



Macedonian Young Lawyers Association

FIELD REPORT 2019





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Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA) is an independent, non-profit professional organization which provides legal aid and strategically litigates to protect human rights.

MYLA is an organization in North Macedonia that provides free legal aid and represents asylum seekers, refugees, stateless persons and other persons of concern in procedures related to asylum, legal residence and other social rights.

MYLA field staff is composed of 3 field lawyers and 2 interpreters distributed in TC Tabanovce (1 field lawyer and 1 interpreter) and in TC Vinojug (2 field lawyers and 1 interpreter).

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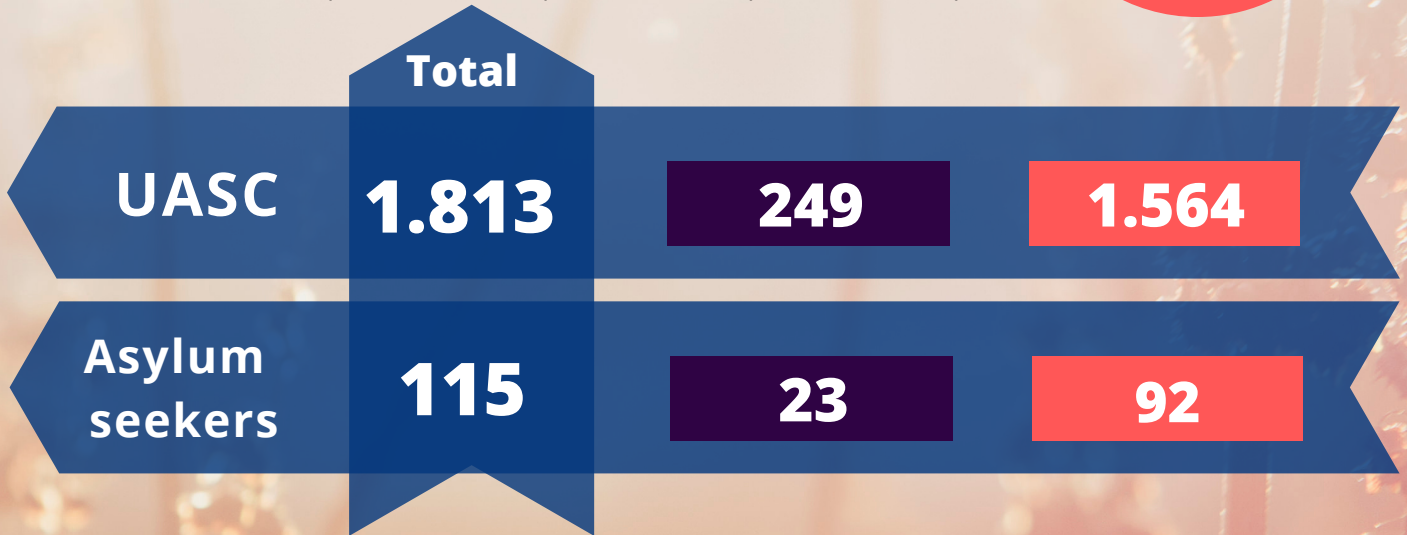
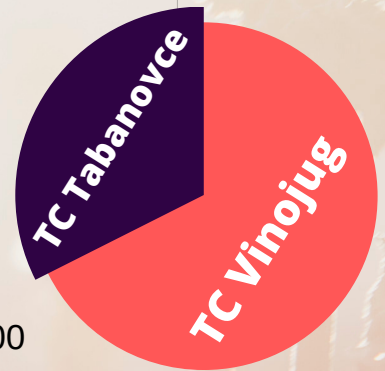
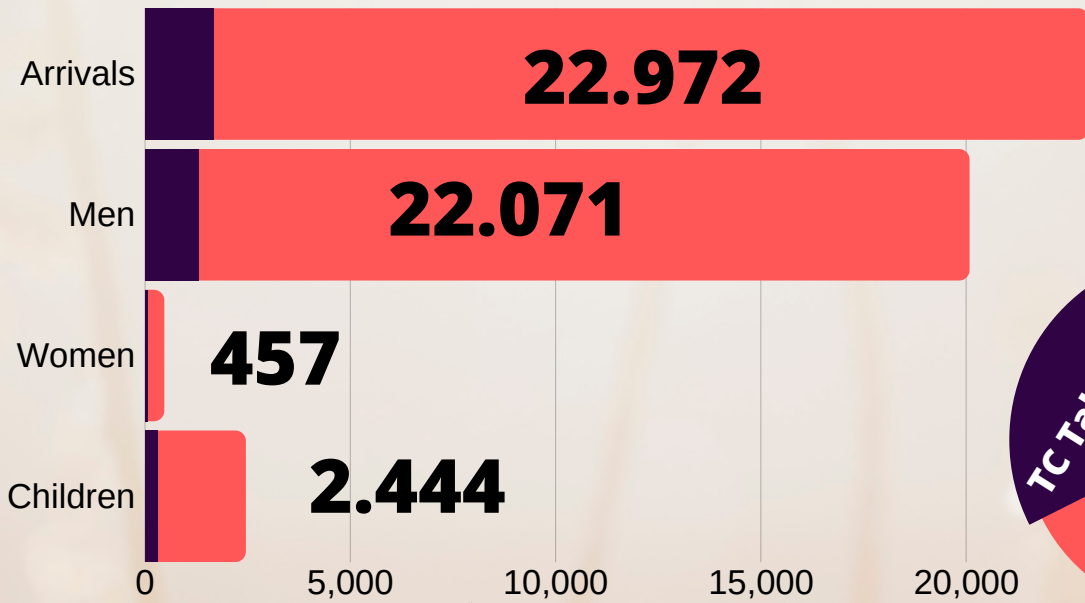
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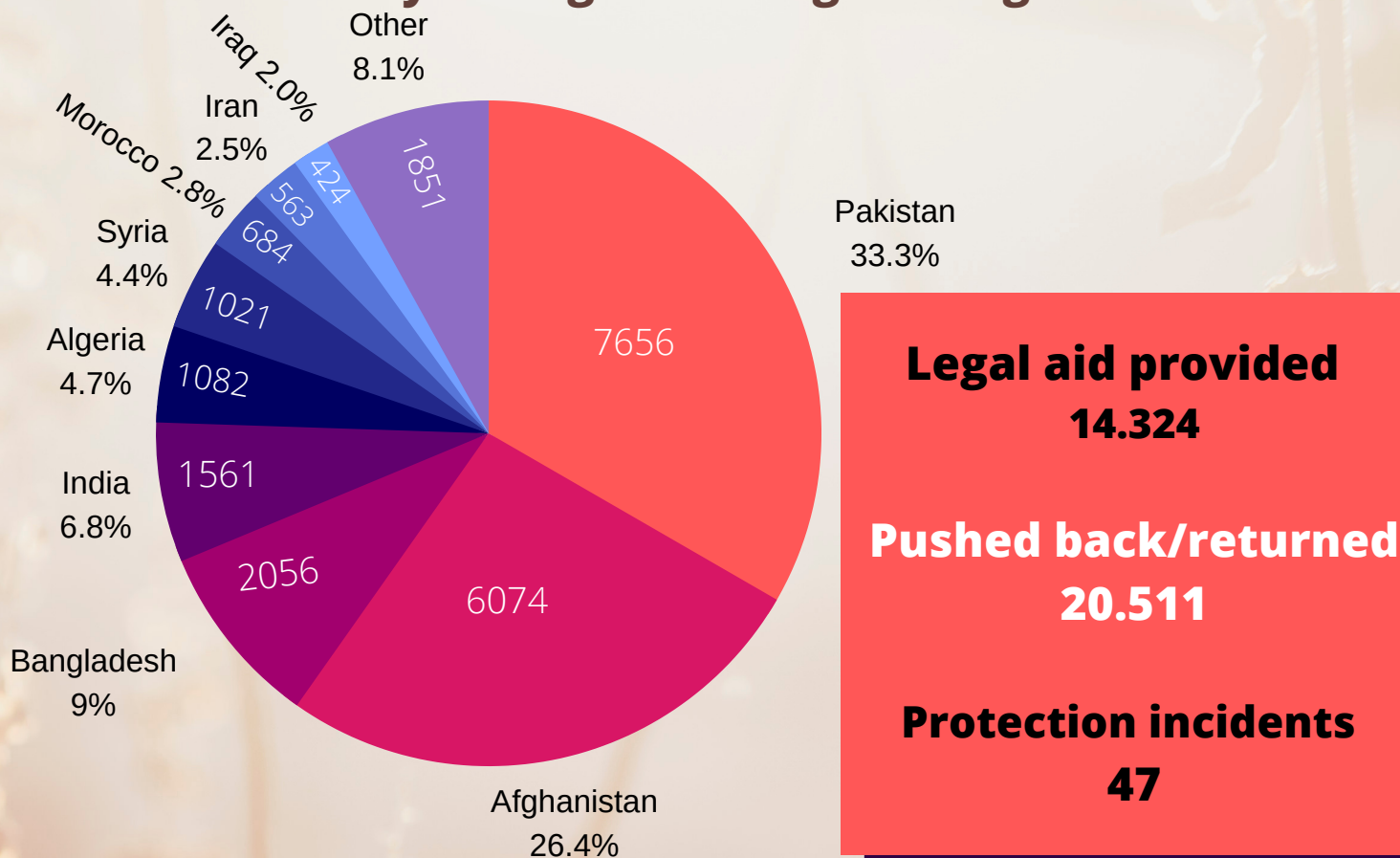


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Total



Country of origin of refugees/migrants



Legal aid provided
14.324

Pushed back/returned
20.511

Protection incidents
47

TRENDS

UASC

Of the total of 1.813 UASC, 289 have been assigned guardians.

Problems with access to the asylum procedure

In the reported period, there were some difficulties with access to the asylum procedure. In six cases the asylum applications were not processed on time. Three asylum seekers who have applied for asylum in the Reception Transit Center Tabanovce were transferred after 8 days in the Reception Center for asylum seekers in Vizbegovo, due to the poor coordination of the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy. One asylum seeker who has applied for asylum in the Reception Transit Center Tabanovce was transferred after 7 days in the Reception Center for asylum seekers in Vizbegovo, because his documentation wasn't complete. Two asylum seekers who have applied for asylum in the Reception Transit Center Tabanovce were transferred after 8 days in the Reception Center for asylum seekers in Vizbegovo, due to the poor coordination of the Border Police. MYLA made oral interventions to the Border Police and the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy (Reception Center for asylum seekers) regarding these six cases.

Smuggling

Most of the interviewed refugees/migrants entered the country with the help of smugglers.

Remark: In transit centers mainly are accommodated vulnerable categories of refugees/migrants.