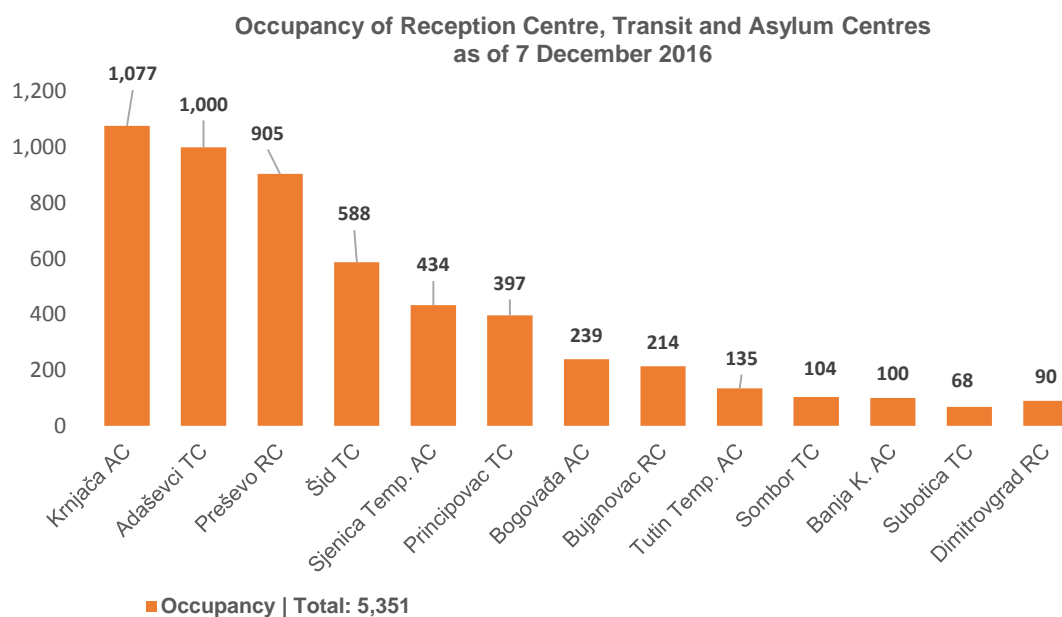


HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- Authorities, UNHCR, and partners encountered around 6,400 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants. 5,351 (i.e. 83%) were accommodated in thirteen governmental facilities (see chart), while the remainder were counted sleeping rough in Belgrade City centre or at the border with Hungary.
- Supporting access to better accommodation and services, UNHCR and partners assisted 64 newly registered asylum seekers with transport from Belgrade city centre to Presevo and Dimitrovgrad Reception Centres.
- Supporting authorities in winterisation and body-lice treatments, UNHCR and partners continued distributing non-food items, including 585 bed linen sets, over 110 UNHCR blankets, and several hundred items of winter clothing and underwear for children and adults across the country.
- 116 refugees/migrants registered intent to seek asylum, increasing the total for the month of December to 243, and for the year to 12,084.



SOUTH

1,119 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in two Reception Centres: Presevo (905) and Bujanovac (214). Some 43% of residents of Presevo RC are from Afghanistan, 28% from Iraq, 14% from Pakistan, and 9% from Syria. Residents of Bujanovac RC, which accommodates only families and unaccompanied and separated children, are mainly from Iraq (35%), Syria (29%) or Afghanistan (27%).

UNHCR and many other organizations assisted with food and non-food items, medical services, counselling, interpretation, referrals and recreational activities. UNHCR and Indigo continued to support the Centre for Social Work in conducting Best Interest Assessments for unaccompanied and separated children. On 06 December, a fourth round of treatment and disinfection to combat body lice was concluded in Presevo RC.

Over 55 men and at least one child, from Pakistan and Afghanistan, though well-informed on procedures in Serbia, decided to leave the RC to spontaneously return to FYR Macedonia.

EAST

On 07 December, the new Reception Centre in Dimitrovgrad accommodated 90 asylum-seekers, most from Iraq (65%) and Afghanistan (26%). Over half of them are children.

The authorities assisted with food and medical services, while local civil society is available for support with non-food items, interpretation and counselling.

BELGRADE

Some 1,000 refugees/migrants slept rough in the city centre, while Krnjaca AC sheltered 1,077 asylum-seekers.

Humanitarian agencies provided counselling, referrals and transport to accommodation in governmental centres, registration with the police, child protection and medical services.

WEST

TCs in the West continued to shelter close to 2,000 refugees and migrants: 1,000 in Adasevci, 588 in Sid, and 397 in Principovac.

Civil society organizations assisted the SCRM with food, non-food and medical aid, counselling, referrals, child support, and recreational activities. A fifth round of treatment and disinfection to combat body lice is planned in all three centres the coming week.

Over 90 foreign nationals reported to have been collectively expelled into Serbia, without having been granted access to asylum procedures in Croatia.

NORTH



*Refugee boy near Horgos, (Serbia)
HCIT, 05 Dec 2016*

Around 290 asylum seekers were counted in the North on 07 December: 68 in Subotica TC and 104 in Sombor TC, while the number of asylum-seekers camping in the open on Serbian soil close to the two Hungarian “transit zones” near Horgos I and Kelebija border-crossings dropped to below 100.

UNHCR and partners provided humanitarian aid, including food, non-food aid, hygiene packages, support to maintenance of the sanitary conditions, medical assistance, referrals, as well as legal and other counselling.

62 asylum-seekers were admitted into Hungarian “transit zones”. Over 110 foreign nationals reported to have been collectively expelled into Serbia, without having been granted access to asylum procedures in Hungary.



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