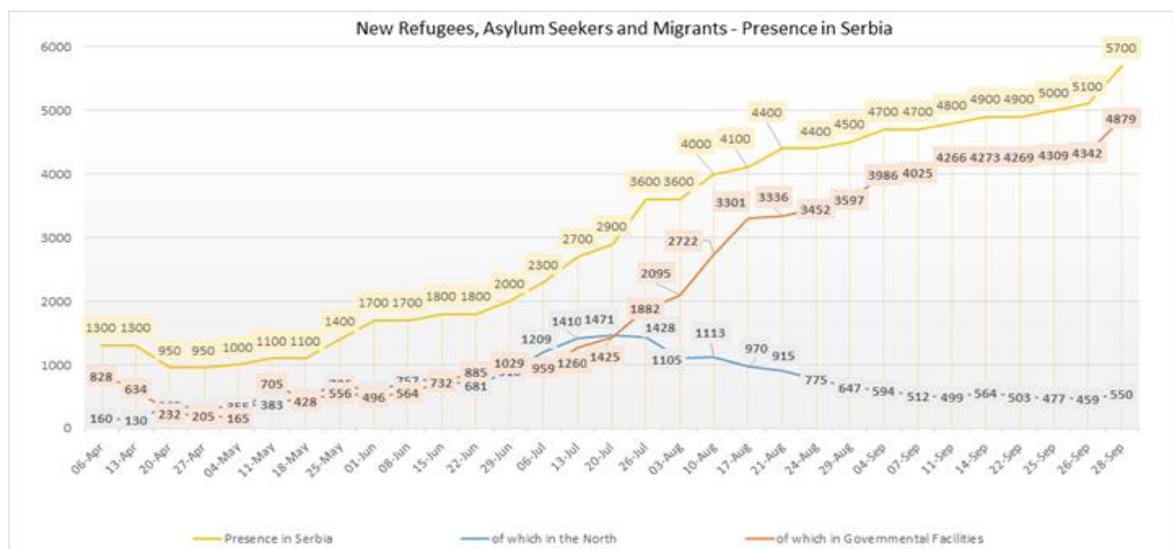


HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- The number of new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants, encountered by UNHCR and partners in Serbia, rose sharply to **5,700**. Of those, 86% (or 4,879) were accommodated in governmental facilities, including 1,720 in the five Asylum Centres and 3,159 in Refugee Aid Points /Reception Centre, while the others were counted at night in Belgrade City or the border with Hungary. UNHCR, authorities and partners maintained reinforced presence and support at all sites throughout the country.
- In particular, an increase was observed in the occupancy of the three Refugee Aid Points in the West, where 2,120 refugees and migrants are now accommodated. The authorities are working with partners to urgently address and improve quality and quantity of accommodation and services there, including sustainable utilities and sanitary conditions. At the same time, Belgrade City remained crowded.
- On 27 September, UNHCR convened a meeting of the Refugee Protection Working Group, which gathered over 90 representatives of the government, authorities, civil society, UN, international organizations and donors to discuss and agree on urgent coordinated steps to strongly support the implementation of the Government's "Response Plan for an increased number of migrants on the territory of the Republic of Serbia for the period October 2016 – March 2017" - in line with the Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP) and other applicable coordination structures. Several participants requested the Ministry of Interior to resume registration, profiling and identification of special needs of all refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants.
- 36 persons expressed their intention to seek asylum in Serbia over the reporting period, bringing the total for September to 863 and the whole year to 8,934.



SOUTH



Residents help cleaning of the RC, Prevevo (Serbia) @UNHCR, 28/09/16

The Prevevo Reception Centre (RC) accommodated 704 refugees and migrants, most from Afghanistan (60%), Iraq (17%) or Syria (12%), and only 10% from other countries. About half are children.

The authorities, UNHCR and all other organizations active in the RC, assisted with food and non-food items, medical services, counselling, interpretation, referrals and recreational activities.

BELGRADE

An increase in number of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants encountered and assisted in the city centre was observed, with over 600 present during the day but also a similar number staying in public spaces overnight. Most were from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan and Iraq.

The authorities continued encouraging the *sans papier* to move to the Asylum Centre (AC) of Krnjaca, which on 28 September sheltered 1,054 persons overnight. Nevertheless, a number of Krnjaca residents *sans papier* continued to commute to Belgrade Centre during the day to benefit from warm meals that are distributed there.

Various Civil Society Organisations provided assistance, counselling and facilitated many referrals, including to asylum procedures, registration with the police, accommodation in the Asylum Centre and medical services. Unaccompanied and separated children were referred to the Centre for Social Work. UNHCR/DRC and MDM doctors treated close to 100 refugee/migrant patients over the last three days.

NORTH

The total number of asylum seekers in all locations in the North remained stable, and on 28 September around 550 were counted, including some 330 sheltered by the SCRM in the Refugee Aid Point (RAP) of Subotica and some 210 camping in the open on Serbian soil close to the two Hungarian "transit zones" of Horgos I and Kelebija. Among the asylum seekers at the border sites, two thirds were women and children from Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria and Subotica RAP residents remained mainly single men from Pakistan or Afghanistan, while some 80 were children.

The SCRM, UNHCR, and other organizations provided humanitarian aid, including bottled water, food, fresh fruits, non-food aid, hygiene packages, support to maintenance of the sanitary conditions, medical assistance, referrals, as well as legal and other counselling.

Hungary admitted 90 asylum seekers in the last three days, and UNHCR and partners encountered some 45 who reported to have been pushed-back into Serbia from Hungary after having tried to enter it irregularly.

WEST

The Refugee Aid Points in Sid, Adasevci and Principovac sheltered some 2,120 refugees and migrants on 28 September. Most were from Afghanistan, followed by Syria and Pakistan, with the rest from Iraq, Iran, Bangladesh, Morocco or Algeria.

Civil Society Organizations assisted with food, and non-food as well as medical aid, counselling, referrals, child support, and recreational activities.

On 27 September, a Pakistani man died in Sid RAP, despite a timely intervention by the medical team, supposedly from an overdose by mixing pills and alcohol.

Attempts to clandestinely enter Croatia continued being reported and over 40 people from Afghanistan and Pakistan reported having been pushed-back to Serbia after entering Croatia irregularly by foot.



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