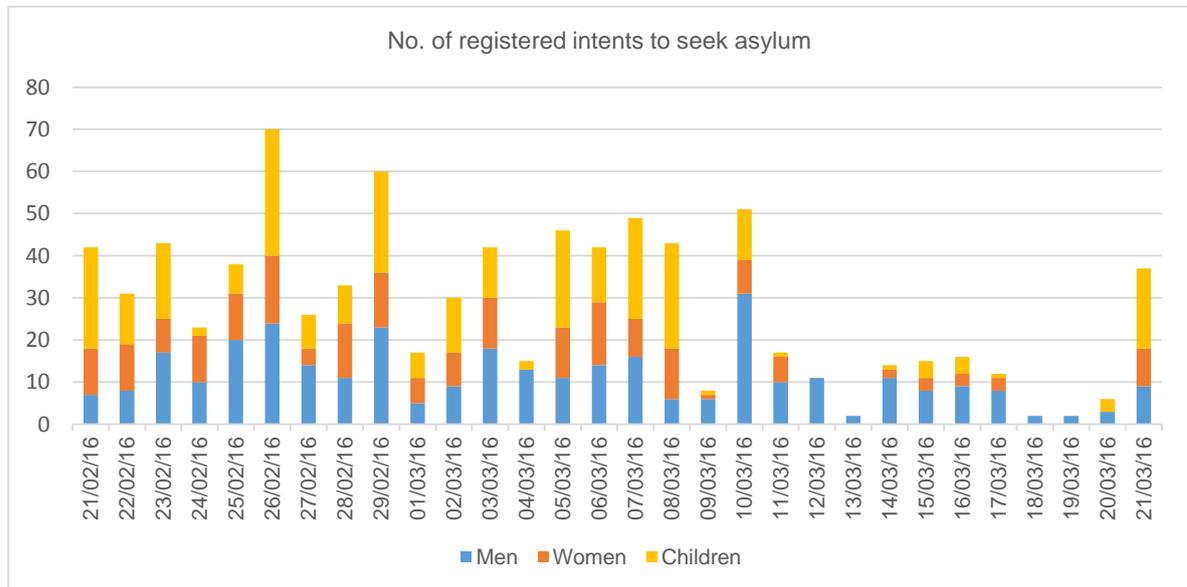
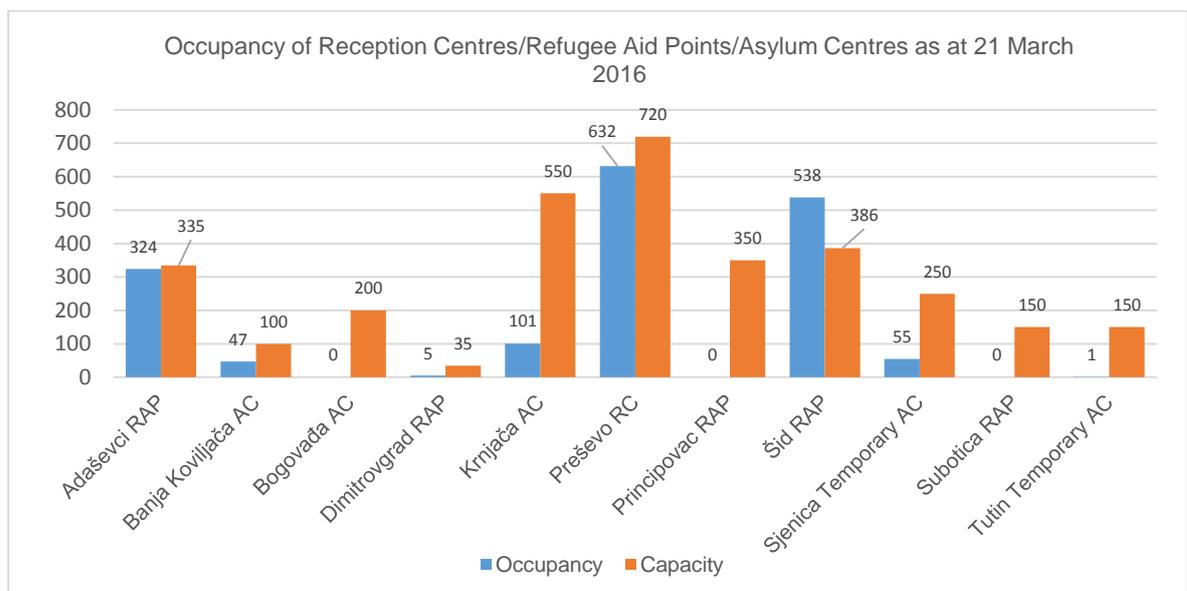


