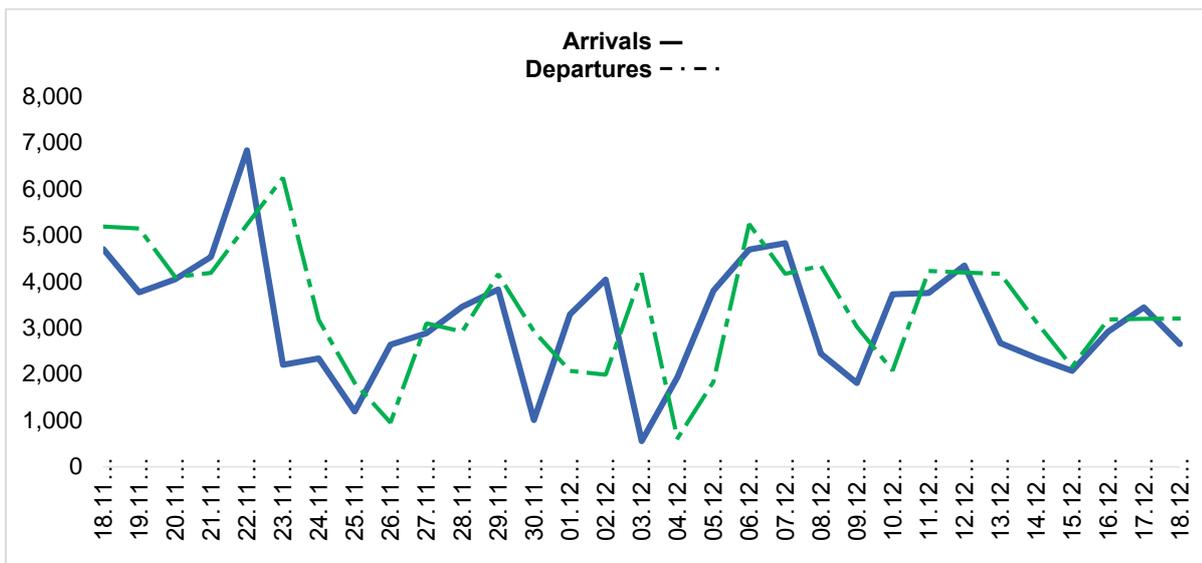


HIGHLIGHTS

Ambassador of Japan, Juichi Takahara, accompanied by Minister Vulin and the UNHCR Representative, visited the new RAP in Miratovac and the Presevo Reception Centre (RC). The Ambassador was updated on recent developments in Miratovac and Presevo by the authorities, UNHCR and IOM and visited WASH and medical facilities funded by the Government of Japan.

- **2,649** refugees and migrants arrived: **2,596** from FYRo Macedonia and **53** from Bulgaria.
- **3,200** asylum seekers departed to Croatia.
- Official statistics on registration are not available on weekends.



SOUTH

2,596 refugees and migrants were assisted at the Miratovac Refugee Aid Point (RAP) upon arrival from FYRo Macedonia.

305 asylum seekers spent the night at RAP to wait for UNHCR-funded buses to take them to the Presevo Reception Centre (RC) in the morning.

Police, IOM, Philanthropy, REMAR, Medical Centre UNHCR, MSF and UNICEF are resuming their presence at the new RAP.



The delegation from the Japanese Embassy in Serbia visiting the Preševo RC and Miratovac RAP, Miratovac (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 18 December 2015

Humedica and MSF are present in the Miratovac village from 07:00 am to 11:00 pm. Philanthropy and REMAR distributed food to asylum seekers. UNHCR/DRC, IOM, Mercy Corps and MSF vans transported four disabled asylum seekers from the border to the RC. UNHCR funded buses transported 1,860 (31 rotations) asylum seekers from Miratovac village to the RC.

2,712 asylum-seekers were registered at the RC. UNHCR, SCRM, Police, the Medical Centre, Red Cross, UNICEF/DRC, Caritas, DRC, and REMAR assisted asylum seekers 24/7 at the Presevo RC. UNFPA, IOM, Natan, ADRA, Care international/Nexus, SOS Children, OXFAM 484, Global Medic, Youth for Refugees were present during the day. Save the Children, APC, Youth for Refugees, Atina and MSF were present outside the RC.

UNHCR/DRC assisted over 56 persons with specific needs (PSN), and distributed both in Presevo Centre and RAP, 1 pair of winter boots, 10 UNHCR blankets, 5 socks, 1 winter jacket, 144 bottles of water and donated one wheelchair. 65 asylum-seekers frequented medical services inside the RC, and the clinics of MSF/Humedica/Natan. UNICEF/DRC/CSW hosted 55 children and 41 mothers in the child friendly space.

UNICEF organized a clown show for children at the RC to celebrate the "International day of Migrants" and Youth for Refugees distributed gifts and toys to children.

EAST

53 refugees and migrants arrived in Dimitrovgrad, Zajecar and Negotin, of which 29 were Afghans, including 2 women and 3 children and 24 Iraqis, including 5 women and 4 children.

The Red Cross, DRC, UNHCR IP Sigma Plus, Amity, ADRA and the Divac foundation distributed food, water, clothes and blankets. Medical assistance was provided to some 20 cases for minor interventions, mainly respiratory infections.

BELGRADE

At any one time, over **60** refugees and migrants rested in parks and public spaces.

As usual, most sought aid in food, clothes and use of Internet. SCRM, UNHCR/DRC, Red Cross, Asylum Info Centre, BCHR and Mikser were assisting them and providing information. The Asylum Info Centre escorted 13 asylum seekers to the free SCRM shuttle to Krnjača Asylum Centre, and assisted one family with a wheelchair.

WEST

3,200 asylum seekers departed to Croatia on three trains.

UNHCR/HCIT assisted asylum seekers at the Train station during the boarding of trains and distributed 32 UNHCR blankets, 800 WFP HEB, 888 water bottles and 190 UNHCR bags.

IDC/Sid Health Centre provided medical assistance to 50 and WAHA to 15 asylum seekers.

UNHCR provided 60 bunk beds for Sid RAP, while ECHO donated 150 bunk beds for Adasevci and Principovac.

Situation in Adasevci was calm and activities by UNHCR and partners in assisting asylum seekers continued. SCRM, UNHCR, Police, APC, Red Cross Serbia, CRS/Divac Foundation, MSF, BCM, OM, REMAR and Czech Volunteers assisted 24/7, and World Vision, INTERSOS, TDH, NSHC and DRC during the day.

MSF provided medical assistance to 220 asylum seekers. REMAR provided tea for 840 and soup for 250 asylum seekers; Red Cross Serbia provided food on arrival and in coordination with RC, Divac Foundation distributed 430 food parcels on the buses; Philanthropy distributed 250 food parcels and NSHC 400 sandwiches and juices.

UNICEF/WV/CSW hosted 100 children and 90 mothers. INTERSOS provided charging for 463 phones, and provided 157 Wi-Fi services. Divac foundation also distributed 110 pieces of winter clothes for adults and children.

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