



Meeting on the “Role of non-governmental organisations as promoters of the positive practices on care and accommodation for minor refugees and migrants”

Danish Refugee Council Serbia
Child Protection/Education Projects



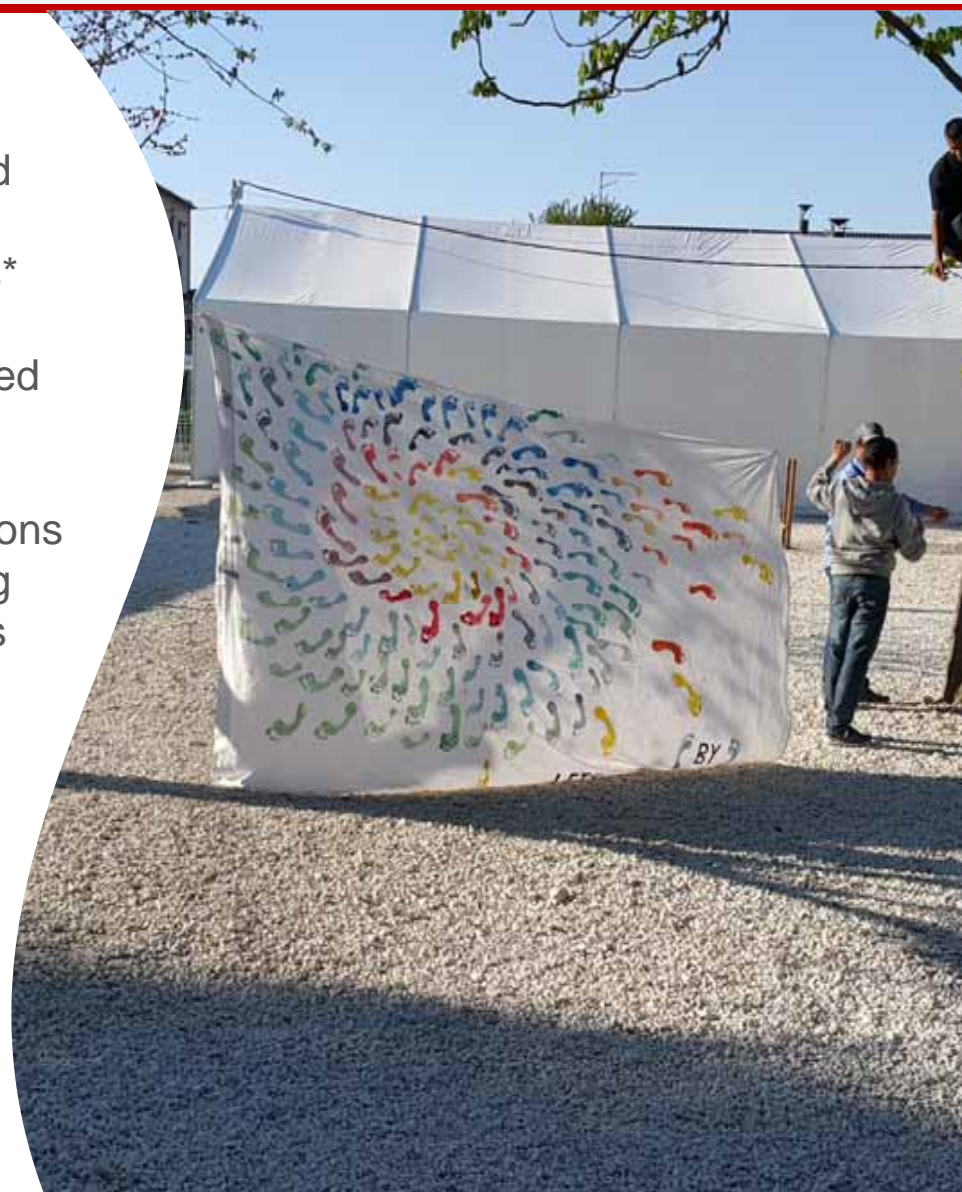
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- **7,600** refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants in Serbia. 85% (6,412) sheltered in 18 government facilities*
- Approximately **47% are children**
- Over **900** UASC - 750 accommodated in government centres and the remaining in Belgrade city centre*
- During 2015 in Serbia **577.425** persons registered, predominantly originating from refugee-producing countries as Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq
- In 2016 after the closure of the Balkan route the number has constatnly been increasing from **950** refugees/migrants registered in April 2016 to **7600** in April 2017