STATISTICS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- No official arrivals or departures were recorded
- **37*** persons expressed intent to seek asylum during the reporting period, bringing the total in March 2016 to **477** (all statistics in this section are courtesy of the Ministry of Interior)



- Around 2,000 refugees or asylum seekers were present, including 1,703 in governmental facilities (see below)
- As most are now in legal limbo, they need access to expedient, fair and efficient asylum procedures and/or temporary protection as per the Asylum Law of Serbia.
- Refugee Aid Points (RAP) of Sid and Adasevci continued to be overcrowded. Poor sanitary conditions threaten outbreak/spread of disease, parasites and tensions.
- It is recommended to decongest RAPs or temporary Asylum Centres, which do not provide adequate reception standards including access to asylum procedures and are located in close proximity to external borders (such as Sid, Adasevci, Principovac, Tutin or Sjenica), by voluntarily relocating refugees and asylum seekers to official Asylum Centres (such as Krnjača, Bogovada or Banja Koviljaca) that provide longer-term accommodation capacities with much better access to services and protection.



SOUTH

632 refugees were hosted at the Reception Centre (RC) in Presevo. UNHCR finished all individual protection interviews. Preliminary findings identified survivors of violence or trauma, separated families, unaccompanied and separated children as well as medical needs. Comprehensive results will be shared, once fully analysed. Three refugees who already expressed their intentions to seek asylum in Serbia were hosted in the RC facilities due to the lack of transportation to the assigned Asylum centres.

REMAR offered hot meals, fruit, juice, and water in their tent and Caritas and Red Cross distributed breakfast, fruits and soup inside and outside the Tobacco Factory. UNHCR/SPDE distributed 718 water bottles, seven UNHCR blankets, ten boots, one winter jacket and 57 WFP HEBs. Divac Foundation distributed other clothes and food to refugees. The Health Clinic assisted 70 refugees inside the RC and 24 were treated by Natan/Humedica. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space hosted 16 children and 26 women, including four pregnant.

BELGRADE

Approximately **100** refugees, migrants and asylum seekers were assisted by UNHCR partners in Belgrade. They were mostly from Afghanistan, Somalia or Iraq but also few from Iran and Algeria. Some 40 were observed at night in the city centre.

SCRM, UNHCR/DRC, Asylum Info Centre (AIC), Refugee Aid Miksalište, Red Cross assisted them with food, clothes, use of internet and referrals to various services, including hospitals, registration and asylum information. Caritas distributed food and clothes at the park near the railway. MSF offered primary health care and distributed NFIs. AIC remained open 24/7.

WEST



UNHCR team filling the verification list in the Šid RAP, Šid (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 21 March 2016

538 refugees from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq, were hosted at the temporary Refugee Aid Point (RAP) in Sid - far exceeding its maximum capacity of 380. Hygiene and sanitation remained very challenging with only three showers available. The risk of contagious diseases or parasites is rising. UNHCR/SCRM continued verification of population.

UNHCR/HCIT distributed 975 water bottles, 300 WFP HEB, six UNHCR blankets, 25 boots, 11 winter jackets, 44 hygiene packages and 200 lunch packages. WAHA treated 38 refugees.

324 refugees from Syria and Iraq were sheltered in the motel rooms and rub halls of temporary RAP Adasevci. All facilities remained completely full with all available spaces occupied. MSF offered medical assistance and BCM/Sid Health Centre treated 27 refugees. The UNICEF/WV/CSW child friendly space hosted 50 children and 30 women. Divac Foundation distributed clothes and some food to refugees.

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