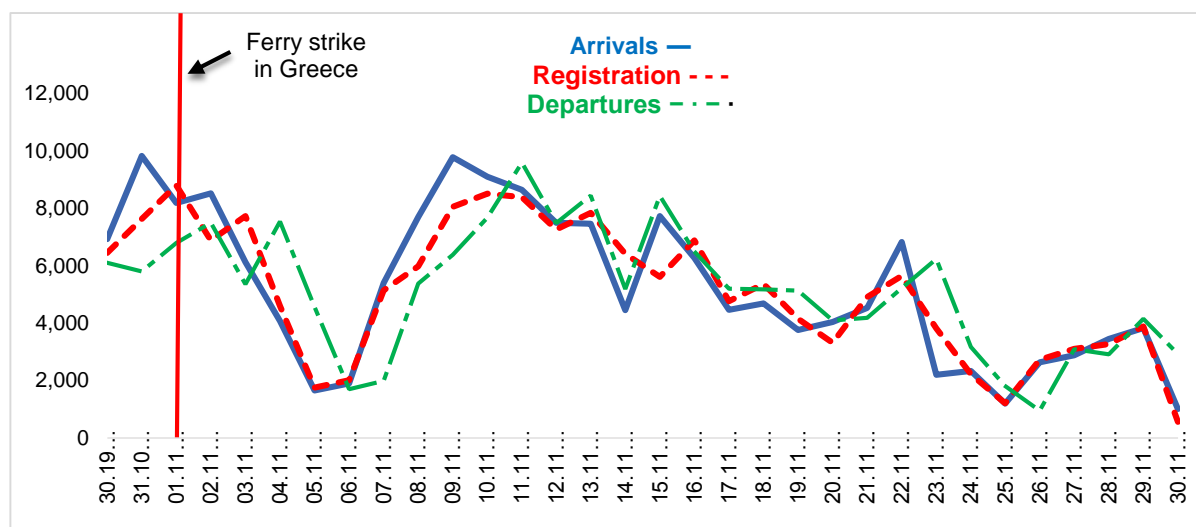


DAILY UPDATE SERBIA 30 November 2015



Statistics/ Highlights

- **1,009** refugees and migrants arrived: **716** from fYRo Macedonia and **293** from Bulgaria.
- **2,925** departed to Croatia.
- **563** asylum seekers were registered on 30 November, bringing the total of asylum-requests during 2015 to **484,958**.



In cold but sunny weather the number of new arrivals again decreased. UNHCR teams continued to protect and assist refugees 24/7 at six sites.

Serbia – fYRo Macedonia border

716 refugees and migrants were assisted at the Miratovac Refugee Aid Point (RAP) upon arrival from fYRo Macedonia. Only one train arrived in Tabanovce, thus the low number of arrivals.

The police registered **378** asylum-seekers at the Reception Centre (RC) in Presevo in a process that took one hour. 300 asylum-seekers waited inside the RC and some 80 stayed the night in the RAP to wait for UNHCR-funded buses to bring them to the RC in the morning.

UNHCR, SCRM, Police, Medical Centre, Red Cross, UNICEF, Caritas, DRC, UNFPA, Natan and Remar assisted asylum seekers 24/7 at the RC. Police and Medical Centre assisted 24/7 at the RAP, and UNHCR, IOM, DRC, Philanthropy, Humedica and MSF, for security reasons, only during the day.

UNHCR/DRC assisted over 40 persons with specific needs (PWSN), including 12 physically disabled and two pregnant women and distributed 9 UNHCR blankets, 2 winter boots and some socks.

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

The UNICEF/DRC child-friendly space hosted 21 mothers and 36 children.

UNHCR funded buses did five rotations transporting 300 asylum-seekers from Miratovac to Presevo.

The concrete slab for the new toilet block was poured on 28 November. The blockwork commenced on 29 November and good progress was maintained to date.

Serbia – Bulgaria border

293 refugees and migrants arrived in Dimitrovgrad and Knjazevac (Minicevo) of which 233 were Afghan men, 40 Syrian, including 7 women and 13 children and 20 Iraqi, including 5 women and 8 children.

UNHCR partner Sigma Plus provided information, including brochures in Farsi. 70 asylum seekers received medical assistance, mainly for respiratory, wound and chronic illnesses treatments. The Red Cross and the Divac Foundation distributed food, water, juice and hygiene items.

Serbia- Belgrade

At any one time, some **120** refugees and migrants, mainly Afghans, Syrians and Iraqis, rested in the city parks and public spaces. Among them were 10 women and some 30 children.

Most refugees sought aid in food and clothes. UNHCR-DRC doctors, SCRM, Red Cross, Asylum Info Center, BCHR and IOM provided assistance and information. The Red Cross distributed food. BCHR offered legal assistance and 66 persons visited the Asylum Info Centre where they received information, charged their phones, used the Internet and took some hygienic packages.

The Asylum Info Centre assisted in a family reunification case for an Afghan family that was separated on the way from Presevo.

Serbia – Croatia border

2,925 asylum seekers departed to Croatia on board of three trains.

UNHCR/HCIT assisted some 140 asylum seekers with embarkation, referrals to medical team, and translation.

UNHCR/HCIT fast tracked four PWSN, including two elderly women, one man on crutches and one person with disability. The State Public Medical Team and MSF offered over 50 medical interventions, majority for respiratory infections.

UNHCR/HCIT assisted in family reunification of an Afghan family of seven.

UNHCR/HCIT distributed 6 UNHCR Blankets, 1,300 WFP HEB, 1,200 water bottles, 95 UNHCR bags, 14 antibacterial gel, 62 jackets, 49 boots and 77 socks. UNHCR, Public Medical team, SCRM, Intersos, Red Cross, APC, MSF, Czech Volunteers, CARE, Novosadski Humanitarian Center (NSHC) and World Vision assisted asylum-seekers at Adasevci.

Minister of Labor, Employment, Veteran and Social Policy, Mr. Aleksandar Vulin, visited the Adasevci RAP along with the head of SCRM, Mr. Cucic, and the Archbishop of the Serbian Catholic Church.

The SCRM received 52 bunk beds donated by IKEA with 208 mattresses at Principovac RAP. 35 beds were assembled and 17 are in the warehouse in Principovac.



Children playing in the child friendly space facilitated by Czech volunteers, Šid (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 30 November 2015