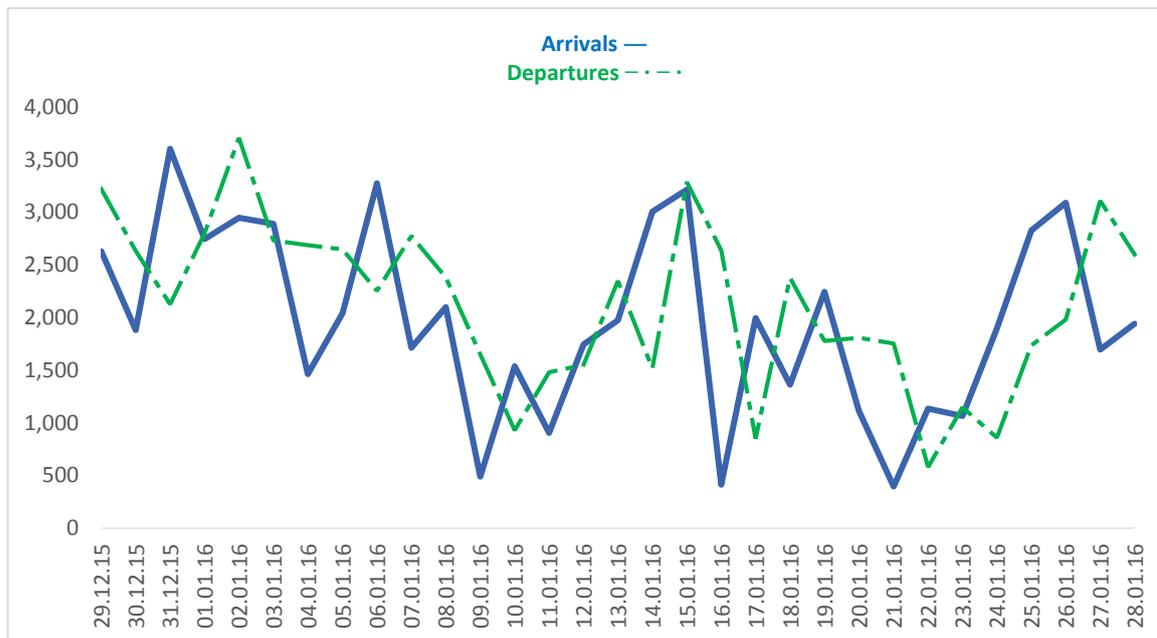


STATISTICS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- **1,940** refugees and migrants arrived: **1,836** from FYRo Macedonia and **104** from Bulgaria.
- **2,599** asylum seekers departed to Croatia.
- Interviewed by the German weekly *Die Zeit*, Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic voiced strong support to the refugee policy of Chancellor Merkel: *"I support her completely. ... She upholds European values. She seeks a European Solution. Many Europeans opened their hands when it came to receive financial support. But they do not like to contribute to the costs. That is bad. What can the critics of Merkel offer? Fences? These won't help. There is no alternative to Merkel's policy. I did not hear any reasonable proposals."* Asked about Serbia, Vucic *"repeat(ed) what I always said: Serbia will not build fences. This does not lead anywhere. We need a comprehensive European solution, like Merkel is aiming at. That is difficult to achieve as not everybody acts together. But it will be necessary to reach a solution."* <http://blog.zeit.de/ladurnerulrich/2016/01/27/wir-werden-keine-zaune-bauen/>


SOUTH

1,836 refugees and migrants were assisted at the Miratovac Refugee Aid Point (RAP) upon arrival from FYRo Macedonia. Arrivals were slowed down during the night and resumed in the early morning.



Documentation of new arrivals checked at the Border Police point at Tabanovce/Miratovac, Miratovac (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 28 January 2016

Police, Gendarmerie, IOM, Philanthropy, Remar, Medical Center, UNHCR, MSF, DRC, World Vision, were active at the RAP. UNHCR/DRC/SPDE distributed 274 winter boots, 14 jackets, UNHCR blankets, 150 bottled water, while UNICEF and Philanthropy/CRS distributed other non-food items.

UNICEF/DRC hosted 43 children and 20 women in their child friendly space.

UNHCR-funded buses transported approximately 1,920 asylum-seekers from Miratovac village to the Reception Centre (RC) in Presevo.

2,288 refugees, mainly from Syria, but also from Afghanistan and Iraq, were registered at the Presevo 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, Humedica, ADRA, Care international/Nexus, SOS Children, OXFAM 484, Global Medic and Youth for Refugees only during the day.

Save the Children, APC, Youth for Refugees Atina, Border Free, Mercy Corps and MSF assisted outside the RC. UNHCR and partners distributed 21 winter boots, 24 UNHCR blankets, winter jackets, socks and 16 water bottles. Medical assistance was provided to 135 asylum seekers inside the RC and the clinics of MSF, Humedica and Natan. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space was open for 202 children and 125 mothers. 500 asylum seekers stayed overnight inside the RC, including UNHCR RHUs. Around 350 were hosted by MSF and Border Free tents outside the RC.

EAST

104 asylum seekers arrived in Dimitrovgrad from Bulgaria. 48 were men from Afghanistan and 56 families with children from Iraq.

The Red Cross, Sigma Plus, UNHCR, DRC and Divac Foundation distributed food, water, clothes and blankets. Praxis distributed some clothing and I'm Human Organisation was present outside the centre. WAHA provided 18 medical intervention for minor injuries and blisters to asylum seekers in Dimitrovgrad.

The Regional Office of UNHCR in Budapest expressed concern about the situation and loss of life of refugees and migrants in Bulgaria: <http://www.unhcr.org/56aa19556.html>.

BELGRADE

Over **210** refugees/migrants were assisted in Belgrade. The majority of them were from Morocco, Pakistan or Algeria.

Most sought aid in food, clothes, use of Internet and referrals to various services, including registration. SCRM, UNHCR/DRC, Red Cross, Asylum Info Centre and Refugee Aid Serbia at Miksalište assisted them.

Over 60 representatives of authorities, UN and civil society organisations as well as other stakeholders attended the regular bi-weekly meeting of the Refugee Protection Working Group.

WEST

2,599 refugees departed to Croatia on three trains from Sid station.

Croatian authorities denied boarding to approximately **217** persons, including many who had unsuccessfully tried to board trains before. The SCRM accommodated them in the Sid RAP.

9 families and 7 persons with specific needs (PSN) were prioritized to board trains. Before and during boarding UNHCR/HCIT distributed 20 UNHCR blankets, 1,000 WFP HEB, 1,644 water bottles, 98 winter jackets, 149 boots, 60 UNHCR bags and hygienic packages. IDC/Sid Health Centre and WAHA provided medical assistance to asylum seekers at the Sid train station.

The situation in the Adasevci RAP was calm and orderly, with asylum seekers having access to all services and facilities while waiting to be taken to the train station.

UNHCR, SCRM, Police, APC, Red Cross Serbia, MSF, CRS/Divac Foundation, BCM, Remar, OM and Czech Volunteers assisted asylum-seekers 24/7, and others World Vision, Intersos, TDH, EHO and NSHC during the day.

MSF provided medical assistance to 170 asylum seekers and BCM/Sid Health Centre had other 105 patients. The UNICEF/WV/CSW child friendly space hosted 147 children and 79 mothers.

The Red Cross distributed food on the buses while asylum seekers were waiting to board the train. Remar offered hot tea and of soup. CRS/Divac Foundation distributed adult and children's winter clothes and footwear.

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