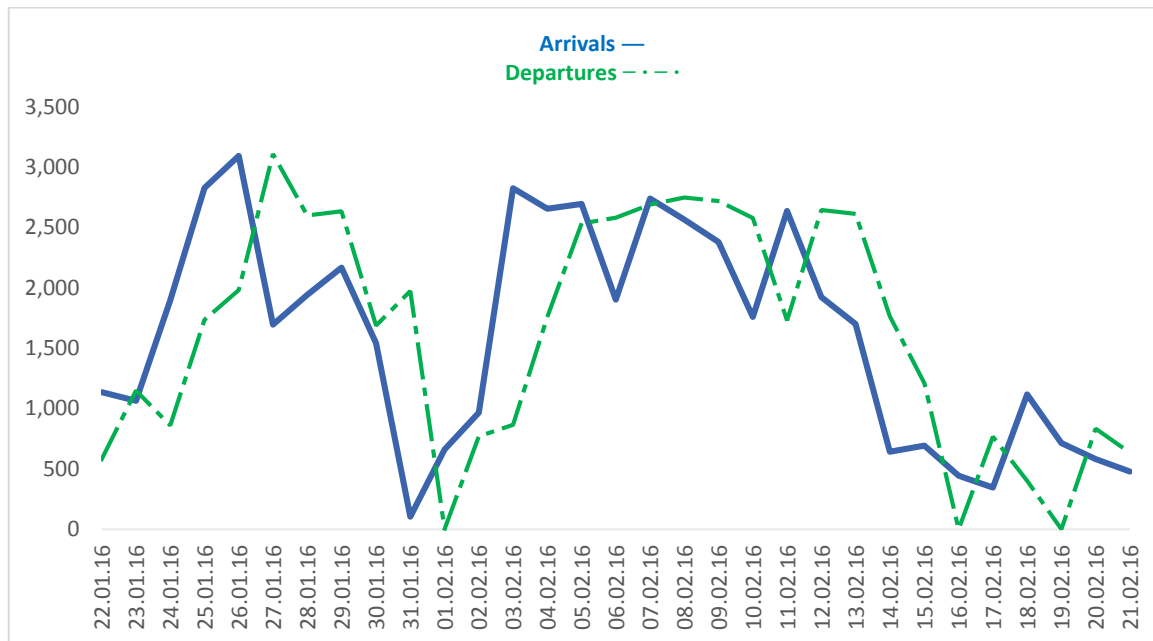


## STATISTICS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- **1,769** (713 on 19/02; 580 on 20/02 and 476 on 21/02) refugees/migrants arrived: **1,482** from fYRo Macedonia and **287** from Bulgaria.
- **1,466** (0 on 19/02; 833 on 20/02 and 633 on 21/02) departed to Croatia.
- The registration of arriving refugees a migrants in the South and train boarding procedures in the West were taking long time, due to stringent document checks conducted by the authorities, as the implementation of the new procedures adopted by the Chiefs of Police of the five countries on WB route started. For example starting on 19/02 only citizens of Syria and Iraq were allowed entry into Serbia with all required documents through the green border in Miratovac.
- On 21/02 over 200 refugees/migrants who had been denied to board trains in Sid, walked on the highway towards the Croatian border in an attempt to cross the border on foot. They were stopped by authorities near the border in Batrovci, and convinced to return on buses arranged for them to Principovac RAP. They were all counselled on available options, including the right to seek asylum in Serbia and Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR). During the night of 20/02 some 500 refugees/migrants who had been screened out at the border with Croatia were located on Serbian territory in proximity to the border with Hungary or Romania.



## SOUTH

**1,482** (569 on 19/02; 485 on 20/02 and 428 on 21/02) refugees/migrants were assisted at the Miratovac Refugee Aid Point (RAP) upon arrival from fYRo Macedonia.

Police, Gendarmerie, IOM, Philanthropy, Remar, Medical Center, UNHCR, MSF, DRC, World Vision, were assisting them at the RAP. UNHCR/DRC/SPDE distributed 34 UNHCR blankets, 263 winter boots, 21 winter jackets and 77 water bottles, while UNICEF and Philanthropy/CRS distributed other non-food items (NFIs).

The health clinic inside the RAP treated 15 asylum seekers and UNICEF/DRC child friendly hosted 108 children and 46 women.

