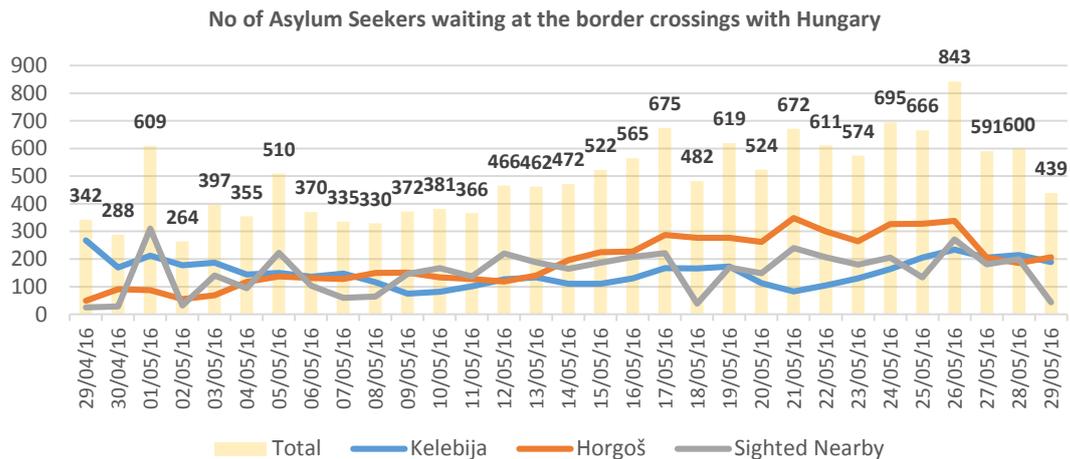


HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- As a result of limited admissions by Hungarian authorities of 30 per day, the number of asylum seekers near the “transit zones” at the border with Hungary had grown to over 570 on 26 May, but with encouragement by authorities, UNHCR and partners to wait in better sites, again fell to 395 by 29 on May. 43% were children, suffering under the lack of sufficient shelter, sanitary facilities and other basic services.
- Of the estimated **300** irregular arrivals per day, UNHCR and partners encountered and assisted around 200.
- During the reporting period, **82** persons expressed intent to seek asylum, bringing the total in May to **813** and for the year 2016 to **3,352** (statistics courtesy of the Ministry of Interior).


SOUTH

The Reception Centre (RC) in Presevo accommodated **43** refugees at the end of reporting period. New arrivals were also temporarily accommodated there before departing for the assigned asylum centres or continuing their journey on their own. The UNHCR-supported Public Health and Humedica provided 124 medical treatments. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space/mother and baby corner hosted up to nine children and three women per day, while other recreational activities were organised inside the RC.

EAST

Several groups of irregular arrivals from Bulgaria were observed and assisted. Those included a family of six Afghans who expressed intention to seek asylum in Serbia and were referred to Banja Koviljaca AC, and 43 more Afghans who arrived in Dimitrovgrad.

BELGRADE

Some **400** refugees, asylum seekers and migrants were encountered/assisted on average every day by UNHCR and partners in the city centre. They were mainly new arrivals from Afghanistan, Syria or Pakistan. Fewer numbers were observed at night in the public places, due to the fact that over 290 choose to use free shuttles to accommodation in the Krnjaca Asylum Centre (AC).

The Asylum Info Centre facilitated various referrals, including access to asylum procedures, accommodation to Krnjaca AC and medical services. UNHCR/DRC doctors treated 96 patients, while MSF, Refugee Aid Miksaliste volunteers and Divac Foundation assisted with food and other aid.

UNHCR Serbia successfully located the parents of a five year old Afghan child that got separated from its parents in Bulgaria and ended up in Serbia on its own. Efforts are now being made to ensure family reunion as soon as possible, while the child remains in good care of the national institutions in Belgrade.

NORTH


*Distribution of humanitarian aid,
Kelebija (Serbia), @HCIT, 27 May 2016*

Between 395 to 572 asylum seekers, mainly women and children, camped outside the “transit zones” at Kelebija and Horgos I border crossings for days in the open still without shelter or access to sanitary facilities.

UNHCR, MSF, HCIT, UNICEF and the Red Cross provided basic water, food, non-food and medical aid.

Because of rising temperatures, UNHCR/HCIT had to increase provision of drinking water.

120 were admitted into Hungarian asylum procedures, i.e. 30 per day.

Over **170** refugee/migrants were encountered on a daily basis in and around Subotica on their way to the border crossings or in their attempt to irregularly cross the border. UNHCR partner HCIT as well as BCM, Divac and other agencies continued to assist them with water, food, clothes, hygienic packages and blankets.

Up to 120 at any one day, including families with small children, were accommodated by the SCRM in the Refugee Aid Point (RAP) of Subotica.

As of 26 May, authorities requested the help of UNHCR and other partners in encouraging asylum-seekers close to the transit zones or those arriving on buses to Subotica to wait further inland, e.g. in the Subotica RAP, where better conditions could be provided for them.

On 27 May, the Minister of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs, State Secretary, State Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, the Commissioner for Refugees and Migration, together with the UNHCR Representative and the IOM Regional Coordinator a.i. visited Horgos, observed conditions at the site, spoke with refugees, and addressed the media. They promoted continuing well-treatment of refugees and migrants, as well as cooperation to improve conditions in the border area, voluntary relocation to more suitable sites and an urgent agreement with Hungary on a *modus operandi* of admission whereby asylum seekers don't have to wait out in the open at the border.

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