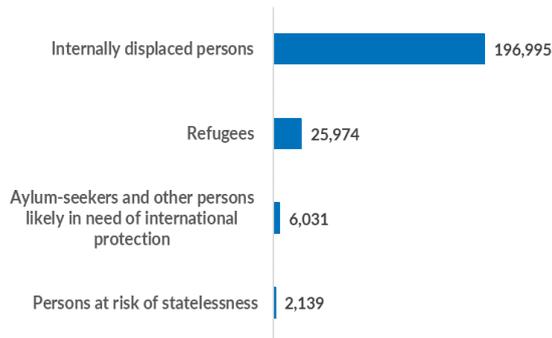


# Serbia

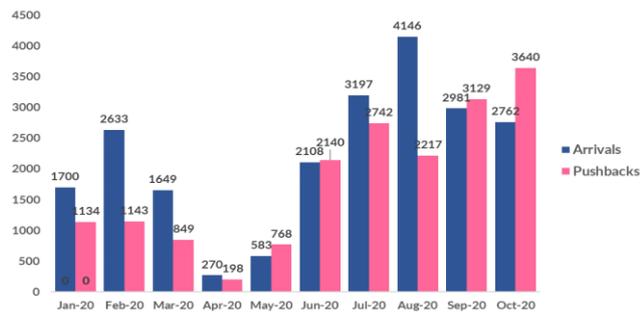
Serbia hosts almost **26,000** refugees and **197,000** IDPs, and some **2,140** persons at risk of statelessness. Persons in need of international protection amongst newly arriving third country nationals (over **22,350** in Jan–Oct 2020) are supported in requesting and being granted asylum and in local integration. Most displaced from the region have found solutions, while cases and threat of statelessness have been reduced. UNHCR continues to support the Government in strengthening the national asylum system to secure institutional protection and sustainable solutions.

## PERSONS OF CONCERN\*



## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHT

Arrivals / Pushbacks Jan-Oct 2020



The number of persons pushed back from neighbouring countries in October 2020 – counting 3,640 – again, like in May, June and September this year, exceeds the number of monthly arrivals (2,762 in October) and sets the new monthly record in the number of pushbacks recorded since UNHCR Serbia began monitoring pushbacks



*Integration through art – Left: Iranian artists putting up an art installation at Mixer Festival in Belgrade; Right: Roma UNVs and UASC asylum-seekers join hands in expressing themselves in a UNHCR/UNDP workshop in Vrdnik, Fruška Gora, @UNHCR, September/October 2020*

*UNHCR field staffer supporting the making of cotton face masks in Krnjača Asylum Centre, Belgrade, @UNHCR, October 2020*

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

 UNHCR supports the Government of Serbia in strengthening the national asylum system and protection-sensitive migration management in line with applicable global and regional treaties and standards.

 UNHCR and partners assist due access to asylum procedures and public services, intervene in child protection as well as sexual and gender-based violence prevention and response in some 30 sites across the country.

 UNHCR and partners assist a sustainable integration of refugees through free legal aid, financial, education and employment support.

 UNHCR and partners advocate and provide legal aid for solutions for persons displaced within the region and - together with the OSCE - monitor beneficiary selection of the Regional Refugee Housing Programme (RHP).

 UNHCR works closely with the (non-) governmental, UN and development partners, the IFIs and other stakeholders to secure the inclusion and improvement of the situation of persons of concern in the nationalisation of Sustainable Development Goals, COVID-19 prevention, response and recovery plans, the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (SDCF) for Serbia and other developmental processes.

 UNHCR supports authorities and civil society in creating systemic solutions for persons lacking birth registration and personal documentation and other actions to end statelessness in Serbia.

 UNHCR's Covid-related procurements (PPE, disinfectants, hygiene kits, clothes and shoes, blankets, towels, quilts, bedlinen, medication, food parcels, etc.), in aid of asylum-seekers and refugees accommodated in governmental centres, amount to USD 207,684.

 UNHCR Serbia works with UNHCR teams in neighbouring countries, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Romania, under the Strategy for the Western Balkans.

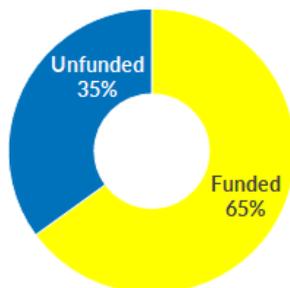
\* Source: UNHCR and Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration

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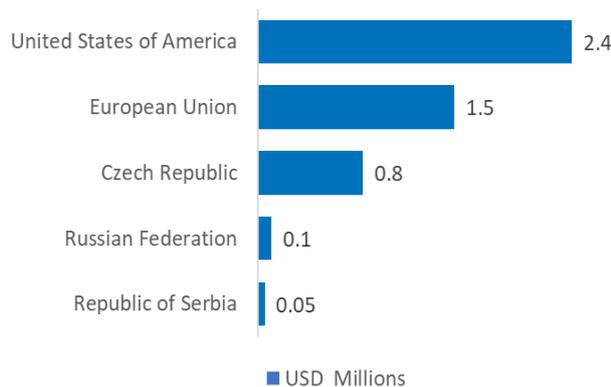


UNHCR Serbia enjoys close cooperation with the Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration (SCRM), the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, of Labour, Employment, Veteran, and Social Affairs, of Internal Affairs, of Public Administration and Local Self-Government as well as with local authorities.

## FUNDING 2020 - USD 9.9 M



### Earmarked contributions to the 2020 UNHCR Serbia:



### Other softly earmarked contributions | USD

Germany 62.7 million | United States of America 34.3 million | United Kingdom 24.8 million | Denmark 14.6 million | Canada 8.7 million | Private donors Australia 8.4 million | Private donors USA 7.7 million | Private donors Japan 4.4 million | Spain 3.4 million | Ireland 3.3 million | Private donors Germany 3.1 million | Sweden 3 million | Private donors United Kingdom 2.3 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 2.1 million

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## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Personnel:

37 National Staff  
 3 International Staff  
 8 Affiliate Staff  
 Total: 48

### Presence:

Country Office in Belgrade and Field Unit in South Serbia for regular protection monitoring in five Asylum Centres and 25 other sites across the country

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