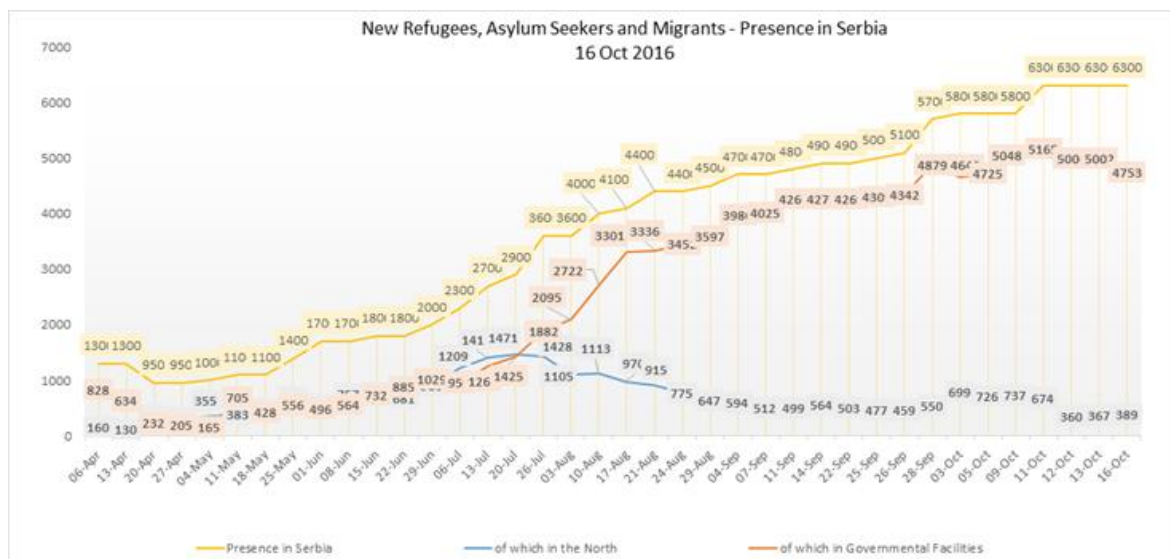


HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- Some 6,300 new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants, encountered by UNHCR and partners remain in Serbia. Of those, some 75% (or 4,753) were accommodated in governmental facilities, with 1,741 in five Asylum Centres and 3,012 in "Transit" or Reception Centres. The others were counted at the border with Hungary and around 1,000 sleeping rough at night in Belgrade City centre.
- On 14 October, Minister of Labour, Employment, Social and Veteran Affairs, Mr. Vulin with representatives of Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration (SCRM), officially inaugurated the new Reception Centre in Bujanovac in the South, constructed with the EU/ECHO funds. UNHCR is advocating that the new centre, with capacity of some 250, be devoted to accommodate families with children, single women and unaccompanied children.
- In rainy and cold weather, UNHCR partner agencies distributed some 400 UNHCR blankets, 180 winter jackets, 262 raincoats and other items of footwear and clothing to refugees in Belgrade, the North and West of Serbia, during the reporting period.
- Of the group of some 230 men and boys who had been transferred from Subotica Transit Centre to the south on 12 October, 121 arrived at the Presevo Reception Centre. UNHCR received information indicating that the rest, around 110 individuals mainly from Afghanistan and Pakistan, were taken to the border and unlawfully expelled to FYR Macedonia. UNHCR is following up with the Ministry of Interior.
- 80 persons expressed their intention to seek asylum in Serbia over the reporting period, bringing the total for October to 601 and the whole year to 9,674.



SOUTH



Children activities at Youth for Refugees facility, Presevo RC, (Serbia)@UNHCR 13 Oct 2016

The Presevo Reception Centre (RC) accommodated some 770 refugees and migrants. Over half of the RC population are from Afghanistan (55%), followed by those from Iraq (15%), Syria (12%) and Pakistan (12%). Some 42 % are children, 45% adult men and 13% adult women.

UNHCR and all other organizations active in the RC, assisted with food and non-food items, medical services, counselling, interpretation, referrals and recreational activities. UNHCR and partners conducted profiling of the men and boys transferred from Subotica Transit Centre to Presevo RC, and identified some 36 children/possibly UASCs, including several cases of family separation. Family reunification was facilitated for four cases, with as many children transferred to Krnjaca AC to reunite with families there.

Youth for Refugees started with their activities, funded by UNHCR through ADRA, consisting of library, barbershop and café.

BELGRADE

With almost all governmental accommodation (except the Reception Centre in Presevo but including the Asylum Centre of Krnjaca) fully occupied, around 1,000 refugees/migrants slept rough in the centre of Belgrade City. Most were from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan and Iraq. The Asylum Centre (AC) of Krnjaca sheltered 1,005 refugees, asylum-seekers or migrants.

Several Civil Society Organisations provided assistance, counselling and facilitated many referrals, including to asylum procedures, registration with the police, and medical services. UNHCR/DRC and MDM doctors treated over 150 refugee/migrant patients during the reporting period.

NORTH

The total number of asylum seekers in the North remained stable with some 350 counted on 16 October. Of those, 148 people were sheltered in Subotica TC, and around 200 were camping in the open on Serbian soil close to the two Hungarian “transit zones” of Horgos I and Kelebija.

The SCRM, UNHCR, and other organizations provided humanitarian aid, including bottled water, food, fresh fruits, non-food aid, hygiene packages, support to maintenance of the sanitary conditions, medical assistance, referrals, as well as legal and other counselling.

Hungary admitted 124 asylum seekers during the reporting period, while UNHCR and partners encountered some 55 foreign nationals who reported to have been pushed-back/unlawfully expelled into Serbia, without having been granted access to asylum procedures in Hungary, having entered it irregularly.

WEST

The Transit Centres of Sid, Adasevci and Principovac sheltered some 2,100 refugees and migrants. Most were from Afghanistan, followed by Syria and Pakistan, with the rest from Iraq, Iran, Bangladesh, Morocco or Algeria.

Civil Society Organizations assisted with food, and non-food as well as medical aid, counselling, referrals, child support, and recreational activities.

UNHCR and partners encountered over 20 foreign nationals who reported to have been pushed-back/unlawfully expelled into Serbia from Croatia having entered it irregularly, and without having been granted access to asylum procedures in Croatia.



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