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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

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**ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

In April, UNFPA continued with coordinating the GBV response by organizing the GBV Working Group meeting for Canton Sarajevo. UNFPA in coordination with partner agencies mutually reviewed and discussed key GBV issues, UNFPA presented participants with the Safety Audit findings for TRC Usivak, in addition, participants jointly agreed on the updates of the GBV referral pathways for Canton Sarajevo. Furthermore, UNFPA recorded an increase of single women in TRC Usivak, mainly from African countries who had survived GBV. UNFPA provided assistance to affected populations by raising awareness on GBV and improving mental health in order to reduce vulnerability to violence, discrimination and abuse.

In addition, UNFPA in coordination with SFA and IOM assisted in the relocation of highly vulnerable individuals from TRC Miral to TRC Lipa. UNFPA assisted vulnerable GBV survivors with prioritization of protection-sensitive relocation and accommodation to TRC Lipa.

**Due to increased reports of GBV connected to forced marriage among women survivors, UNFPA implemented empowerment activities to reduce negative impact of unfinished education, limited or no involvement in decision making, political, social and economic spheres of life.**



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## Participation and Empowerment oriented assistance



### Koshi's story

Twenty-two-year-old Koshi arrived to Temporary Reception Center Lipa after two long years of troublesome journeying. One of three brothers, Koshi was introduced to labor as a young child after his father died in 2002, leaving his mother, his brother and him under the protection of his uncle.

*"By the age of 14 I was already working very hard, I was a welder. My two brothers have disabilities and are unable to work, so I decided I would be the one to take care of my family."*

Because he had to start working at an early age, education was not something that was an imperative in his life, he could not speak foreign languages nor write, yet welding was something he was more than familiar with - so much that he could teach others how to practice it. Upon his arrival to Temporary Reception Center Lipa, however, Koshi says that things changed. He could not write or speak English, but he attended every workshop at the Boys and Young Men Center in Lipa for three months, wanting to learn more.

*"UNFPA Team in Lipa made me feel accepted. For this, I will be forever grateful."*

Koshi speaks fondly of the experiences and skills gained through numerous educational and creative workshops within the UNFPA Boys and Young Men Centers. He believes that the knowledge and skill gained will help him carve his way in life, especially once he settles down and starts his own family.

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UNFPA encouraged and supported active participation of adolescents in three Boys' Voice meetings with representatives of adolescent boys representing nationalities present in TRC Usivak (21 participations). Additionally, through thirty-seven Boys On The move empowerment sessions, adolescent boys and young men were provided an opportunity to gain useful information on healthy relationships, planning for their future and the importance of accepting diversity and respecting different opinions.

*"We should choose our friends wisely. We should socialize with people who encourage us to become better and from whom we can learn something new."*

- Young man, 1992. Iran



2300

Estimated migrant/refugee population in BiH



13

Women headed households



4

LGBTQI persons supported



3

UNFPA Woman and Girls Centers



3

UNFPA Boys and Young Men Centers

## Fast facts

Due to the cultural diversity observed among women in TRC Usivak (Burundi, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Afghanistan, Somalia, Nepal) the focus of the educational sessions was to acquaint participants with each other, reaching mutual trust and comfort through creative and educational approach.



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