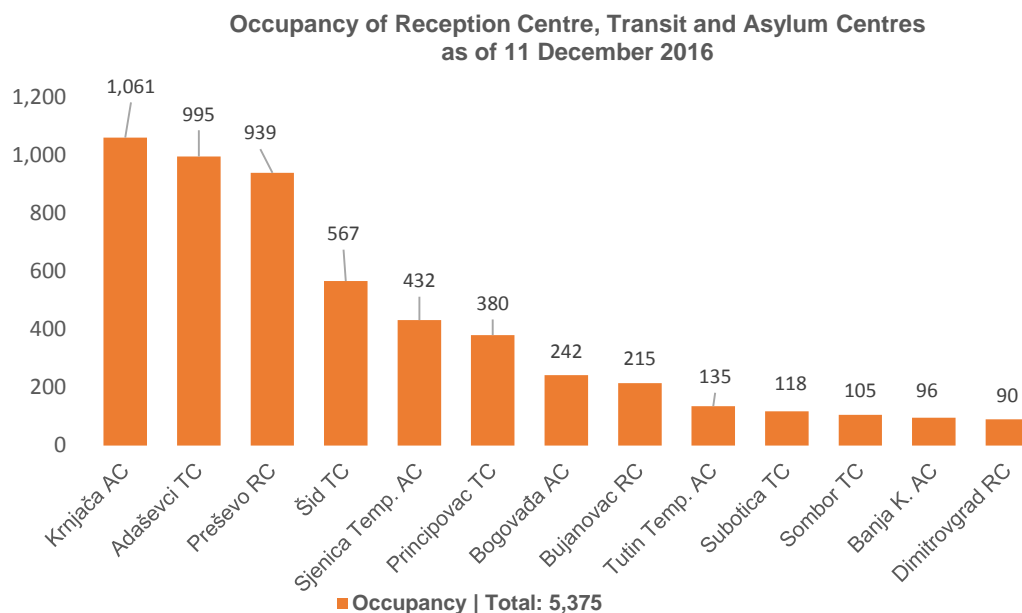


HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- Authorities, UNHCR, and partners encountered a stable number of around 6,400 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants. Over 5,370 (i.e. 84%) 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.
- Newly registered asylum-seekers continued to be referred to the Reception Centre (RC) of Presevo as all Asylum (AC) and Transit Centres (TC) remained fully occupied. Supporting access to better accommodation and services as well as the decongesting of Belgrade city centre, UNHCR and partners assisted 64 newly registered asylum seekers with transport from Belgrade City to Presevo RC.
- 42 asylum-seekers were admitted into the two Hungarian “transit zones”. 120 are awaiting admission outside them on Serbian territory. UNHCR and partners encountered over 130 foreign nationals who reported to have been collectively expelled from Hungary and over 40 from Croatia, without having been granted access to asylum procedures there. Many alleged disproportionate use of force by Hungarian or Croatian police, some needed medical treatment in Serbia for injuries sustained. UNHCR is also seeking clarification from Serbian authorities on reports that, over the weekend, police collectively expelled six refugee/migrant from the Presevo RC to FYR Macedonia.
- On 08 December, the SCRM, UNHCR, DRC, and Palilula Heath Centre inaugurated a new Medical Unit in Krnjaca AC, reconstructed and equipped by DRC/UNHCR with ECHO funds.
- UNHCR and partners distributed over 120 UNHCR blankets, 110 winter boots, 60 winter jackets, and many other items of winter clothing and underwear for children and adults across the country.
- 85 refugees/migrants registered intent to seek asylum, making the total for the month of December 328, and for the year to 12,169.



EAST

On 11 December, the Reception Centre in Dimitrovgrad continued accommodating 90 asylum-seekers, mainly from Iraq (65%) and Afghanistan (26%). Over half of them are children.

The authorities provide assistance in food and medical services, and local civil society is available for support in non-food items, interpretation and counselling.

SOUTH

*New dining hall in Presevo RC
(Serbia) @UNHCR, 09 December 2016*

Over 1,150 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in two RCs: Presevo (939) and Bujanovac (215). Some 44% of residents of Presevo RC are from Afghanistan, 29% from Iraq, 13% from Pakistan, and 8% from Syria. Residents of Bujanovac RC, which accommodates only families and unaccompanied and separated children, are from Iraq (35%), Syria (29%) and Afghanistan (27%), with 9% others.

UNHCR and other organizations assisted with food and non-food items, medical services, counselling, interpretation, referrals and recreational activities. Upon request of authorities, UNHCR and Indigo continued to support the Centre for Social Work in conducting Best Interest Assessments for unaccompanied and separated children.

As of 09 December a solid dining hall has been operating in Presevo RC. It had been renovated by DRC with ECHO funding, while UNHCR contributed heating, kitchen equipment and furniture. Residents greeted this a marked improvement over the tent previously used as temporary dining hall.

To mark International Human Rights Day, several organizations organized a photo exhibition in the Presevo Cultural Center. The exhibition, attended by the Presevo Municipal authorities and NGOs working in the RC portrayed refugees and migrants in Serbia through photos taken by various amateur photographers.

BELGRADE

Some 1,000 refugees/migrants slept rough in the city centre, while Krnjaca AC sheltered 1,061 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 over 1,900 refugees and migrants: 995 in Adasevci, 567 in Sid, and 380 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 this week.

NORTH

Around 340 asylum seekers were counted in the North on 11 December: 118 in Subotica TC and 105 in Sombor TC, while the number of those camping in the open on Serbian soil close to the two Hungarian "transit zones" near Horgos I and Kelebija border-crossings was around 120.

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.



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