

In the second half of June, authorities registered increase in the number of new COVID-19 cases following several weeks of steady decline.

No virus spread has been detected among the UNHCR persons of concern in Croatia, who continue to benefit from access to health and other services in a non-discriminatory manner.

UNHCR and partners marked the World Refugee Day against a backdrop of 79,5 million forcibly displaced people around the globe: the highest total on record.

General overview

In the first five months of 2020, the Ministry of Interior (Moi) registered **569** asylum seekers (top three countries of origin: Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria). In the same period, **18** people were granted refugee status (top three countries of origin: Iraq, Iran and Syria).

As at 29 June, **443** asylum seekers were accommodated in the two Reception Centers for Asylum Seekers (RCAS) in Zagreb and Kutina. Of those, 45 percent were children, 33 percent men and 22 percent women. Situation in the RCAS remains safe and calm, with adequate epidemiological measures in place.

So far in 2020, **21** families (**44** people) were provided with housing solutions under the [Regional Housing Programme-RHP](#). Total number of beneficiaries of RHP assistance by 30 June 2020 in Croatia stands at **349** families (**783** people).

World Refugee Day (WRD)

World Refugee Day, marked on 20 June, is an international day designated by the UN to honor refugees around the globe. WRD celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. WRD in Croatia was marked by a variety of activities in support of refugees:

- UNHCR and its partner, the Festival of Tolerance organized an exhibition of posters by five top Croatian graphic designers telling a story of the refugee plight as they see it. These posters were on [display](#) in public transport in Zagreb, Split, Osijek, Zadar and Dubrovnik from 8 to 28 June.
- On 20 June, In partnership with Jutarnji list daily newspaper, UNHCR brought a [story](#) of an Iraqi refugee currently finishing his master's degree in political sciences at the University of Zagreb and the support he received from a group of enthusiasts at a bicycle repair group (Biciklopopravljao).
- In the week leading to WRD, UNHCR partner in integration, the Croatian Red Cross, ran a refugee related [myth-busting campaign](#) on social media.
- In honor of WRD, UNHCR legal partner, Croatian Law Center, made public nine [videos](#) intended for refugees on their rights in Croatia.



*One of the five original posters developed for the exhibition in public transport across Croatia.
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- On 15 and 16 June, UNHCR partner, the Association MI, organized two around tables on integration in [Karlovac](#) and Slavonski Brod, local communities hosting refugees, including those arriving under resettlement.
- On 20 June, UNHCR legal partner, Civil Rights Project from Sisak, organized a [session](#) with beneficiaries of international protection in their local community on access to healthcare.
- In the last week of June, UNHCR as part of the annual Zagreb-based Festival of Tolerance showed three refugee related movies: [Love Child](#), [Body of Truth](#) and [Aurora](#).

Global Trends Report

UNHCR's annual [Global Trends Report](#) which came out on 18 June ahead of World Refugee Day, shows that an unprecedented 79.5 million were displaced as of the end of 2019. UNHCR has not seen a higher total. The report shows that forced displacement is now affecting more than one per cent of humanity – 1 in every 97 people – and with fewer and fewer of those who flee being able to return home. In his [statement](#) Filippo Grandi, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, called for greater solidarity with people forced to flee: "Whoever you are. No matter where you come from. Every one of us can make a difference. Every action truly counts".

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