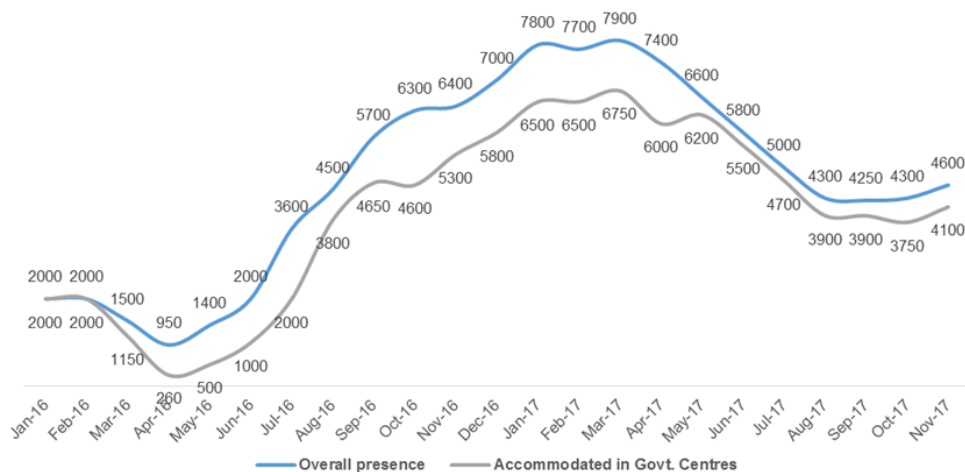


# UNHCR SERBIA UPDATE

## HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- On 5 November, **4,585** new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were counted in Serbia, **of which 4,102 were accommodated in the 18 government centres** - representing 89% of the total caseload (see the [Joint Assessment of Government Centres](#) for improvements and gaps in reception conditions, now also available as app on: <http://www.unhcr.rs/CentreProfiling/overview.php>).
- Within continued efforts to shelter as many persons as possible in official accommodation centres, on 31 Oct authorities transported to Presevo Reception Centre 188 refugees and migrants who had been sleeping rough in the northern area around Sombor.
- UNHCR and partners assisted **208 newly arrived** asylum seekers. 32 % of all arrivals were minors/children. Most had left Pakistan (36%), Iraq (34%), or Afghanistan (10%), between one week and one year ago. Over a half, reported to have arrived via Turkey-Greece-FYR Macedonia and 40% travelled irregularly to Serbia via Turkey and Bulgaria.
- On 1-3 November, in coordination with Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration (SCRM), UNHCR distributed the first batch of **winter clothes** for adults accommodated in 15 government-run centres. 899 tracksuits, 902 winter jackets, 1,878 T-shirts, 3,596 pairs of socks, 3,595 pairs of underwear, 415 pairs of boots, 899 pairs of rubber slippers and 899 winter sets containing cap/shawl/gloves were distributed in the reporting period.
- Asylum stats:** In October, 734 individuals registered intentions to seek asylum in Serbia. 48% were made by men, 14% by women and 38% were registered for children. Most applications were made by citizens of Iraq (36%), Afghanistan (21%), Pakistan (20%), Syria (3%), and other nationalities (20%). One person was granted refugee status and nine persons were granted subsidiary protection, making a total of 13 positive first-instance decisions by the Asylum Office in 2017.

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## SOUTH

753 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the three Reception Centres of Presevo (449), Vranje (118) and Bujanovac (186), including 69 unaccompanied or separated children (UASC).

## BELGRADE

Krnjaca Asylum Centre (AC) accommodated 774 asylum-seekers, including 114 UASC, while 799 male refugees/migrants (including 37 unaccompanied or separated boys) were sheltered in Obrenovac Transit Centre (TC).

## EAST

442 refugees and migrants were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 207 in Pirot, 112 in Divljana, 81 in Dimitrovgrad and 42 in Bosilegrad.

## WEST

TCs in the West sheltered 543 refugees and migrants: 367 in Adasevci and 176 in Principovac.

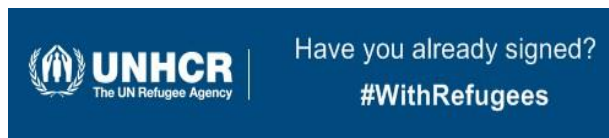


Rub-hall in Principovac (Serbia), previously used for accommodation, now serving the need for recreational activities, @UNHCR, 31 Oct 2017

## NORTH

42 asylum seekers were admitted into so-called “transit zones” of Hungary. On 5 November, three asylum seekers camped at Horgos and Kelebija border sites awaiting admission into Hungary.

Subotica TC sheltered 101 asylum-seekers, Sombor TC 115, and Kikinda TC 155.



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