Over 150 refugees/migrants stayed overnight in the RAP. UNHCR-funded buses transported approximately 1,000 asylum seekers from Miratovac village to the Registration Centre (RC) in Presevo where they were registered. 27 persons with specific needs (PSNs) were prioritized for registration.

UNHCR, SCRM, Police, Medical Centre, ADRA, Red Cross, IOM, UNICEF/DRC, Caritas, DRC, BCM/CRS and Remar assisted refugees/migrants 24/7 at the RC. Natan, Humedica, Care international/Nexus, SOS Children, OXFAM 484, Global Medic were present during the day. Save the Children, APC, Youth for Refugees, Atina, Border Free, Mercy Corps and MSF were active outside the RC.

UNHCR and partners distributed 109 UNHCR blankets, 49 winter boots, 24 winter jackets and 30 water bottles. Public Doctors, MSF, Humedica and Natan treated 47 and Health Center Vranje provided reproductive health services to asylum seekers. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space hosted 123 children and 65 women.

Approximately 340 refugees/migrants stayed overnight in the RC, including 237 in UNHCR Refugee Housing Units, 46 stayed in the dormitory above the registration hall, 21 in Remar tents. 30 refugees/migrants spent the night in MSF, Border Free and Mercy Corps tents outside the RC.

## EAST

**287** (144 on 19/02; 95 on 20/02 and 48 on 21/02) refugees/migrants arrived to Dimitrovgrad and Negotin from Bulgaria. Of those, 121 were from Iraq (mostly families), 119 from Afghanistan (mostly men) and 46 from Syria and one man from Pakistan. As a consequence of the new registration procedures refugees/migrants were denied registration at the eastern border.

In Dimitrovgrad, UNHCR and Sigma Plus distributed eight boots and six jackets. Red Cross, DRC and Divac Foundation distributed food, water and clothes inside the RAP. Praxis, I'm Human Organization, Save the Children, BCHR, Info Park and ADRA were also present outside. WAHA provided medical assistance to 34 refugees/migrants for minor injuries, high fever and respiratory problems.

In Negotin, Amity assisted arrivals and distributed four boots and six jackets. ADRA and Red Cross distributed food and hygiene items. One refugee was assisted at the Health Center in Negotin for eye infection.

## BELGRADE

**754** (297 on 19/02; 219 on 20/02 and 238 on 21/02) refugees/migrants were assisted in Belgrade by UNHCR partners. They were mainly from Morocco, Algeria, Afghanistan or Pakistan.

Many sought aid in food, clothes, use of internet and referrals to various services, including hospitals and registration. SCRM, UNHCR/DRC, Red Cross and Refugee Aid Miksalište assisted them. Asylum Info Centre remained open 24/7. Caritas distributed food and clothes at the park near the railway. Also MSF offered primary health care and distributed NFIs. During the reporting period over 70 refugees/migrants were present at night in the city.

## WEST

**1,466** (0 on 19/02; 833 on 20/02 and 633 on 21/02) asylum seekers departed to Croatia on two trains.

In 760 instances refugees and migrants were denied boarding by Croatian authorities of two trains that departed during the reporting period. They were accommodated in the Sid and Principovac RAPs.



A group of about 200 refugees/migrants who tried to walk towards Croatia, Šid (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 21 February 2016

At Sid train station, UNHCR/HCIT distributed 462 UNHCR blankets, 3,200 WFP HEB, 4,134 water bottles, 317 winter jackets, 152 boots, and 45 UNHCR bags. IDC/Sid Health Centre and WAHA treated over 250 refugees/migrants.

In Adasevci, UNHCR, SCRM, Police, APC, Red Cross Serbia, MSF, CRS/Divac Foundation, BCM, Remar, OM and Czech Volunteers assisted refugees/migrants 24/7 at Adasevci RAP; World Vision, Intersos, Caritas, TDH, EHO, DRC and NSHC during the day.

MSF provided medical assistance to 42 refugees/migrants and BCM/Sid Health Centre treated 122. The UNICEF/ WV/CSW child friendly space hosted 115 children and 37 mothers.

The Red Cross and Caritas distributed food on buses. Remar offered hot tea and soup. CRS/Divac Foundation distributed adult and children's winter clothes and footwear.

UNHCR is grateful for contributions to the UNHCR Serbia Operation from:



Additional contributions came from private donors in Australia, and in-kind donations from the World Food Programme and IKEA