



# BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

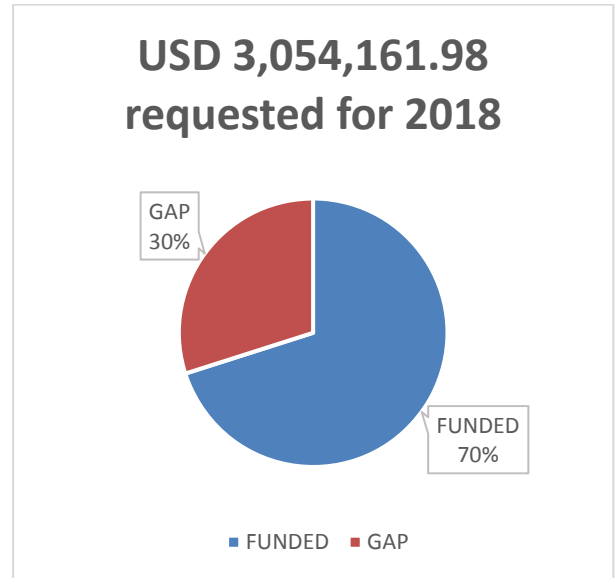
## FACTSHEET

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### POPULATION OF CONCERN

Internally displaced (IDPs)	98,574
Returnees	47,000
Refugees from former Yugoslavia	74
Refugees from outside South Eastern Europe	14
Subsidiary protection	21
Asylum-seekers	273
Identified individuals at risk of statelessness	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>146.021</b>

### FUNDING



Source: GoBiH, UNHCR partners, UNHCR Analysis

### UNHCR REPRESENTATION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

**Staff:**

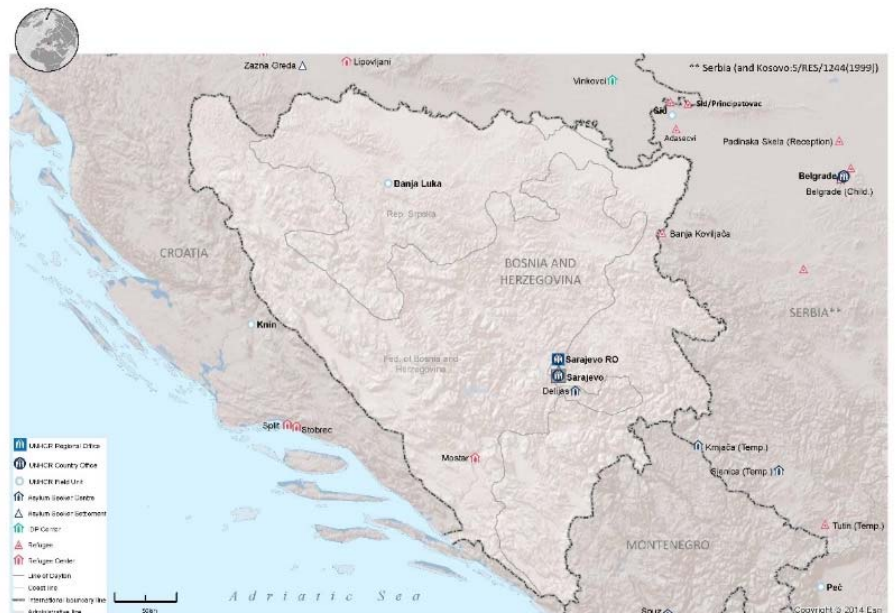
**18** national staff

**6** international staff

**Offices:**

**1** Country office

located in Sarajevo



UNHCR's Regional Representation for South-Eastern Europe is also located in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and covers activities in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 (1999)), and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works with authorities at the State, Entity/Brčko District and local levels, the Institution of the Human Rights Ombudsman, and with international bodies including the Office of the High Representative, participating in its Board of Principals, the OSCE Mission, the Council of Europe, and with local international missions including the Delegation of the European Union.
- UNHCR is an active member of the United Nations Country Team, collaborating on joint initiatives and projects within the framework of the UNDAF and in the context of supporting the Sustainable Development Goals, and improving human rights in the country for all UNHCR's persons of concern.
- UNHCR collaborates with national and international NGOs/CSOs including: Bosnian Humanitarian Logistic Service, Bosnia and Herzegovina Women's Initiative, Catholic Relief Services, Foundation of Local Democracy, Hilfswerk Austria International, Serb Democratic Forum, Union for Sustainable Return and Integration and Vaša Prava BiH.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

- UNHCR works on behalf of persons **forced to flee** their homes as a result of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the breakup of the former Yugoslavia; **new asylum-seekers and refugees** from outside the region of South Eastern Europe; and on behalf of persons who **lack proof of their nationality** (mostly Roma) and therefore struggle to realize their fundamental human rights and access the basic services most people take for granted.

### Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Returnees, and Refugees from the former Yugoslavia

- UNHCR works with authorities at all levels, operational partners and civil society stakeholders to support the BiH authorities led by the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees (MHRR) in resolving remaining priority problems of displacement under the revised strategy for Annex VII of the Dayton Peace Agreement, including for the selection of vulnerable beneficiaries for major housing projects. Access to rights, employment, social welfare, health care, pensions, security, housing and infrastructure, including electricity, water, access roads, require coordinated efforts of key stakeholders at the State, Entity/Brčko district and local levels and are also critical in ensuring the sustainability of local integration and return. The Regional Housing Programme, which provides reconstruction assistance and social housing, and the 'CEB II' project designed to re-house residents of 121 collective centers, will provide new improved living conditions to vulnerable IDPs and returnees, facilitating solutions either in their place of origin or in their place of displacement.
- In coordination with MHRR and local municipal commissions, UNHCR's broader focus is to promote adoption by national actors of a systematic and data-driven evidence-based selection methodology for providing assistance to IDPs and returnees. This methodology promotes transparency and takes into account individual vulnerabilities based on criteria established in MHRR's Revised Strategy of Annex VII, placing authorities in charge of assessing remaining problems at the local, Entity/Brčko District and State levels, through the work of multifunctional working groups who together assess, plan and coordinate assistance for the most vulnerable individuals.

### Asylum-Seekers and Refugees

- UNHCR promotes access to the asylum system for persons in need of international protection from proper identification and referral upon entry to support for durable solutions including local integration for those granted refugee status. This support is provided through capacity building, advocacy and partnership with key partners within the Ministry of Security, Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees and the judiciary.
- UNHCR supports the Ministry of Security's Sector for Asylum and the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees in providing accommodation and assistance for asylum-seekers and for refugees and in securing the rights of these individuals under international law and relevant national legislation.

### Persons Lacking Proof of Nationality and at Risk of Statelessness

- UNHCR's work to assist persons lacking proof of nationality focuses on supporting authorities at the State and local levels to strengthen mechanisms which will ensure identification, prevention and reduction of persons at risk of statelessness. UNHCR supports the acquisition of birth registration and nationality documents which requires the dedicated work of Vaša Prava BiH, a free legal aid NGO that is working to support municipal free legal aid offices where they exist, to ensure that individuals are supported to register birth and nationality in municipal books.

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