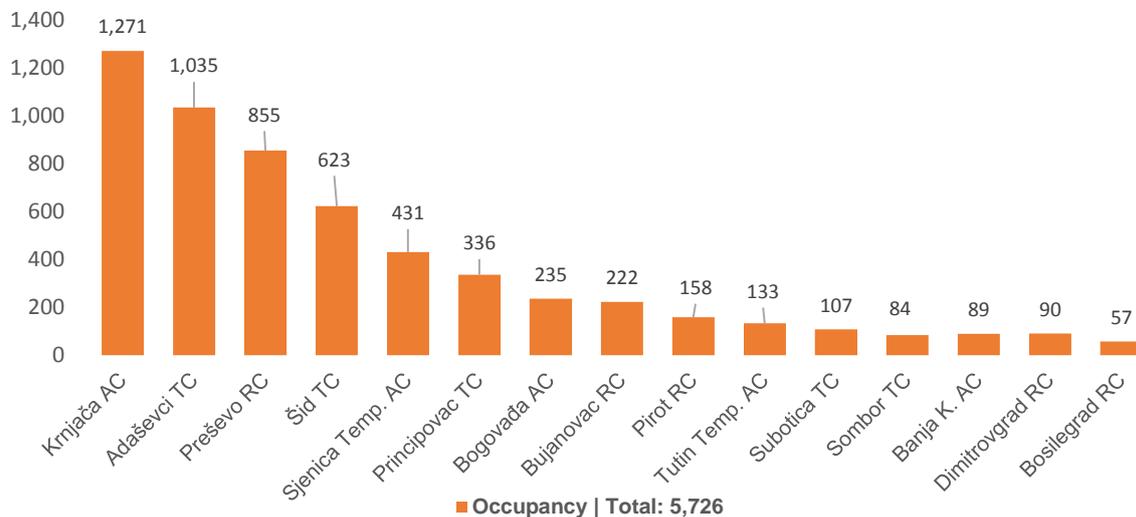


HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- Authorities, UNHCR, and partners estimate that close to 7,000 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants are presently in Serbia, with over 5,760 (i.e. 82%) accommodated in 15 governmental facilities (see chart), and the remainder sleeping rough in Belgrade City centre or at the border with Hungary.
- Supporting access to better accommodation and services as well as the decongesting of Belgrade city centre, UNHCR and partners assisted 91 newly-registered asylum seekers with transport from Belgrade to Pirot.
- 27 asylum-seekers were admitted into the two Hungarian “transit zones”. Around 130 are awaiting admission outside the zones on Serbian territory. UNHCR and partners received reports of over 120 foreign nationals claiming to have been collectively expelled from Hungary and four from Croatia, reportedly without having been granted access to asylum procedures there.
- 139 refugees/migrants registered intent to seek asylum, bringing the total for the month of December to 906, and for the year to 12,747.

Occupancy of Reception Centre, Transit and Asylum Centres
as of 25 December 2016



EAST

On 25 December, some 300 asylum seekers were accommodated in three government centres: 90 asylum seekers at Reception Centre in Dimitrovgrad, 57 at Bosilegrad, and some 150 in Pirot. Around half of them are children.

The authorities provide assistance in food and medical services, and local civil society is available for support in non-food items, interpretation and counselling.

SOUTH



Refugee children visited a local school with gifts they made, Vranje (Serbia) @UNHCR, 25 December 2016

Over 1,070 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in two Reception Centres (RC): Presevo (885) and Bujanovac (222). Some 46% of residents of Presevo RC are from Afghanistan, 30% from Iraq, 13% from Pakistan, and 8% from Syria. Residents of Bujanovac RC, which accommodates only families and unaccompanied and separated children, are from Iraq (38%), Syria (32%) and Afghanistan (20%), with 12% others.

UNHCR and other organizations assisted with food and non-food items, medical services, counselling, interpretation, referrals and recreational activities. Upon request of authorities, UNHCR and Indigo continued to support the Centre for Social Work in conducting Best Interest Assessments for unaccompanied and separated children. Save the Children organized a visit and exchange of New Year gifts made by the refugee children in the Reception Centres to local schools in Vranje.

BELGRADE

It is estimated that some 1,200 refugees/migrants slept rough in the city centre, while Krnjaca Asylum Centre sheltered 1,271 asylum-seekers.

Humanitarian agencies provided counselling, referrals and transport to accommodation in governmental centres, registration with the police, child protection and medical services.

WEST

Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered 1,994 refugees and migrants: 1,035 in Adasevci, 623 in Sid and 336 in Principovac.

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

NORTH

Around 340 asylum seekers were counted in the North on 25 December: 107 in Subotica TC and 84 in Sombor TC, while the number of those camping in the open on Serbian soil close to the two Hungarian “transit zones” near Horgos I and Kelebija border-crossings was 130.

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.



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