UNHCR SERBIA

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February 2017

UNHCR SERBIA RESPONSE

PROTECTION AND SOLUTIONS

Information, identification and referrals of Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs):
• Over 90,000 refugees, asylum seekers and migrants provided with information
• Over 18,000 PSNs identified and referred to appropriate services
• Over 900 interviews conducted, including over 200 pushback interviews
• More than 50,000 benefitted from translation services

Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASCs):
• Over 1,000 UASCs identified
• Over 800 UASCs referred to Child protection services/provided with counseling
• 197 Best Interest Assessments supported through Child Welfare Services

Family Unity:
• Over 160 separated families identified
• 39 families reunited in Serbia
• More than 13 families supported in obtaining birth certificates for new born babies

Resettlement:
• 11 refugees resettled to Sweden, Norway, France, the United Kingdom
• 2 cases of family reunification facilitated

Asylum:
• Over 20,000 refugees, asylum seekers and migrants received counseling on asylum/legal counseling
• Close to 1,000 asylum seekers assisted with registration and transported to government shelters
• Over 400 monitoring visits to Asylum Centres conducted
• Regular monitoring missions to 33 locations in border areas and detention facilities conducted
• 315 asylum seekers gave power of attorney for representation in asylum procedures
• 184 asylum seekers represented during asylum procedures
• 42 persons granted refugee status/subsidiary protection, of which 25 supported by UNHCR partners
• 4 constitutional appeals before the Constitutional Court supported
• 3 applications prepared and submitted to the European Court of Human Rights

SHELTER

• 650 additional accommodation places secured through rehabilitation of Presevo Reception Centre
• Medical unit in Krcnjaca Asylum Centre constructedImproved accommodation for 116 refugees in renovated barracks in the Krcnjaca Asylum Centre
• Joint Reception Standards Assessment of Asylum Centres with the authorities conducted, aiming to ensure that reception facilities meet protection standards
**NON-FOOD ITEMS distributed**

- 16,500 blankets
- 1,000 sleeping bags
- 81,000 clothing items
- 32,500 winter clothing items
- 25,000 pairs of footwear
- 19,000 hygiene packages
- 129,000 bottles of water

**MEDICAL SUPPORT**

- Over 2,500 refugees, asylum seekers and migrants received medication
- Over 73,800 provided with medical services

**PARTNERSHIPS**

UNHCR enjoyed partnership agreements with:

**COORDINATION / EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

- Under *Refugee Coordination Model*, UNHCR Serbia:
  - chaired 38 UNCT Refugee Theme Group meetings
  - co-chaired 9 *Partners Briefing* on Refugee and Migration Response
  - co-chaired 15 *Refugee Protection Working Group* and regular Shelter/CIR/WASH Working Group, as well as Belgrade and other local coordination meetings
- Produced over 600 daily, weekly and monthly *internal and external updates* on the refugee situation
- Produced 16 Serbia *Interagency Operational Updates*
- Gave over 60 media interviews and posted over 300 regular updates on Facebook, twitter, YouTube, and UNHCR Serbia website

**FUNDING**

- The 2016 UNHCR Serbia Operation was *funded by*:

  ![Flags of participating countries]

  and private donors in Australia, Japan as well as “Radiohjälpen” and “Zara”

- **USD 8.9 million** expended on all the above activities
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PRESENCE

NEW REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS AND MIGRANTS PRESENCE IN SERBIA 2016

MARCH 2016 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

- Syria: 38%
- Iraq: 38%
- Afghanistan: 22%
- Iran: 1%
- Other: 1%

DECEMBER 2016 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

- Afghanistan: 49%
- Iraq: 19%
- Pakistan: 10%
- Syria: 10%
- Iran: 5%
- Other: 7%

MARCH 2016 AGE/GENDER

- Men: 31%
- Women: 44%
- Children: 25%

DECEMBER 2016 AGE/GENDER

- Men: 46%
- Women: 39%
- Children: 15%

NORTH SERBIA

PRESENCE IN NORTH SERBIA

ASYLUM SEEKERS ADMITTED TO HUNGARY TOTAL: 6,602

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**Expressed Intentions To Seek Asylum, By Top Five Countries of Origin**

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**Expressed Intentions / Asylum Application / Substantive First Instance Decisions**

- Intentions: 12,821
- Applications: 574
- Decisions: 82

**Asylum Applications By Top Five Countries of Origin**

- Afghanistan: 147
- Iraq: 64
- Syria: 187
- Pakistan: 100
- Iran: 60

**Substantive First Instance Decisions By Type**

- Granted Refugee Status: 19
- Subsidiary Protection: 40
- Rejected: 23
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COLLECTIVE EXPULSIONS

ENCOUNTERED COLLECTIVE EXPULSIONS TO SERBIA
TOTAL: 4,301

ENCOUNTERED COLLECTIVE EXPULSIONS FROM SERBIA
TOTAL: 2,105 (SOURCE FYR MACEDONIA)