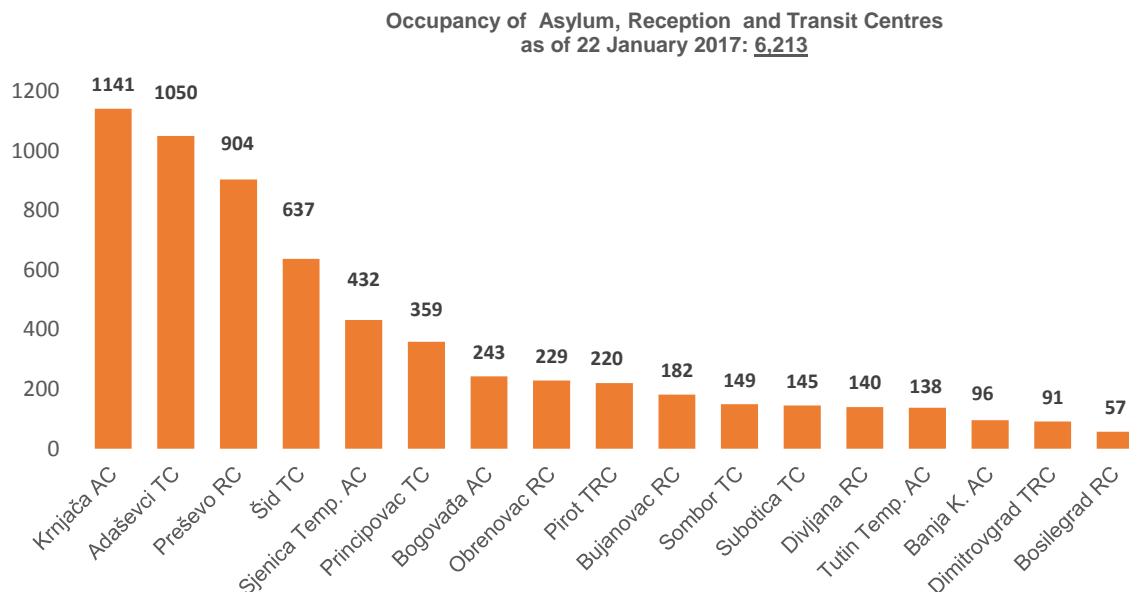


HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- Of the total of 7,300 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants counted in Serbia, over 6,200 or 85 % remained sheltered in 17 government facilities. The rest mainly stayed rough in Belgrade city centre.
- Since the first group of refugees and migrants was relocated from the Belgrade city centre to the new facility in Obrenovac last week, authorities, UNHCR and partners continue working non-stop to enact asap further expansion of shelter capacities there and to ensure that all necessary protection and other services, particularly to support the unaccompanied and separated children (UASCs), will be provided to all current and future residents of the new Obrenovac facility.
- Continuing support to authorities' efforts in voluntary relocation from the Belgrade city centre, UNHCR and partners transported 81 more refugees and migrants, including some 40 boys, to several government centres with available capacity. At the same time, efforts are ongoing to identify remaining needs in the city centre. In this regard, UNHCR and partners conducted profiling of some 240 males among those staying rough at barracks behind the train station. Majority of respondents were from Afghanistan (75%) and Pakistan (23%). More than half stated they were alone (i.e. with no accompanying family), and almost 30% claimed were underage and travelling alone. Some 18% stated they would like to stay in Serbia and 65% would like to go to another European country. Most, around 65%, indicated they were willing to move to government centres.
- UNHCR and partners in Serbia continued receiving reports of collective expulsions, including from over 130 refugees/migrants claiming to have been denied access to asylum procedures in Hungary but collectively expelled back into Serbia after having entered Hungary irregularly.
- On 21 January, during his visit to Serbia, EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Christos Stylianides, visited Krnjaca Asylum Centre (AC), hosted by Minister Vulin and accompanied by UNHCR Representative.
- Since the beginning of this year, the police registered 432 new intentions to seek asylum in Serbia.



EAST

On 22 January, over 500 asylum seekers were accommodated in four government centres: 91 asylum seekers in the Reception Centre in Dimitrovgrad, 57 in Bosilegrad, 220 in Pirot and 140 in Divljana. Most are from Iraq, followed by Afghanistan and Syria and around half of them are children. Authorities provided food and medical services, while NGOs were available for support in non-food items, interpretation and counselling.

UNHCR partners supported national institutions in assisting the victims of the 29 December car crash, both in the hospitals where they are receiving treatment, as well as with ensuring provision of adequate accommodation and services for those that were released.

SOUTH

A total of 1,086 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in two Reception Centres (RC): Presevo (904) and Bujanovac (182).

UNHCR and partners assisted with food and non-food items, medical services, counselling, interpretation, referrals and recreational activities. Community leaders are engaged in various every day responsibilities ensuring community participation in the management of the RC. Upon request of authorities, UNHCR and partners continued to support the Centre for Social Work in conducting Best Interest Assessments for unaccompanied and separated children.



Refugee boys and men relocated from city centre enjoying the facilities in Obrenovac (Serbia) @UNHCR, 20 January 2017

BELGRADE

Following the last weeks relocation from the city centre to the new facility in Obrenovac, which now accommodates 229 refugees and migrants (including at least 120 boys), it is estimated that around 1,000 refugee/migrant men remained sleeping rough in the city centre.

Krnjaca AC sheltered 1,141 asylum-seekers.

Humanitarian agencies provided life-saving aid, counselling, support to registration with the police, as well as referrals to child protection and medical services.

WEST

Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered some 2,050 refugees and migrants: 1,050 in Adasevci, 637 in Sid and 359 in Principovac.

Civil society organizations assisted authorities with food, non-food and medical aid, counselling, referrals, child support and recreational activities. Seventh round of body lice treatment/eradication was carried out in Sid TC.

NORTH

39 asylum-seekers were admitted into the two Hungarian “transit zones”. Subotica TC sheltered 145, Sombor TC some 140, while 14 asylum seekers camped at Horgos and 8 at Kelebija border sites, awaiting admission into Hungarian “transit zones”.

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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