



**(Mental) Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS):** Partner International Aid Network (IAN) provided individual psychotherapy and psychiatric interventions, individual and group psychological and psychosocial support to 30 individuals, including 17 UASC, in ACs in Krnjača and Bogovađa. A number of UASC reported having suffered maltreatment and physical abuse by Bulgarian border guards.

UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) continued monitoring the public health situation, referring refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) for vaccination and (specialised) medical services and providing some medication and orthopedic devices, focusing on Krnjača AC.



Counselling in the field,  
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Partner Indigo organised 55 workshops in English and Serbian languages, carpentry, music, creative workshops, manicure, locksmiths' and chess workshops, in governmental centres in the southeast and southwest of the country, with 85 participants in total.

**Child protection:** [SCRM announced](#) that **some 100 refugee/migrant children are enrolled to start/continue schooling in the national schools as of 1 September, in seven cities/municipalities in Serbia.**

Four UASC were under legal guardianship of partner IDEAS at the beginning of August, and two have meanwhile left the country; nine UASC are in receipt of free legal aid. Under the UNHCR project "Vouchers for the educational needs of UASC and youth within the childcare system in



UASC in summer camp in Tara Mountain,  
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Serbia", eleven children received cash vouchers in August through UNHCR partner CRPC. CRPC supported the learning needs of nine refugee children with grinds in different school subjects and languages.

**Seven UASC and youth accommodated in the centres for social protection, accompanied by their guardians, attended the Eco-Recreational Camp Džanići/Tara on 15-21 August, with support from UNHCR and partner CRPC, engaging in water sports and other recreational/educational activities.**

Partners DRC, IDEAS and CRPC supported UASC **peer educators** by organizing cultural activities combined with discussion on challenges of integration: a visit to the Museum of Yugoslavia, a visit to the Botanical Garden "Jevremovac" and attendance of a French movie evening in Kvaka 22 in Belgrade. Women from the AC Krnjača, who participate in DRC women empowerment activities, also took part in these cultural activities. One peer educator was supported in finding a summer job in a café in Belgrade.

**Gender-based violence (GBV):** Partners IDEAS and DRC were providing free legal aid, information, interpretation, counselling and referring to responsible institutions and service providers, to 16 adult GBV survivors (of which four newly identified) and their families.

DRC organised six workshops and excursions in the framework of women-empowerment activities with women from Krnjača AC.

**Statelessness/Roma/IDPs:** UNHCR partners Praxis and A11 Initiative visited 20 Roma (IDP) settlements in 12 municipalities around the country and counselled 241 persons on accessing socio-economic rights and personal documents.

DRC organised one return-related meeting in Feketić on 17 August with 12 IDPs participating, who were informed about the criteria they must meet in order to be assisted in return, organization of go and see visits, registration for return, as well as about projects/organizations that provide return support and temporary residence. Four families with 9 family members (originating from Dragaš, Prizren and Kosovo Polje) registered for return to Kosovo<sup>1</sup> in August. DRC also paid visits to IDP

<sup>1</sup> All reference to Kosovo should be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244.

families residing in Kaluđerica near Belgrade and informed them of overall situation in their communities of origin, conditions and possibilities for return.

In a DRC meeting with RAE IDPs in Mali Idjos municipality in the north of Serbia, those from Đakovica expressed no intention of returning due to security considerations, whereas those from Kosovo Polje and Obilić expressed an interest in go-and-see visits; this group of IDPs owns no property in Serbia and survives on social welfare and recycling.

Praxis met with the representatives of the centres for social welfare (CSW) in Apatin, Pirot, Subotica and Palilula, to exchange knowledge, experience and advice on problems faced by persons at risk of statelessness and the relevant procedures. Three Roma activists from Kikinda, Zrenjanin and Sombor were trained by Praxis on tackling the relevant administrative procedures. **Five persons at risk of statelessness had their Serbian nationality confirmed/granted in August owing to Praxis' efforts.**

**Child, early and forced marriages (CEFM):** Praxis met with the social protection authorities in Apatin, Pirot and shared their reports and information materials on CEFM and reported one detected case of CEFM to the local CSW in Subotica.

**Ukraine Refugee Response:** UNHCR finalized the **preliminary results of the mapping of needs of Ukrainian refugees on the territory of Serbia** (in 15 different municipalities), having interviewed 15 local refugee trustees and 22 Ukrainian families (66 persons) in private accommodation in these municipalities. The SCRM Trustees and the refugees identified the following priority areas of intervention: provision of up-to-date information, legal awareness, health, employment, education and social protection. Other identified needs included: translation services for trustees, school support for children (textbooks and materials), tax exemption or reduction of electricity bills for host families, tickets for public transport and cash assistance. The results were shared with the Inter-Agency Forum on Ukrainian Response at UN level, to which UNHCR is the leading agency, and SCRM.



Women from Ukraine at "Dani banice" food festival, Bela Palanka, ©Sigma Plus, August 2022

Partner Sigma Plus organized for six refugee women from Ukraine, accommodated in AC Vranje, to participate and present Ukrainian cuisine in the "Dani banice" food festival in Bela Palanka. They prepared "Varenike" and distributed over 150 portions to the festival visitors.

Upon profiling of refugees from Ukraine interested in employment, UNHCR reached out to the City of Vranje's Department of Economy and Economic Development and agreed to work jointly on linking the refugees with the companies in Vranje and neighbouring towns.

"Aster Textile" factory from Niš donated a contingent of fabrics to be turned into curtains in the rooms in Vranje AC during the sewing workshops attended by Ukrainian women and supported by the UNHCR/Sigma Plus.

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