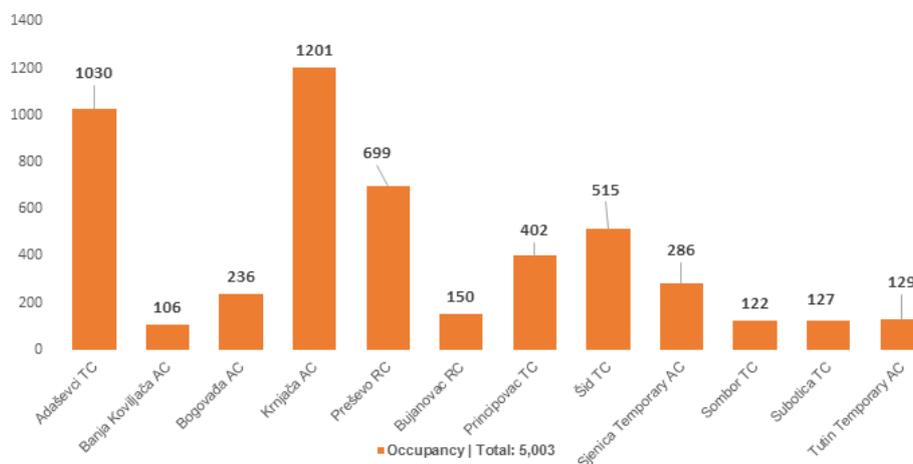


HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- Around 6,300 new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were encountered by UNHCR and partners. Over 5,000 (or 79%) of them were accommodated in 12 governmental facilities, including 1,958 in five Asylum Centres and 3,045 in “Transit” or Reception Centres. The others were counted at the border with Hungary or sleeping rough in Belgrade City centre.
- The protest march of some 50-60 refugees and migrants who had set out on foot from Belgrade to the Croatian border on 10 November, ended peacefully on 14 November. After being prevented by Serbian and Croatian authorities from crossing into Croatia at Sid/Tovarnik, they decided to return to Belgrade by train, refusing the SCRM offer for transport to government facilities.
- Meeting for coordination on 14 November in Belgrade, civil society organization and donors refuted misinformation that they encourage refugees/migrants to stay in the city centre but reiterated their commitment to support authorities in managing the situation in Belgrade including their offer to assist in facilitating an effective, well-informed, orderly and humane transfer of refugees/migrants to suitable government facilities.
- Efforts to treat and contain body-lice continued in all facilities. All new arrivals were screened and treated, while residents and facilities underwent consecutive disinfection rounds reducing levels of infestation: A third round of screening and disinfection was completed in Adasevci and Principovac Transit Centres (TC) in the West, and is ongoing in Sid TC. In Presevo Reception Centre (RC), Public Health Institute, SCRM and UNHCR coordinated steps for a second disinfection round which is scheduled to take place this week. Krnjaca Asylum Centre (AC) was reportedly declared body-lice free.
- Overcoming problems in accessing registration, 219 refugees/migrants registered intent to seek asylum, increasing the total for the month of November to 818, and for the year to 11,156.

Occupancy of Reception Centre, Transit and Asylum Centres
as of 16 November 2016



SOUTH



Celebrating arrival of a new born baby and birthday of his sister in Presevo RC (Serbia)@UNHCR, 16 Nov 2016

In total, 849 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in two Reception Centres: Presevo (699) and Bujanovac (150). Over 40% of residents of Presevo RC are from Afghanistan, 24% from Pakistan, 12% from Iraq, and 10% from Syria. Over 60% of residents of Bujanovac RC, which accommodates only families and unaccompanied and separated children, are from Afghanistan, 28% from Iraq and 6% from Syria.

UNHCR and many other organizations assisted with food and non-food items, medical services, counselling, interpretation, referrals and recreational activities. UNHCR and Indigo continued to support Centre for Social Work in conducting Best Interest Assessments for unaccompanied and separated children.

BELGRADE

An estimated 1,000 refugees and migrants remained sleeping rough in the centre of Belgrade City. The Asylum Centre (AC) of Krnjaca sheltered 1,201 on 16 November.

Civil society organisations provided counselling and facilitated referrals, including to accommodation in governmental centres, asylum procedures, registration with the police, child protection and medical services.

NORTH

The total number of asylum seekers in the North counted on 16 November was around 420: 127 were sheltered in the Transit Centre of Subotica, 122 in Transit Centre in Sombor, while some 150 camped in the open on Serbian soil close to the two Hungarian “transit zones” of Horgos I and Kelebija. The latter comprised 39% of nationals of Syria, 33% of Iraq and 16% of Afghanistan. 45% were adult men, 36% children and 19% adult women.

UNHCR and other organizations provided humanitarian aid, including 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.

During the reporting period, only 58 asylum-seekers were admitted into Hungarian “transit zones”, while UNHCR and partners encountered six foreign nationals who reported to have been pushed-back/unlawfully expelled into Serbia, without having been granted access to asylum procedures in Hungary.

WEST

Transit Centres in the West sheltered around 1,940 refugees and migrants: 1,030 in Adasevci TC, 515 in Sid TC, and 402 in Principovac TC.

Civil society organizations assisted the SCRM with food, and non-food as well as medical aid, counselling, referrals, child support, and recreational activities. UNHCR partners received permission to distribute fresh clothes, important with falling temperatures and to treat and control the spread of body lice and scabies in Adasevci and Principovac TC. Permission for Sid TC is still pending.

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



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