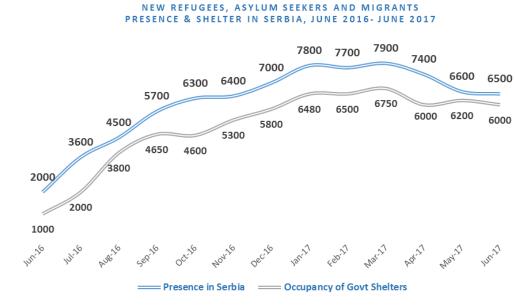


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HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- The number of refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants continued to slowly decline, with **6,471** counted in Serbia on 11 June. 92% of them were accommodated in 18 governmental shelters (below chart refers).
- Some of the government centres remained overcrowded, including Obrenovac and Sjenica, as well as the Transit Centres (TC) in Adasevci, Principovac, Sombor and Kikinda, where over 300 refugees and migrants, including UASC, are still accommodated in temporary emergency shelters of rub halls or tents. In response, the authorities continued to consolidate accommodation, for example by transferring some 60 younger unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) from Obrenovac to Krnjaca Asylum Centre, as well as 103 mainly Pashtu-speaking men, including 33 UASC from Obrenovac TC to Presevo Reception Centre.
- Frustrations among refugees and migrants regarding the long waiting time as well as management of the so
 called "waiting lists" for admission to Hungary expressed themselves on 06 June, when 64 asylum seekers
 went from Subotica Transit Centre to Horgos border site and on 09 June, when some 50 residents of Krnjaca
 Asylum Centre gathered in Belgrade in front of the governement offices.
- UNHCR is grateful to the governments of Sweden and Australia, for having accepted refugees from Serbia for
 resettlement, thus allowing five refugees to depart to Sweden and two to Australia. UNHCR continues to
 promote and facilitate orderly legal pathways for refugees to access effective protection as one way to prevent
 violations of law and human rights on the "Balkan route".
- UNHCR and partners received reports of 78 collective expulsions from Croatia, with many alleging to have been denied access to asylum procedures in Croatia, while 41 were received from Hungary, including testimonies on serious maltreatment by Hungarian authorities.



01-11 June, 145 individuals registered their intention to seek asylum in Serbia.

EAST

504 refugees and migrants were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 195 in Pirot, 204 in Divljana, 61 in Dimitrovgrad and 44 in Bosilegrad. Most are from Iraq and Afghanistan, followed by Syria, while around half are children.

On 07 June, UNHCR and partners donated six sewing machines and related equipment to Divljana, Pirot and Dimitrovgrad RCs, in support of occupational activities for adults' project. The donation was warmly received by the refugees.

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SOUTH

776 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the three Reception Centres of Presevo (544), Vranje RC (135) and Bujanovac (97).

Most residents of Presevo RC are from Afghanistan (52%) and Iraq (30%), and 43% are children. In Bujanovac, most are from Iraq (44%) and from Syria (27%), while 58% are children. In Vranje RC residents are families and UASCs from Afghanistan, with 55% children.

BELGRADE

According to authorities and partners, only 350 of refugees and migrants stayed in Belgrade city centre.

Krnjaca Asylum Centre accommodated **941** asylum-seekers (including 222 UASCs), mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria. **989** male refugees and migrants (including 213 unaccompanied or separated boys) were sheltered in Obrenovac. Most are from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan and very few from Iraq or Syria, and other countries.



WEST

Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered **1,258** refugees and migrants: 896 in Adasevci and 362 in Principovac.

They are mainly from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan, Iraq, and Syria.

Artwork of refugee children in Adasevci and Principovac from an exhibition "Colors of life" organized by SOS Children Villages, (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 12 June 2017

NORTH

41 asylum seekers, mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria were admitted into Hungary. Seven asylum seekers camped at Horgos (6) and Kelebija (1) border sites awaiting admission into Hungary. Subotica TC sheltered 115 asylum-seekers, Sombor TC 394, and Kikinda TC 263, mostly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.



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