* *UNHCR SERBIA UPDATE, 10-16 April 2017*





Asylum Centers (AC) – 5

- Krnjaca Asylum Center (DRC/UNICEF Child Protection Activities)
- Bogovadja Asylum Center
- Banja Koviljaca Asylum Center
- Sjenica Asylum Center
- Tutin Asylum Center

Refugee Reception Centers (RRC) – 13

- Presevo, Bujanovac, Dimitrovgrad, Sid (DRC/UNICEF Child Protection Activities)
- Subotica, Sombor, Kikinda, Principovac, Adasevci, Obrenovac, Divljana, Pirot, Bosilegrad

Accommodation centers for UASC – 3

- Institution for Education of Children and Youth "Vasa Stajic" in Belgrade - Unit for accommodation of foreign UASC – **capacity 20**
- Institution for Education of Children and Youth Nis – Unit for accommodation of foreign UASC Nis – **capacity 10**
- Home for Children with Disabilities "Kolevka" in Subotica – Unit for accommodation of foreign UASC – **capacity 20**

Photos of Centers in Serbia



Krnjaca Asylum Center
Current occupancy - 1090
49% children



RRC Presevo
Current occupancy – 868
49% children



RRC Sid
Current occupancy – 625
32% children



RRC Pirot
Current occupancy - 255
47% children



Child friendly spaces – support to refugee children

- DRC as a partners of UNICEF
- In coordination with the Ministry of Labour, Employment, Social and Vetren Policy, Commissariat for Refugees and Migration, UN Agencies and CSOs
- Output: Psycho-social support, emergency supplies and access to protection and information rights to refugee children and their families provided through **child friendly spaces** and **mother and baby corners** in Refugee Reception Centers in Serbia



DRC/UNICEF Child Friendly Space in Miratovac



Border with FYROM



DRC/UNICEF Child Friendly Space in Presevo



- 2 – 17 years
- Protected environment (organized activities to play, socialize, learn ...)
- Psychosocial support, psychological first aid,
- Indoor and outdoor activities
- Identifying EVIs, UASC, assessment and referral to healthcare system, social welfare, international organisations and CSOs
- Non formal education



Based on workshop methodology

- Starting from April 2016 to date **2.285** workshops conducted
- Type of workshops
 - Creative (crafts, art, scale modeling, recycling, etc.)
 - Educational (English language, Farsi, Arabic, science)
 - Recreational (football, jogging, exercise, zumba, etc.)



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Structured non formal education activities in Bujanovac RC and Presevo RC

- Starting from February 2017, **160 classes** have been conducted for the age group from 7-9 years (attendance ranging from 18 in Bujanovac to 46 in Presevo)
- Curricula for the first grade of elementary school is used, covering the following topics/classes:
 - Serbian language
 - English language
 - Mathematics
 - “World around us” (subject from the Serbian education system introducing children to geography, science etc.)



- Target group 0 – 23 months
- **Counseling** on breastfeeding, hygiene and infant and young child feeding
- Area for breastfeeding
- Baby changing station, hygiene





Quick adaptation to changing circumstances (different locations, changing entry-point's, changing demographic, transit vs. stationary population etc.) is achieved through strong UNICEF-DRC partnership, constant joint evaluation and program fine-tuning in order to achieve maximum feasible impact.

Formal Education

“Support to the Serbian Educational system in response to the Refugee Crises” Project funded by the US Embassy.

DRC in partnership with the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Philology developed 3 language modules for learning Serbian as foreign language to be piloted in schools where refugee children are enrolled (Module 1 - 6-9 years; Module 2 -10-15, Module 3 - >15 years).

Currently, approximately 100 refugee children between the age of 7 and 17 accommodated in the AC Krnjaca are regular attending 7 schools in the City of Belgrade. Additional schools, including schools outside of Belgrade, are in the process of enrolling refugee children.



Children leaving the Center to go to school



Presentation of modules to the elementary school teachers



Thank you for your attention

