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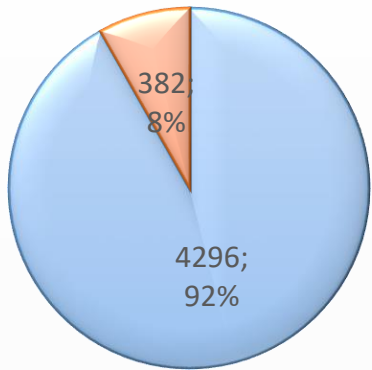


## NSCEP CASH WORKING GROUP

Cash Based Intervention of the BRC

September 2021

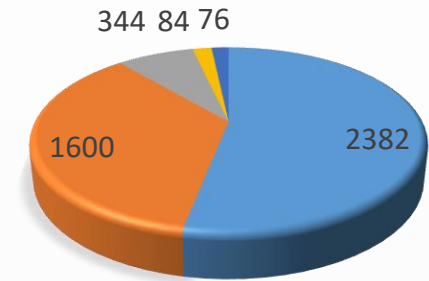
# Asylum and migration context



Men Women

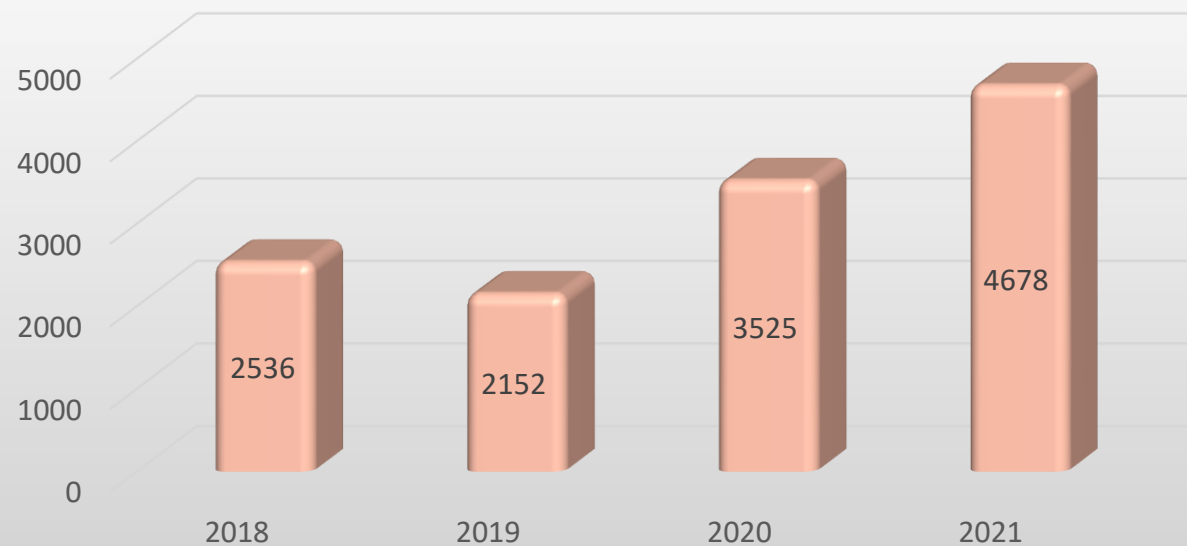
**4678 asylum applications as of 31.08.2021**

## Top 5 CoO 2021



Afghanistan Syria Iraq Pakistan Morocco

## Asylum applications



## UAMs

Girls

11

Boys

1469

- **1993** - UNHCR Implementing partner for local settlement of asylum seekers and refugees in Bulgaria

- **1997** – Establishment of the Refugee-Migrant Service in BRC HQ, Sofia

Bulgarian Red Cross Law /1995, Article 4 para 6/

Law on Asylum and Refugees

- **2008-2013** - Main Partner of the State agency for refugees at the Council of Ministers for the implementation of the National Integration Program for Refugees

- **2018-2020** – Pilot project for integration of relocated and resettled families with 4 local municipalities funded by AMIF

- **Since 2021** – Pilot project for integration of refugees with 2 local municipalities funded by AMIF National Program

# Modus Operandi and Target Groups

- Project based funding
- Main donors/ funding sources: UNHCR, AMIF/ ERF, Swiss Red Cross, Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis through Ministry of Health, Terre Des 'Homme
- Current staff members: 18 colleagues, divided in 2 teams / Sofia and Haskovo/ + social worker in BRC branch in Sliven
- Outreach work in several languages: Arabic, Farsi, Pashto, Turkish, English, French, German, Bulgarian
- Beneficiaries' groups:

Asylum seekers

Refugees or  
Humanitarian  
Status Holders

Third Country  
Nationals

Undocumented  
Migrants

# Map of the services

## Sofia city region

There are 3 open type reception facilities and 1 closed type run by State agency for refugees;

### RMS of BRS

operates in 3 locations:

