

# Serbia

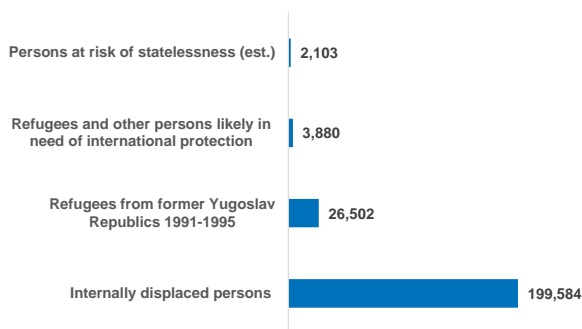
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## UNHCR SERBIA PRIORITIES:

- Support the Government of Serbia (GoS) in strengthening its asylum system in line with applicable international standards
- Ensure that the humanitarian and protection needs of Persons with Specific Needs (PSN), are promptly identified and addressed
- Support the GoS in securing solutions for refugees and internally displaced persons and preventing and reducing statelessness

### POPULATION OF CONCERN

## Serbia



Total: **232,069**

Source: Ministry of Interior and Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration

### FUNDING (AS OF NOVEMBER 2018)

## 2017 programme:

Expended support at value of USD 12.5 M

## 2018 programme:

Comprehensive budget: USD 17.3 M  
of which prioritized: USD 8.4 M

## UNHCR PRESENCE:

Staff: as of November 2018

29 National Staff  
5 International Staff  
23 Affiliate Staff  
**Total: 57**

### Offices:

#### UNHCR Representation in Serbia

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UNHCR and partners are present in Preševo, Bujanovac and Vranje in Southern Serbia, Pirot, Bosilegrad and Niš in Eastern Serbia, Adaševci, Šid, Principovac and Loznica in Western Serbia and Horgoš, Kelebija, Kikinda, Sombor and Subotica in Northern Serbia, in Belgrade as well as in five asylum centres situated around the country.



## Working with Partners

- UNHCR Serbia collaborates with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, of Labour, Employment Veteran and Social Affairs, of Internal Affairs, of Public Administration and Local Self-Government, of Health, as well as the Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration (SCRM) and local authorities.
- Project Partnership agreements are in place with A11, Amity, Belgrade Center for Human Rights (BCHR), Crisis Response and Policy Center (CRPC), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanitarian Center for Integration and Tolerance (HCIT), IDEAS, Indigo – Group for Children and Youth, International Aid Network (IAN), Praxis, Psychosocial Innovation Network (PIN), Sigma Plus, Vizija, UNDP, UNOPS and UNV.
- In line with the Refugee Coordination Model, UNHCR facilitates coordination of the interagency response to the current refugee situation in Serbia.

## Main Activities

### Asylum, Statelessness, Internally Displaced Persons

- UNHCR supports the Government in developing the asylum and migration management system of Serbia in line with applicable international standards and its EU accession schedule.
- UNHCR, together with donors and developmental partners, promotes and assists a two-pronged approach in achieving durable solutions for displaced from the region: voluntary return of those who opt to do so and local integration of those who cannot return. The latter includes social integration and access to social welfare, education and health care, as well as, together with OSCE, monitoring of the implementation of the Regional Refugee Housing program (RHP) in Serbia.
- As part of its global mandate to prevent and reduce statelessness, UNHCR Serbia continues working closely with the authorities and civil society in creating systemic solutions resolving the problems of Roma lacking birth registration and personal documentation.

### European Refugee Situation

- Since June 2015, in response to an unprecedented number of refugees and migrants arriving in the country determined to continue to Western Europe, UNHCR provided support to the Government of Serbia in operational coordination and to ensure emergency shelter, registration and documentation, medical, food, sanitary and other basic services. UNHCR and its partners provided lifesaving support, including urgent protection interventions 24/7 to asylum-seekers and refugees in various sites across the country (e.g. in the South, West, North, East and Belgrade). UNHCR and partners also provided information and counselling on asylum procedures and legal representation for those seeking asylum in Serbia. Particular attention was paid to assisting family reunification, access to registration, referrals to asylum procedures, as well as identifying and assisting PSNs.
- Since the *de facto* closure of the Western Balkan route in the spring of 2016 and the lifting of the emergency situation at end 2016, humanitarian interventions were gradually replaced with more sustainable protection- and solutions-oriented approaches. These include enhanced counselling and assistance with registration, access to asylum procedures and public services, stepped up protection/border monitoring as well as child protection interventions, SGBV prevention and response, aiming to assist the government in providing protection and durable solution.
- UNHCR Serbia enjoys effective cross-border cooperation with UNHCR and partner teams in neighbouring countries, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Hungary, Montenegro and Romania.

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