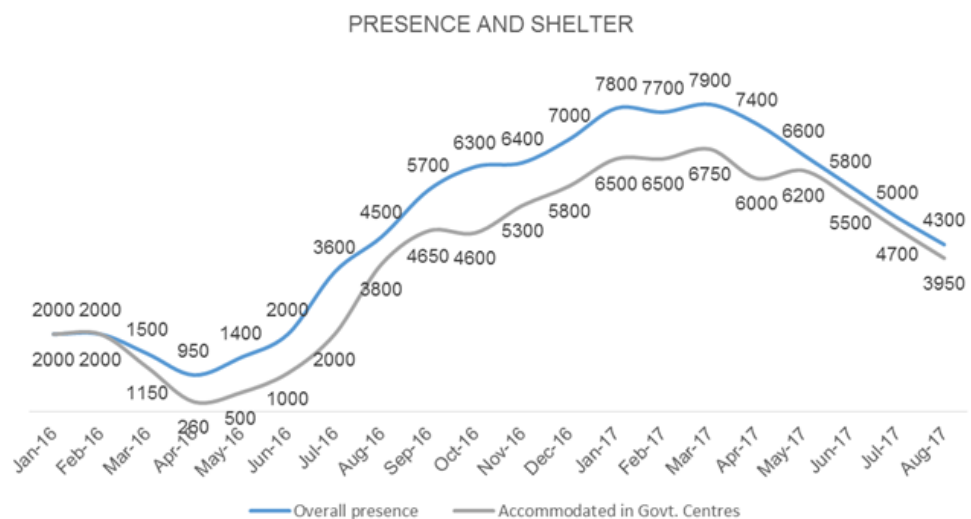


## HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- **4,263** new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were counted in Serbia on 27 August. **3,938** were housed in 18 governmental centres (below chart refers), of which some 400 in temporary emergency shelters (i.e. rub halls or tents) in Transit Centres near the borders to Croatia or Hungary.
- A working group, comprising the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development (MoESTD), Regional School Administrations and the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration (SCRM) – supported i.a. by UNICEF and UNHCR – continued preparations for enrolling refugee and migrant children into around 100 elementary and secondary public schools. In the meantime, NGOs continued informal educational activities to prepare children for formal education.
- Upon request of the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration, UNHCR and partners resumed comprehensive distribution of Non Food Relief Items - mainly funded by ECHO and Zara - in all 18 government centres. On 24 August, a first distribution of over 650 pairs of footwear, some 2,200 pieces of clothes, 1,200 underwear and 1,020 hygiene kits took place at Krnjaca Asylum Centre (AC).
- UNHCR Serbia and partners encountered more new arrivals (74 this week as compared to 46 last week). Mostly men from Iraq, Afghanistan or Pakistan, including three boys, 65% claimed to have entered Serbia from Bulgaria and 32% from fYRoM. We also collected testimonies of 118 collective pushbacks from Hungary, and 73 from Croatia, with many alleging to have been denied access to asylum procedures.
- UNHCR Geneva issued a [Press Release](#) following the publishing of its report [Desperate Journeys- January to June 2017](#).
- 01-27 August, 240 individuals registered intent to seek asylum in Serbia



## SOUTH

**471** refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the three Reception Centres of Presevo (261), Vranje (125) and Bujanovac (85), including 21 UASC.

Most residents of Presevo RC are from Afghanistan (48%), Iraq (36%) and Pakistan (6%) and 49% are children. In Bujanovac, most are from Iraq (34%), Syria (27 %) and Afghanistan (28%) while 64% are children. Vranje RC accommodates families and UASCs. All its residents are from Afghanistan, and some 52% are children.

## BELGRADE

It is estimated that up to 100 refugees/migrants stayed in Belgrade city centre.

Krnjaca Asylum Centre (AC) accommodated **669** asylum-seekers (including 71 UASC), mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria.

**607** male refugees/migrants (including 114 unaccompanied or separated boys) were sheltered in Obrenovac. Most are from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan and very few from Iraq or other countries. The Centre for Social Work, supported by UNHCR and partners, continued with systematic best interest assessments for all the UASC in Obrenovac.

## EAST

**365** refugees and migrants were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 149 in Pirot, 131 in Divljana, 48 in Dimitrovgrad and 37 in Bosilegrad. Most are from Iraq and Afghanistan, followed by Syria, while around half are children.

## WEST

Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered **962** refugees and migrants: 677 in Adasevci and 285 in Principovac.

They are mainly from Afghanistan, followed by Iraq, Pakistan, and Syria. More than half are children, including approx. 130 UASC.



*UNHCR partners organise marriage and birth registration for an Afghan refugee man and Iraqi refugee woman and their new newborn baby, Subotica (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 21 August 2017*

## NORTH

This week, 57 asylum seekers, mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria were admitted into Hungary. On 27 August, 25 asylum seekers camped at Horgos and Kelebija border sites awaiting admission into Hungary.

Subotica TC sheltered 102 asylum-seekers, Sombor TC 102, and Kikinda TC 194, mostly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, as well as some 14 UASC.



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