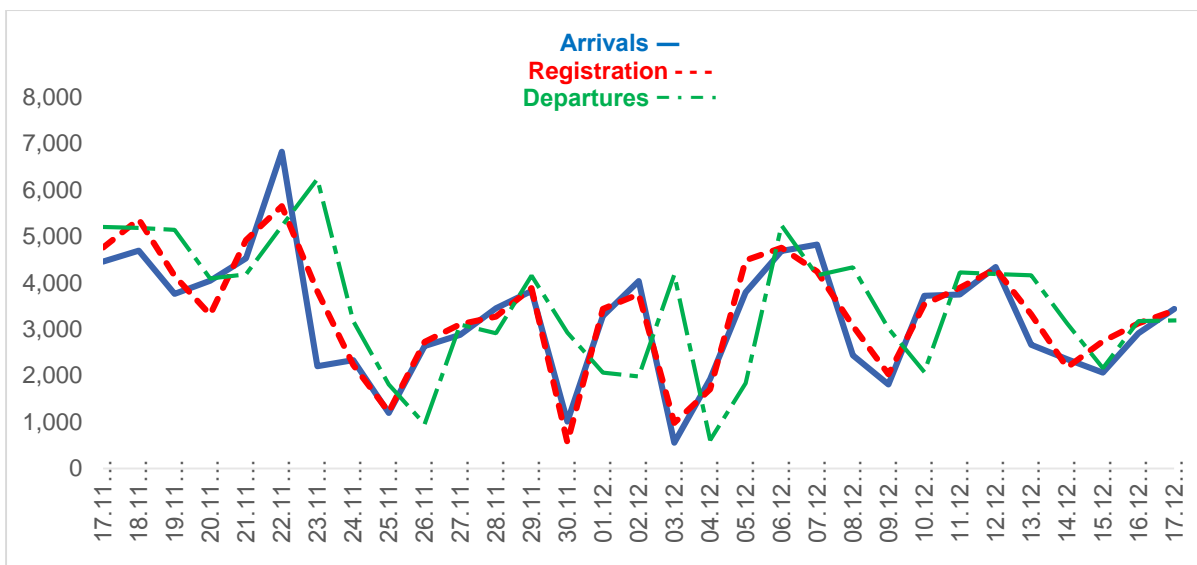


## HIGHLIGHTS

Minister Aleksandar Vulin opened a new Refugee Aid Point (RAP), 1.2 km from the border with FYRo Macedonia. Though this increases refugee and migrants' access to first aid and emergency shelter, it does not relieve them from being exposed to the winter climate when having to walk five kilometres from Tabanovce to Miratovac village, from where UNHCR-funded buses can take them to the Reception Centre (RC) in Presevo. Together with Ambassador Arne Sannes Bjørnstad of the Royal Norwegian Embassy, Minister Vulin also opened the first phase of the Tobacco factory renovation, increasing the heated overnight shelter capacity of the RC by 120 beds. UNHCR and partners supported authorities in protecting and assisting asylum-seekers 24/7, while also winterisation activities progressed at all sites.

- **3,438** refugees and migrants arrived: **3,246** from FYRo Macedonia and **192** from Bulgaria.
- **3,192** asylum seekers departed to Croatia.
- **3,404** asylum seekers were registered, bringing the total of asylum-requests in 2015 to **539,928**.



## SOUTH

**3,246** refugees and migrants were assisted at the Miratovac Refugee Aid Point (RAP) upon arrival from FYRo Macedonia.

Police, IOM, Philanthropy, Remar, Medical Centre, UNHCR, MSF and UNICEF are establishing their 24/7 presence at the new RAP. Humedica and MSF are present in the Miratovac village from 07:00 to 23:00 hrs.



*New RAP entrance with UNHCR funded equipment for security checks, Miratovac (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 17 December 2015*

UNHCR/DRC, IOM, Mercy Corps and MSF vans transported five disabled asylum seekers from the border to the Reception Centre (RC).

200 asylum seekers spent the night in Tabanovce and 200 in the RAP. UNHCR funded buses transported 1,560 (26 rotations) asylum seekers from Miratovac village to the RC.

**3,157** asylum-seekers were registered at the RC.

UNHCR, SCRM, Police, the Medical Centre, Red Cross, UNICEF/DRC, Caritas, DRC, and Remar assisted asylum seekers 24/7 at the RC. UNFPA, IOM, Natan, ADRA, Care international/Nexus, SOS Children, OXFAM 484, Global Medic assisted during the day. APC, Youth for Refugees, Atina and MSF are present outside the RC.

UNHCR/DRC assisted over 117 persons with specific needs (PSN) and distributed water, UNHCR blankets, boots and biscuits.

86 asylum-seekers received medical services in the RC and the MSF/Humedica/Natan clinics.

UNICEF/DRC/CSW hosted 63 children and 21 mothers in the child friendly space.

## EAST

**192** refugees and migrants arrived in Dimitrovgrad and Minicevo (Knjazevac) and Negotin, 172 Afghans, mainly men and three women and eight children, and 20 Iraqis, including three women and five children.

The Red Cross, DRC, UNHCR IP Sigma Plus, Amity, ADRA and the Divac foundation distributed food, water, clothes and blankets. Medical assistance was provided for minor interventions, mainly respiratory infections.

The registration process went smoothly. Asylum seekers waiting for registration in Dimitrovgrad were accommodated in the heated containers, while UNHCR delivered four heaters for the garage next to the registration office that is also used as a waiting area.

## BELGRADE

At any one time, over **70** refugees and migrants rested in parks and public spaces. As usual, most sought aid in food, clothes and use of Internet. SCRM, UNHCR/DRC, Red Cross, Asylum Info Centre, BCHR and Mikser were assisting them and providing information.

The Asylum Info Centre escorted 20 asylum seekers to the free SCRM shuttle to Krnjača Asylum Centre.

## WEST

**3,192** asylum seekers departed to Croatia on three trains.

UNHCR/HCIT continued assisting asylum seekers at the Sid Train station, during the boarding process, including some 10 PSN, and distributed 38 UNHCR blankets, 1,368 water bottles, 700 WFP HEBs and 50 UNHCR bags.

IDC/HC Sid provided medical assistance to 43 asylum seekers. UNHCR delivered 200 bunk beds for the rub hall at the Sid RAP.

Situation at Adasevci was calm and usual activities by UNHCR and partners in assisting asylum seekers continued. SCRM, UNHCR, Police, APC, Red Cross Serbia, CRS/Divac Foundation, MSF, BCM, OM, Remar and Czech Volunteers assisted 24/7, and World Vision, INTERSOS, TDH, NSHC and DRC during the day.

REMAR/OM established 24 hours presence and distributed tea to some 500 asylum seekers. MSF provided medical care to 157 and BCM to 115 asylum seekers. 117 children and 48 mothers were hosted in Child Friendly UNICEF/WV/CSW Room. INTERSOS provided charging and free Wi-Fi service to 330 asylum seekers. CRS/DIVAC team distributed 40 food packages and some clothes and shoes for men, women and children.

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