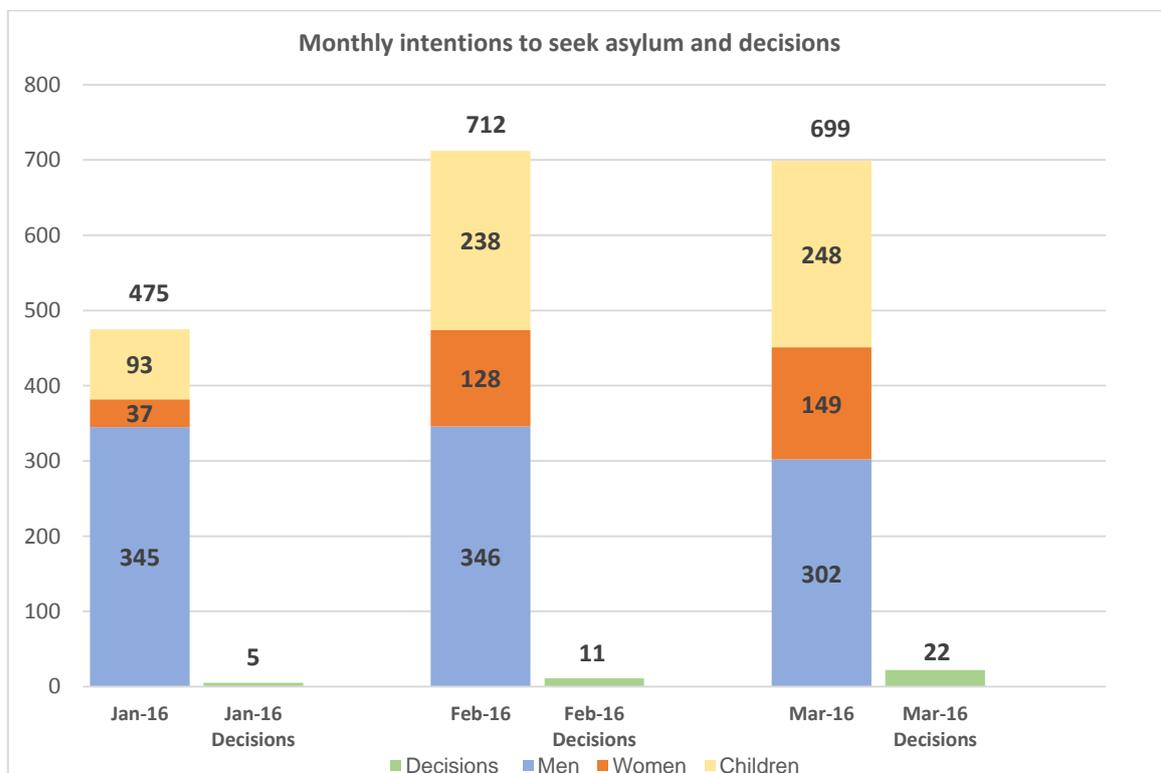


STATISTICS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Monthly Asylum Statistics indicate that of officers under the Ministry of Interior registered 2,211 arrivals during March 2016. Of these 699 expressed intention to seek asylum in Serbia while 1,512 were issued transit documents. 43.2% of registered intention to seek asylum were made by men, 21.3% by women and 35.5% for children. The majority of intent applications were made by citizens of Iraq (49.5%), Afghanistan (17.2%) or Syria (12.3%). During the month of March, officers of the Ministry of Interior granted refugee status to five applicants and subsidiary protection to three, while six applications (14 persons) were rejected.
- **67** (23 on 01/04; 34 on 02/04 and 10 on 03/04) persons expressed intent to seek asylum on 1-3 April.
- UNHCR monitors learned about some **70** irregular arrivals during 1-3 April: **35** from fYR Macedonia and **35** from Bulgaria.
- Refugees continued to leave sites in Serbia, especially in its West, resuming their travel to Austria and Germany through Hungary. UNHCR is aware of at least **90** such cases.


SOUTH

Approximately **577** refugees were hosted in the Reception Centre (RC) in Presevo. REMAR, Red Cross, Caritas and Humedica, served hot meals inside the RC, Border Free Association food outside of it. UNHCR/SPDE distributed 1,913 water bottles, 18 UNHCR blankets, 58 pairs of socks, 799 WFP HEBs. Divac Foundation distributed other clothes and food. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space hosted 98 children and 66 women. The Health Clinic assisted 109 refugees, the Natan/Humedica clinic served 97 patients.

Several recreational activities were organised by World Vision, Mercy Corps, REMAR and Save the Children including sports tournament, table tennis and screenplay workshops.

EAST

On 1 April, **ten** Afghans, possibly all unaccompanied or separated children (UASC), were located at the border station at Gradina near the Bulgarian border. UNHCR partners Sigma Plus and Indigo assisted them. Having been taken to court for irregular border crossing, they were sent to the Youth Upbringing Institution in Nis.

BELGRADE

Every day UNHCR partners assisted approximately **120-150** refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in Belgrade. Most were from Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia or Pakistan. In fair weather, 100-120 spent the night in parks near the bus and train stations.

The Asylum Info Centre (AIC) assisted **35** refugees/migrants who had arrived recently from FYR Macedonia and **33** from Bulgaria. Most were from Afghanistan, but a few new arrivals from Sri Lanka and Somalia were also noted. 14 UASCs were identified and referred to Child Welfare Services.

NORTH

In touch with colleagues in Hungary, UNHCR/HCIT border monitors assisted around 100 refugees from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, including many women and children, close to the Horgos motorway border-crossing. About half were known from having been accommodated in sites in the West of Serbia, while others appeared to be new arrivals. They were camping in the open, with limited access to sanitary facilities or assistance, waiting to be admitted onto territory and asylum procedures of Hungary. Hungarian authorities, prioritizing families with children, reportedly admitting up to 30 persons/day into each of their two transit zones (one at Horgos, the other at Kalabija). HCIT provided basic food and non-food and MSF medical aid as/if needed.

WEST

During the reporting period the number of refugees sheltered in the three Refugee Aid Points (RAP) in the West decreased to **360**, with about 60 hosted in Sid, 129 in Adasevci and 176 in Principovac RAPs. Several departures were observed daily, mainly towards the Hungarian border.



The winning team at the football tournament, Preševo (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 2 April 2016

New food cards were introduced by the SCRM in Adasevci with the name of the heads of household, number of family members and columns for breakfast, lunch and dinner. During the reporting period BCM/Sid Health Centre treated 21 refugee in Adasevci while WAHA treated 29 refugees in Sid and Principovac RAPs. The UNICEF/WV/CSW child friendly space in Adasevci hosted 110 children and 50 women.

People in Need (PIN), People in Peril Association (PIPA) and Czech Volunteers concluded their activities in Sid and handed their remaining stocks of food and non-food aid to REMAR, OM, Info Park and Refugee Aid Serbia. UNHCR and authorities continued individual protection assessments at all sites.

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