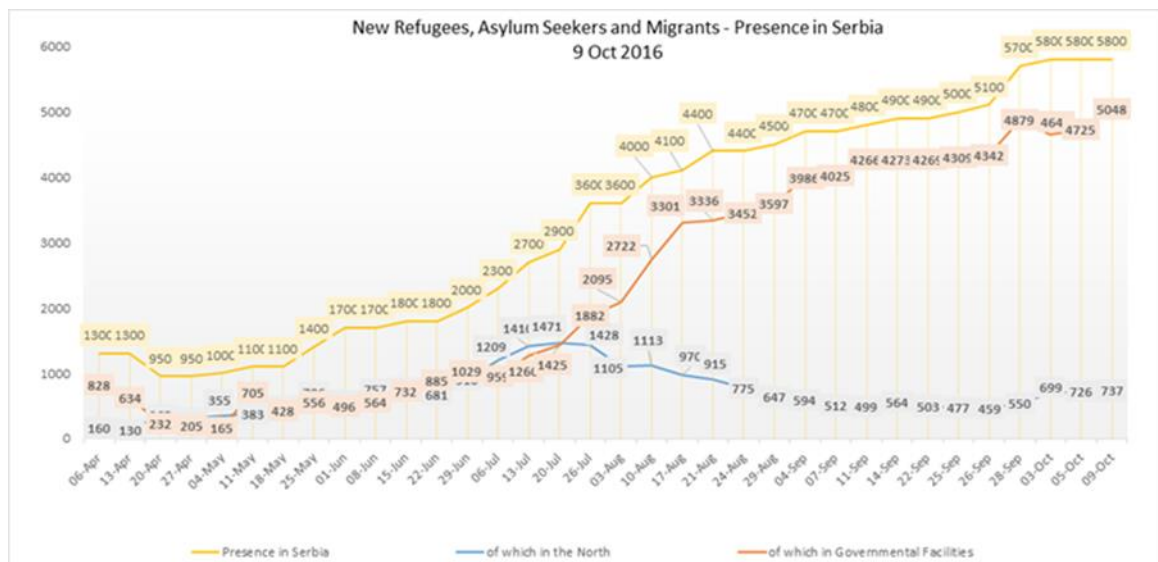


HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- The number of new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants, encountered by UNHCR and partners in Serbia, remained at around **5,800**. 87% (or 5,048) were accommodated in governmental facilities, with 1,835 in five Asylum Centres and 3,213 in "Transit" or Reception Centres, while the others were counted at night in Belgrade City or the border with Hungary.
- UNHCR, authorities and partners maintained reinforced presence and support at all sites throughout the country, and, in reaction to lower temperatures, stepped up the distribution of blankets and winter clothes. Refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants continue to report obstacles in accessing registration, documentation, as well as due processing under the asylum or aliens law.
- 03-04 October in Geneva, Minister of Labor, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs/Government Coordinator, Aleksandar Vulin, and the Serbian Commissioner for Refugees and Migration, Vladimir Cucic, attended the annual meeting of the UNHCR Executive Committee, where they also met the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the UNHCR Europe Bureau Director to discuss continuing strong UNHCR support to the Government of Serbia.
- 176 persons expressed their intention to seek asylum in Serbia over the reporting period, bringing the total for October to 423 and the whole year to 9,496.



SOUTH



Refugee children playing, Presevo (Serbia) @UNHCR, 06 Oct 2016

The Presevo Reception Centre (RC) accommodated some 700 refugees and migrants, most from Afghanistan (60%), Iraq (16%) or Syria (13%), with 11% from other countries. About half are children.

The authorities, UNHCR and all other organizations active in the RC, assisted with food and non-food items, medical services, counselling, interpretation, referrals and recreational activities.

BELGRADE

A high number of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants encountered and assisted in the city centre continued being observed, and with almost all current governmental accommodation (except the Reception Centre in

Presevo) fully occupied, the numbers of refugees/migrants counted sleeping rough in the centre of Belgrade City rose to over 700, with a record high of over 1,000 counted on 06 October. Most were from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan and Iraq. The Asylum Centre (AC) of Krnjaca, which on 09 October sheltered 1,084 persons overnight.

Various Civil Society Organisations provided assistance, counselling and facilitated many referrals, including to asylum procedures, registration with the police, accommodation in the Asylum Centre and medical services. CRCPC escorted over 60 for asylum registration and referred at least ten Unaccompanied and Separated Children to Centre for Social Work. UNHCR/DRC and MDM doctors treated some 150 refugee/migrant patients during the reporting period.

On 06 October, UNHCR accompanied the President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Mr. Shinichi Kitaoka to Krnjaca Asylum Centre, the Asylum Info Centre and other project sites in Belgrade, discussing, among other issues, the refugee crisis in Serbia and support by the People of Japan to continue managing it humanely and well.

Also on 06 October, Refugee Aid Miksalište opened a Women's Corner on its premises. The Corner will serve as a hub for initiatives of refugee, migrant and local women.

On 08 October, "Women in black", together with representatives of similar organizations from other countries, organized a pro-refugee demonstrations in Belgrade city centre entitled *"No to Europe as fortress- we want open borders! Refugees welcome!"*

NORTH

The total number of asylum seekers in all locations in the North remained relatively stable, albeit with a slight increase compared to last week, as on 09 October around 730 were counted. Those included some 430 sheltered by the SCRM in the "Transit Centre" of Subotica and some 200 camping in the open on Serbian soil close to the two Hungarian "transit zones" of Horgos I and Kelebija. Among the asylum seekers at the border sites, two thirds were women and children from Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria, while the "transit Centre" sheltered mainly single men from Pakistan or Afghanistan, plus some 70 children.

The SCRM, UNHCR, and other organizations provided humanitarian aid, including bottled water, food, fresh fruits, non-food aid, hygiene packages, support to maintenance of the sanitary conditions, medical assistance, referrals, as well as legal and other counselling.

Hungary admitted 121 asylum seekers during the reporting period, while UNHCR and partners encountered over 60 foreign nationals who reported to have been pushed-back into Serbia, without having been granted access to asylum procedures in Hungary, having entered it irregularly.

WEST

The "Transit Centres" of Sid, Adasevci and Principovac sheltered over 2,000 refugees and migrants on 09 October. Most were from Afghanistan, followed by Syria and Pakistan, with the rest from Iraq, Iran, Bangladesh, Morocco or Algeria.

Civil Society Organizations assisted with food, and non-food as well as medical aid, counselling, referrals, child support, and recreational activities.

Reports of attempts to clandestinely enter Croatia continued. UNHCR and partners encountered some 50 foreign nationals who reported to have been pushed-back into Serbia, without having been granted access to asylum procedures in Croatia, having entered it irregularly.



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