- BRC HQs;
- BRC Community Hub;
- BRC municipal information and service office for TCNs



## Sliven region

1 reception facility in Banya run by SAR;  
**BRC** operates in the facility;

## Haskovo region

1 reception facility in Harmanli; 1 TC in Pastrogor; **BRC** operates in the RRC and TC

# SAR Reception facilities



RRC Vrazhdebna in Sofia

Capacity:  
**370**

Capacity:  
**70**



RRC Banya

Capacity:  
**860**

Total capacity  
SAR centres  
**5160** asylum  
seekers

Capacity:  
**320**



RRC Ovcha kupel in Sofia



TC Pastrogor

Capacity:  
**800**

Capacity:  
**2710**



RRC Voenna rampa in Sofia



RRC Harmanli

# RMS and COVID-19 in 2020-2021



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Hotline in 6 languages – **5809** calls;  
State-funded food programme – **211** families/**529** refugees;  
**660** hygiene kits to accommodated in detention centres;  
**158** families/individuals support with CBA + **47** with food vouchers;  
**300** purchased medicines;  
**685** refugees in Sofia provided with hygiene items;  
**131** UAMs provided with clothing

**BRC REFUGEE-MIGRANT SERVICE**

opens an information hotline for current refugees and arrivals to be followed during the COVID-19 emergency, as well as to offer information on possible support from the BRC.

The phone line is open from 08:00 am to 20:00 pm and is available in the following languages:

**ARABIC**  
0884 964 031  
0885 473 377  
0885 896 146

**FARSI**  
0882 355 966  
0884 623 526

**TURKISH**  
0884 623 526

**ENGLISH AND FRENCH**  
0886 637 928



خود و دیگران را از مریض شدن محافظه کنیم

IFRC

1. پس از دستگیری کشادگی: بیمه های خودتان را بشورید.

2. پس از سرفه و یا عطسه کردن: به افراد مریض خدمت می دهید.

3. وقتی غذا می پزند و قبل و پس از آن: اگر دست های آنها کثیف هستند.

4. پیش از غذا خوردن: به رعایت زدن به حیوان و دیگران توجه کنید.



# Different types of cash-based intervention

## One off financial assistance

BRC can grant one off financial assistance based on the state guaranteed minimal income that is 75 BGN (38 €). Based on the number of family member BRC grants 75 BGN per person

Letter of request/  
Personal  
information

## Medical assistance

BRC can purchase prescribed medicines, cover medical consumables, prescribed by a doctor, cover the lab exams fee or any other medically-related expenses. The amount depends on the prescribed medical assistance

Letter of request/  
Personal information/  
Supporting medical  
documents  
(prescription, official  
medical document  
etc)

## Monthly rent assistance

BRC can cover one monthly rent of PoCs. The amount depends on the rental contract

Letter of request/  
Personal information/  
Rental contract



# Different types of cash-based intervention

## Food vouchers

BRC provided food vouchers to PoCs in need, applying the following criteria:

- \*Single PoCs – 50 BGN (25€)
- \*Family with up to 2 children – 80 BGN (41 €)
- \*Family with 3 or more than 3 children – 120 BGN (61 €)

Personal  
information

Letter of request/ Personal information/ Document providing enrollment in school/ List of school books to be purchased stamped and/or signed by the school teacher

Carefully identify and selected refugee start-up proposals

## Purchase of educational materials

BRC can purchase educational materials mandatory for the grade children are enrolled in and if not provided by the state

**Pilot refugee start-up**  
Include capacity building, empowerment, promotion and seeking additional financial resources. Also, payment of company tax registration, monthly rental, purchase of equipment and/or necessary products etc.

# Steps undertaken for becoming “Cash prepared National Society”

- Cash based rapid response in case of disaster situations in three different modalities

Voucher system

Postal money  
transfers

Debit cards

- Signed two long – term standing agreements with „Tombou Bulgaria Ltd“ and „Bulgarian Postal service“ for:
  - 500 000 vouchers can be issued for each disaster response operation, accepted in all commercial stores in Bulgaria.
  - vouchers can be defined according to the needs of the affected population – e.g. for food; construction materials, hygiene materials and other
  - vouchers can have various nominal value
  - vouchers have unique number and can be linked to the beneficiary

- Signed long – term standing agreement with „Bulgarian Postal service“ for:
  - scope: 10-500 000 beneficiaries
  - value of transfers from 5 to 2500 EUR
  - total coverage of all populated locations in Bulgaria
  - accountability: the transfer can be linked to the beneficiary

- Ongoing procedure for signing long – term standing agreements with Debit cards operators for:
  - 500 000 debit cards
  - limit of debit card from 5 to 2500 EUR
  - total coverage of all populated locations in Bulgaria
  - easier access of receiving the debit card
  - accountability: the debit card can be linked to the beneficiary

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**



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