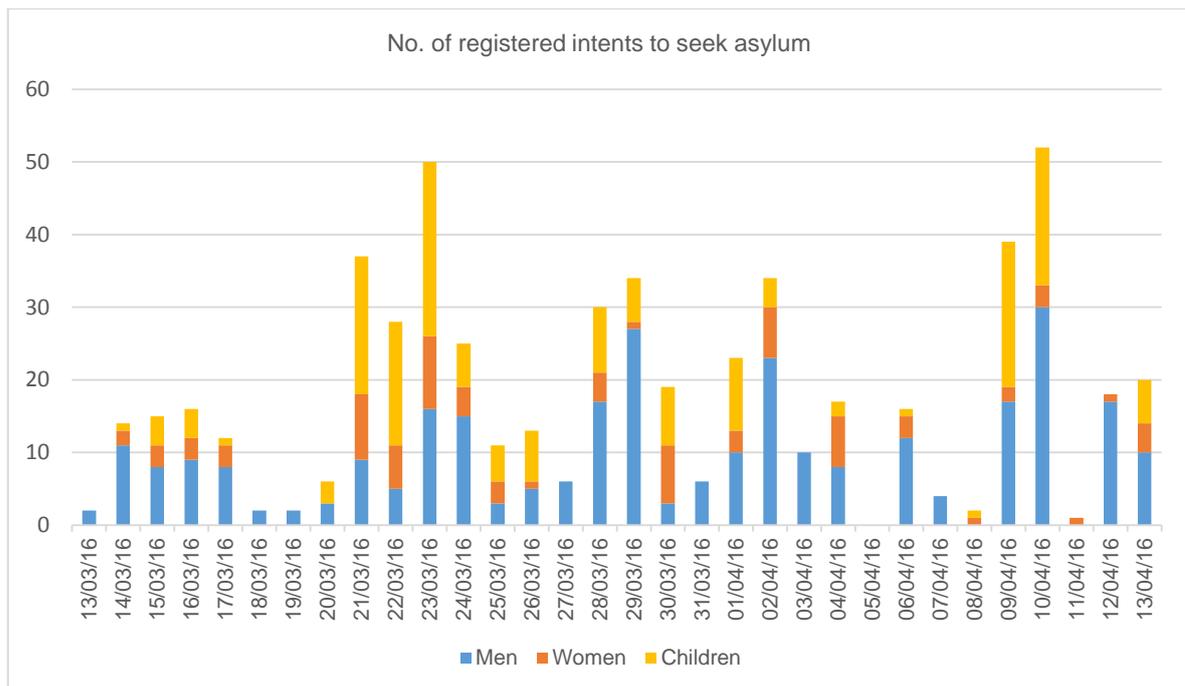


STATISTICS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- UNHCR and partners learned of **three** irregular arrivals from Bulgaria.
- **20** persons expressed intent to seek asylum, bringing the total in April 2016 to **236** and for the whole of 2016 to **2,177** (statistics courtesy of the Ministry of Interior).
- Over **60** asylum seekers departed by accessing procedures in Hungarian “transit zones”.
- Occupancy in the three transit sites in the West dropped to **100** refugees total and in the Reception Centre in Presevo possibly to below **400**.
- At the same time, with warmer weather and reinvigoration of smuggling networks after border closures by police chiefs, the number of refugees/migrants in Belgrade rose again. Close to **400** were observed/assisted in public areas of the city centre.


SOUTH

Pending a recount, it appears possible that over the last few days occupancy in the Reception Centre (RC) in Presevo dropped from 460 to below 400 refugees. UNHCR /SPDE distributed 330 WFP HEBs and 842 water bottles while the water tank from Miratovac RAP was installed in the RC.

Four different Focus Group Discussions were held with refugees throughout the day as part of the participatory assessment exercise organised by UNHCR and partners. Also, UNHCR together with UNICEF and Child Welfare Services continued Best Interest Assessments (BIA) with unaccompanied and separated children (UASC).

The UNHCR-supported Public Health and the Natan/Humedica NGO clinic treated 64 patients. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space / mother and baby corner hosted 79 children and 62 women.

BELGRADE

Around **390** refugees and migrants were observed by UNHCR partners in Belgrade. They were mainly from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Somalia. The Asylum Info Centre remained open 24/7 and assisted 130 refugees/migrants, while MSF provided medical assistance. Some 150 refugees/migrants spent the nights in parks near the bus and train stations.

EAST

Three UASC from Afghanistan arrived in Dimitrovgrad via Bulgaria. After receiving humanitarian assistance from Sigma Plus, Indigo, Red Cross and BCHR the group was sent to the Youth Upbringing Institution in Nis.

NORTH



Asylum seekers waiting to enter into Horgos I “transit zone”, Horgos (Serbia) ©HCIT, 13 April 2016

Around **130** asylum seekers, including many women and children, waited outside the two “transit zones” near Kelebije and Horgos I border-crossings. They arrived from transit facilities in the West or entered Serbia irregularly from FYR Macedonia or Bulgaria and had reached the North through Belgrade. Some 30 asylum seekers were admitted into each “transit zone”.

In both locations UNHCR/HCIT distributed food, 216 water bottles, 30 hygiene packs, UNHCR blankets, socks and 100 raincoats. MSF provided medical assistance to asylum seekers and also distributed food and non-food aid.

UNHCR’s request to be allowed to place chemical toilets in these waiting areas to address the most urgent hygiene needs of asylum seekers is still pending approval by authorities.

WEST

100 refugees were hosted in the three transit facilities in the West: 33 in Sid, 49 in Adasevci and 18 in Principovac Refugee Aid Points (RAP). CRS/Divac Foundation continued to provide hot lunches in all three locations. The BCM/Sid Health Centre at Adasevci assisted three patients while WAHA treated another eight refugees in Sid and Principovac.

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