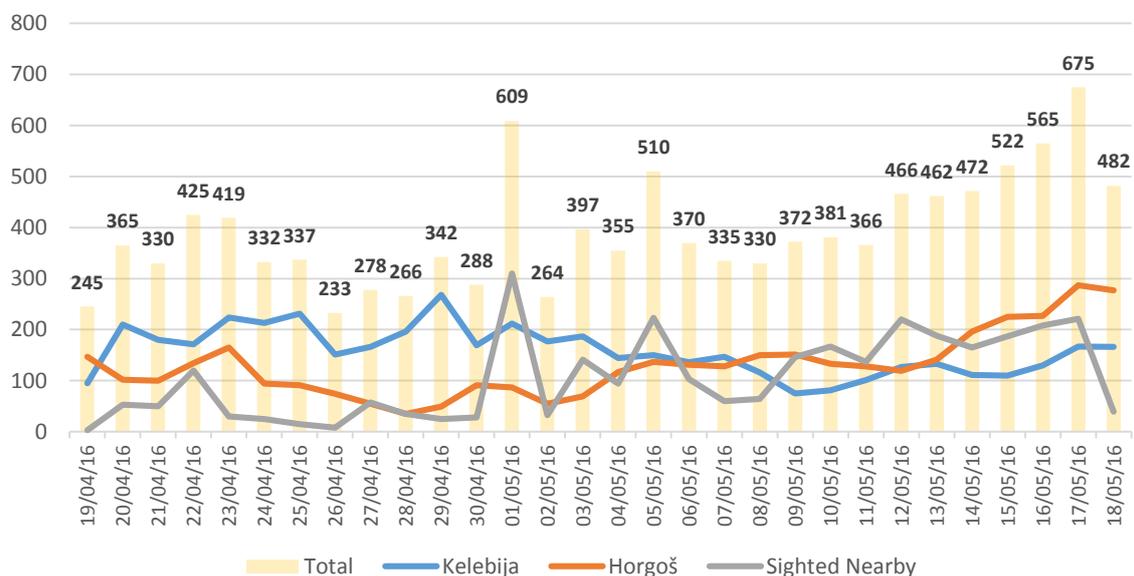


STATISTICS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- UNHCR and partners learned of **150** irregular arrivals: 93 from fYR Macedonia, 51 from Bulgaria and six from Montenegro.
- The number of asylum seekers waiting to be admitted into Hungarian “transit zones” increased after Hungarian authorities’ halved daily admission from some 60 to some 30 asylum seekers. As a result, on average **418** asylum seekers, predominantly women and children, were waiting for admission in the open, without shelter or sanitary facilities. In the last three days, **100** were admitted into Hungarian asylum procedures.
- In Belgrade between **340** and **480** refugees/migrants were assisted by UNHCR and partners in parks on near the bus/train station. At the end of the reporting period, Krnjaca Asylum Centre (AC) hosted **237** refugees/migrants without referral letter from the authorities.
- **113** (33 on 16/05; 38 on 17/05 and 42 on 18/05) persons expressed intent to seek asylum, bringing the total in May to 455 and for the whole of 2016 to 2,994 (statistics courtesy of the Ministry of Interior).

No of Asylum Seekers waiting at the border crossings with Hungary

SOUTH

31 refugees remained accommodated at the Reception Centre (RC) in Presevo. In addition, 20 arrived in the past three days irregularly from fYR Macedonia and were accommodated in the RC before again departing toward the Hungarian border. The UNHCR-supported Public Health and Humedica clinic treated a total of 47 patients. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space/mother and baby corner hosted a total of 19 children and eight women.

EAST

After arrival from Bulgaria, 24 Iraqis and five Afghans were brought to the police station in Zajecar and provided with water and food by the Red Cross.

BELGRADE

On a daily basis UNHCR and partners assisted between **340** and **480** refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. They were mostly from Afghanistan, Syria or Pakistan. Many were recent irregular arrivals from fYR Macedonia, Bulgaria or Montenegro.

The Asylum Info Centre supported them in various referrals, including access to asylum procedures and medical services. UNHCR/DRC doctors treated 41 patients while MSF, Refugee Aid Miksaliste volunteers and Divac Foundation assisted them with food and other aid. Between 20 and 60 were present at nights in the parks near the bus and train station while up to 237 were hosted in Krnjaca Asylum Centre.

WEST

22 refugees/migrants remained hosted at the Refugee Aid Point (RAP) in Sid: 16 single men and a family of six from Iraq, awaiting Assisted Voluntary Return.

NORTH

On average **418** asylum seekers, waited to be admitted into the two “transit zones” at Kelebija and Horgos I border crossings. Of those, 23% were women and 41% were children. Numbers in both sites increased after the Hungarian authorities recently decreased daily admission from some 30 to some 15 asylum seeker per “transit zone”.



*New arrivals in Subotica bus station, Subotica (Serbia),
@HCIT, 17 May 2016*

Asylum seekers are sheltered only by a few improvised tents. Sanitary conditions remain of grave concern, as confirmed by a visit of officials of the Public Health Institution of Kikinda. UNHCR’s long-standing offer to place chemical toilets has still not been approved by authorities.

Yet limited distribution by the Red Cross had to be supplemented by 1,242 UNHCR food packages, 180 raincoats and 80 UNHCR blankets. UNHCR also distributed UNICEF food and non-food aid for children. MSF continued to provide medical assistance in all sites.

HCIT continued to assist asylum seekers in and around Subotica and distributed food packages, raincoats and UNHCR blankets. Subotica RAP remained open and hosted three refugees at the end of the reporting period.

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