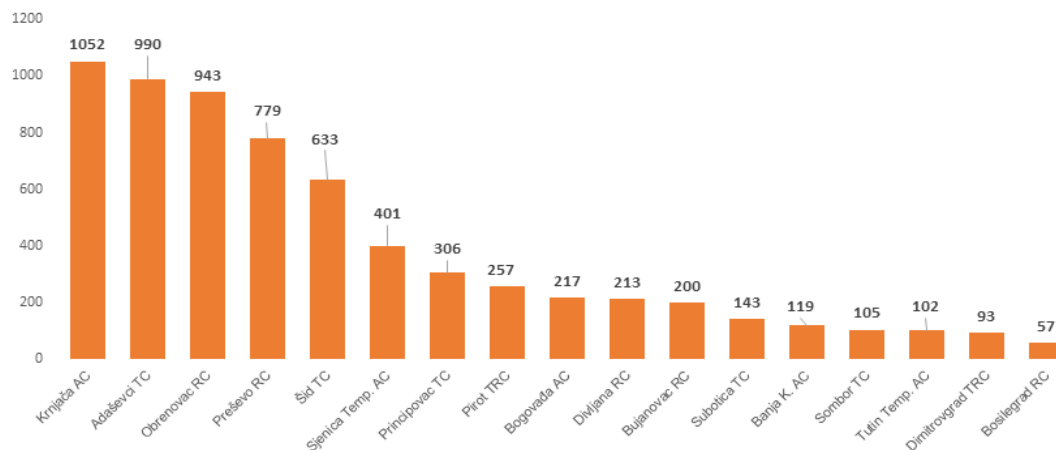


HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- Over 7,800 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were counted in Serbia. 85% (6,610) of them were sheltered in 17 heated government facilities (below chart refers). The rest stayed rough in Belgrade city centre or the North.
- On 03 March, UNHCR/CRPC/SCRM conducted a survey with 357 refugee and migrant men amongst 818 that were counted squatting in the Belgrade city centre. Among them, 76% were from Afghanistan and the rest from Pakistan. 138 were unaccompanied and separated boys, most from Afghanistan (89%). Some 73% of those surveyed indicated they did not wish to move to Obrenovac or another government shelter as they prefer to stay unregistered and closer to smugglers to irregularly move onwards.
- Hungarian authorities admitted 24 asylum seekers into procedures at the Hungarian “transit zones” near Kelebija and Horgos border crossings. During the same period, some 55 asylum-seekers reported to UNHCR and partners to have been denied access to asylum procedures in Hungary but instead collectively expelled back into Serbia, with some alleging maltreatment by Hungarian authorities.
- Between 01 and 05 March, 104 intents to seek asylum in Serbia were registered.

Occupancy of Asylum, Reception and Transit Centres
as of 5 March 2017: 6,610



SOUTH

979 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the Reception Centres of Presevo (779) and Bujanovac (200). In Presevo RC, half of the population is from Afghanistan, 24% from Iraq, 13% from Pakistan and 6% from Syria. 52% are children. In Bujanovac, 30% are from Afghanistan and Iraq each, 24% from Syria, and 62% of the total population is children.

UNHCR and partners assisted with food and non-food items, medical services, counselling, interpretation, referrals, educational and recreational activities.

Upon request of authorities, they also continued to support the Centre for Social Work in conducting Best Interest Assessments for unaccompanied and separated children and appointing legal guardians.

EAST

Over 600 asylum seekers were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 257 in Pirot, 213 in Divljana, 93 in Dimitrovgrad and 57 in Bosilegrad. Most are from Iraq, followed by Afghanistan and Syria and around half of them are children.

Authorities provided food and medical services and UNHCR NFIs, while NGOs were available for support in aid delivery, interpretation and counselling.

BELGRADE

Over 2,900 refugees and migrants were counted in Belgrade. According to the authorities, some 940 men and boys still sleep rough in the city centre, where UNHCR and partners continued providing life-saving aid, counselling, support to registration with the police, as well as referrals to child protection and medical services as well as transport to governmental shelters.

943 refugees and migrants (including 289 unaccompanied or separated boys) were sheltered in Obrenovac. Small groups of men and boys continued using governmental transport from the city centre to move into Obrenovac, while some also went to Obrenovac spontaneously, requesting accommodation. UNHCR and partners continued supporting the rapid refurbishment of capacities in Obrenovac, as well as regular medical, Non-food aid and protection services.

Krnjaca Asylum Centre accommodated 1,052 asylum-seekers, On 04 March, UNHCR Representative, together with the State Secretary of the Ministry of Labor, Employment, Social and Veteran Affairs, attended a media event by ADRA at the Community Centre close to Krnjaca, where asylum-seeker and local children join for recreational and educational activities.



Refugees and migrants playing volleyball in a Transit Centre, Principovac (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 01 March 2017

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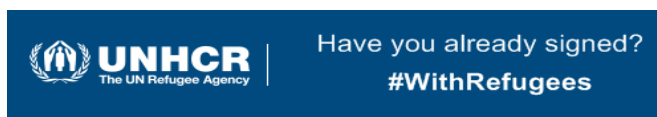
Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered 1,929 refugees and migrants: 990 in Adasevci, 633 in Sid and 306 in Principovac.

Civil society organizations assisted authorities with food, non-food and medical aid, counselling, referrals, child support and recreational activities.

NORTH

Subotica TC sheltered 143 asylum-seekers and Sombor TC 105, while nine male asylum seekers camped at Horgos and seven at Kelebija border sites, awaiting admission into Hungarian “transit zones”. 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.

Over 200 unregistered migrant men from North Africa, Pakistan and Afghanistan continue being observed sleeping rough around Subotica, trying to irregularly enter Hungary, some repeatedly.



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