** were accommodated in the Sid RAP, approximately **200** in Adasevci RAP and another **164** in Principovac RAP.

Sanitary conditions and access to showers in Sid RAP further deteriorated. UNHCR/HCIT distributed 2,184 water bottles, 700 WFP HEB, 52 UNHCR blankets, 42 boots, and 800 lunch packages. WAHA treated 176 refugees.

Syrian refugees that returned from AC Tutin, were not re-admitted into the Motel building of Adasevci RAP but housed in a rub hall instead. BCM/Sid Health Centre treated 37 refugees. The UNICEF/WV/CSW child friendly space hosted 189 children and 57 women.

Authorities and NGOs organised WASH in Principovac RAP, as well as a bus shuttle from Principovac to Sid in order to facilitate refugees to access various services there.

The Divac Foundation started distribution of hot food in all three sites in the west.

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