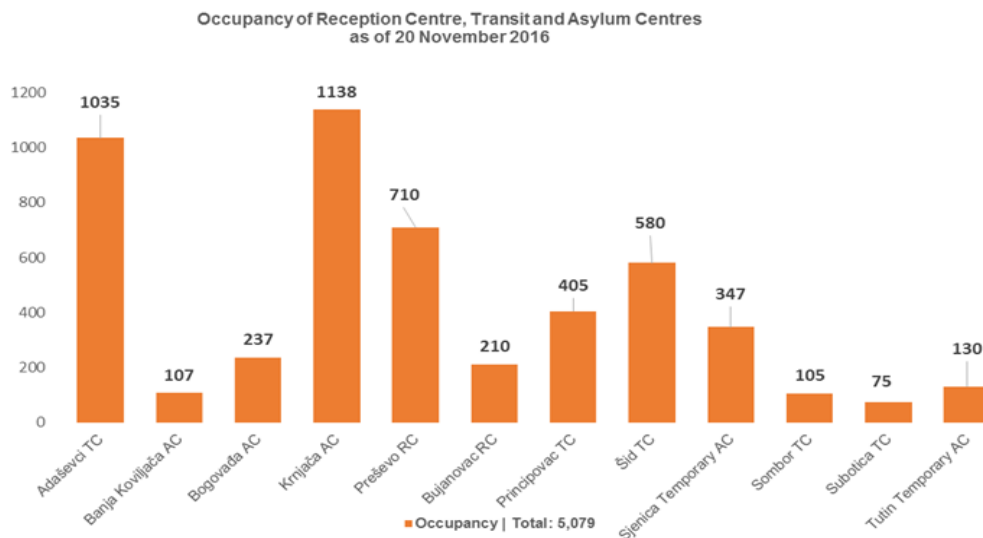


HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- Around 6,300 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were encountered by UNHCR and partners. Over 5,070 (i.e. 80%) were accommodated in twelve governmental facilities, while the remainder were counted at the border with Hungary or sleeping rough in Belgrade City centre.
- With all five Asylum (AC) and five Transit Centres (TC) fully occupied (see chart), authorities requested newly registered asylum-seekers to be accommodated in the Reception Centre (RC) of Presevo only. As authorities asked unregistered refugees/migrants to leave Krnjaca AC and to help in decongesting Belgrade city centre, UNHCR and partners intensified their assistance to overcome back-logs in registration in Belgrade police stations and started transporting registered asylum-seekers from Belgrade to Presevo RC. 200 refugees/migrants registered intent to seek asylum, increasing the total for the month of November to 1,018, and for the year to 11,156.
- On 17 November at a health coordination meeting, the Ministry of Health reported that the number of refugees/migrants suffering under body-lice decreased significantly: The highest number of affected persons were in Sid TC, while Banja Koviljaca, Bujanovac, Krnjaca Sjenica, or Tutin ACs, Subotica and Sombor TCs, as well as Bujanovac RC had no or only very isolated cases reported over the last two weeks. A second round of body lice treatment and disinfection was completed in Presevo RC and a third round in the TCs of the West.
- In colder weather, UNHCR partners distributed over 700 blankets, 430 winter jackets, 400 boots and many other items of footwear and clothing in governmental centres in Belgrade, the South, North and West of Serbia.



SOUTH

920 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in two RCs: Presevo (710) and Bujanovac (210).

Over 120 individuals who registered in other parts of Serbia, mainly in Belgrade, and received referrals to Presevo, were accepted and accommodated in Presevo RC after undergoing the body lice protocol upon arrival. Also, 71 refugees/migrants (families and 22 UASCs) were transferred from Presevo to Bujanovac RC. Over 43% of residents of Presevo RC are from Afghanistan, 23% from Pakistan, 17% from Iraq, and 6% from Syria. Almost half of residents of Bujanovac RC, which accommodates only families and unaccompanied and separated children, are from Afghanistan, 27% from Iraq and 23% 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 1,138 on 20 November.

Civil society organisations provided counselling and facilitated referrals to accommodation in governmental centres, asylum procedures, registration with the police, child protection and medical services. They renewed their offer to support authorities in an orderly relocation of refugees/migrants from inhumane conditions in the city centre to more adequate accommodation and services in governmental centres.

NORTH

Around 390 asylum seekers were counted in the North on 20 November: 75 were sheltered in Subotica TC, 105 in Sombor TC, while some 160 camped in the open on Serbian soil close to the two Hungarian “transit zones” near Horgos I and Kelebija border-crossings. The latter comprised 40% nationals of Syria, 24% of Iraq and 21% of Afghanistan. 45% were adult men, 37% children and 18% adult women.

UNHCR and partners provided humanitarian aid, including food, 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 40 asylum-seekers were admitted into Hungarian “transit zones”, while UNHCR and partners encountered over 15 foreign nationals who reported to have been pushed-back/unlawfully expelled into Serbia, without having been granted access to asylum procedures in Hungary.

WEST



Refugee children playing in Principovac TC (Serbia) @UNHCR, 19 November 2016

TCs in the West sheltered around 2,020 refugees and migrants: 1,035 in Adasevci, 580 in Sid, and 405 in Principovac.

Civil society organizations assisted the SCRM with food, non-food and medical aid, counselling, referrals, child support, and recreational activities, as well as with body lice treatment.

UNHCR and partners encountered over 25 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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