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#SupportingRefugees

Newsletter on the needs of forcibly displaced who found refuge in Serbia

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Dear Madam/Sir,

We're sending warm regards from [UNHCR Serbia](#)! For more than 45 years in Serbia, we've been providing protection & safeguarding the **rights & well-being** of people forced to flee.

We'd appreciate the opportunity to **meet** and introduce you with the **position and needs** of forcibly displaced people who have found refuge in our country.

[#SupportingRefugees](#) is the first step in that direction. Each three months, it will bring brief news on the most urgent refugees' needs, success stories and our activities.

From UN Global Compact to the Davos forum, the importance of **all society sectors' involvement** in building sustainable communities is highlighted more than ever.

We hope there'll be a chance to examine the possibilities of **beneficial cooperation**, intended to create **better, more inclusive communities**, in line with the UN SDGs.

WHO WE ARE

The UN Refugee Agency - UNHCR



Working closely with institutions, donors, civil society & partners, we provide protection, inclusion and integration of:

- [refugees and asylum seekers](#),
- [stateless people](#),
- [internally displaced persons](#).

We are present in the field in more than **130 countries**. UNHCR is the two-time winner of

the Nobel Peace Prize.

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WHO ARE REFUGEES?

Refugees, migrants, asylum seekers... people

Terms 'migrants' and 'refugees' are often being confused in the public discourse.

Refugees cross borders in search for safety, and returning home would **put their lives in danger**, while **internally displaced people** are forced to flee within their own countries. On the other hand, **migrants** have decided to leave their countries in search for a better life.



210 persons have received asylum in Serbia since 2008. They need our support, to **rebuild their lives & contribute to our society** in the best possible manner.

UNHCR together with Government of Serbia also works on issues of **persons at risk of statelessness**, who due to lacking personal documents **cannot access basic rights** – go to school, visit a doctor, get employed, open an account, travel.

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WHAT ARE THE NEEDS OF REFUGEES?

Support can be mutual



There's significant potential for private sector to support refugees in our country, via:

- **education and training,**
- **internship and employment,**
- **financial inclusion,**
- **donation of products, expert time, other means,**

- **combatting xenophobic narratives.**

Some of the biggest **global companies have recognized** these needs and possibilities and support refugees and asylum seekers in partnership with UNHCR.

DID YOU KNOW?

Refugees started studying in Serbia

Most often, refugees in our country come from Iran, Lybia, Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Burundi and Cuba.



Among other rights, they have a right to **work** and **education**.

They are well equipped with knowledge – in Serbia, more than **40 percent** of refugees hold a **university degree**, while almost **60 percent** of

them have secondary education.

At the link below you can read a story on first refugees from out of the region who have enrolled on prestigious state faculties in our country.

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WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Exhibition "What they took with them" open until June 30th

On the occasion of June 20th, [World Refugee Day](#), UNHCR has opened the exhibition "[What they took with them](#)" in Ethnographic Museum, dedicated to all those who were forced to flee.



It is inspired by the short film of the same name, prepared in cooperation with **Branka Katić**, UNHCR High Profile Supporter in Serbia.

Refugees from former Yugoslavia, Middle East, Africa & Ukraine agreed to exhibit the objects that they took with themselves. In solidarity, many public figures, such as musician **Rambo Amadeus**, writer **Lana Bastašić** and members of the band **Pretty Loud** have provided the objects which they think they would carry in case they are forced to flee their homes.

You can visit the exhibition **by June 30th**.

ACTUAL: UKRAINE EMERGENCY

Situation in the field in Serbia

Serbia is also hosting refugees from Ukraine, who are mostly staying at their cousins and friends, while a certain number of them is in Asylum Centre in Vranje.

In cooperation with other UN agencies, we're carrying out a coordinated action for their **proper reception**. A day-and-night **phoneline** has been established, as well as support in the field. We closely cooperate with Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migrations & other institutions, as well as companies such as IKEA, which has provided for timely furnishing of

AC Vranje.

At the link below you can find out more on refugees from Ukraine and all other countries, as well as on the possibilities to **help and donate**.



I'd like to learn more

If you wish to contribute to building more inclusive communities, as well as to find out more on the vulnerable groups we support, feel free to:

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We truly look forward to meeting and cooperating with you!



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