



**3,649\***

Estimated number of people directly affected (53%F / 47%M)



**72\***

houses/apartments completely damaged



**829\***

Estimated number of households in humanitarian need



**863\***

houses/apartments partially damaged



**978\***

Estimated number of evacuated individuals



**30,000 BAM**

In aid delivered by IOM

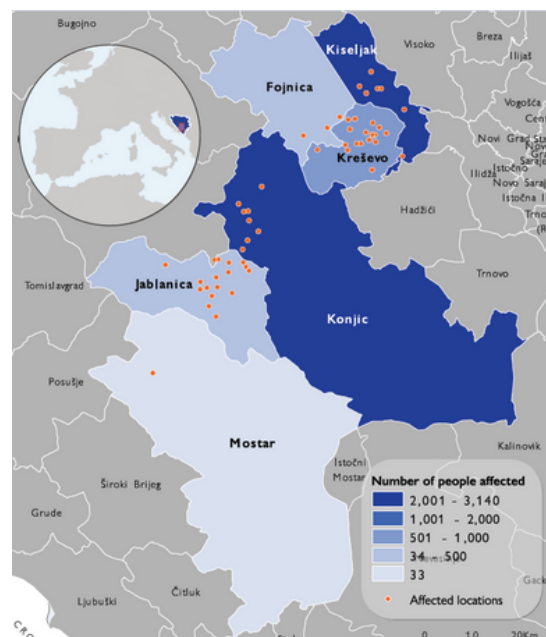


**80,000 BAM**

In aid mobilized by IOM

*\*Displacement Tracking Matrix assessment by IOM and Red Cross Society of BiH*

*\*\*By themselves or through preventative measures*



Flood affected areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The information displayed on the map is based on the testimonies of key informants. © IOM 2024

Unprecedented rainfall on the night of 4 October caused flash floods, landslides, and mudslides that hit Jablanica, Konjic, Kiseljak, Kreševo, Fojnica, Drvar, Breza, and Vareš leading to significant damage and 27 confirmed fatalities as of 16 October. On 5 October, a state of natural disaster was declared in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH), and the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) was activated.

International and local aid delivery and response is in full swing, however coordination and implementation requires improvements. IOM dispatched a mobile team and several specialists to the affected areas, providing coordination, logistics, warehousing support, while IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) team supported the Red Cross Society of BiH in conducting a rapid needs assessment.

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

Damage Assessment Commissions have been formed at the municipal, cantonal, and federal levels. The Central Bosnia Canton Commission preliminarily estimates the damage at over USD 30 million.

The most critical situation was recorded in Jablanica, with 19 confirmed fatalities following major landslides. A magnitude 3.1 earthquake worsened the situation. In Jablanica, IOM's [Displacement Tracking Matrix \(DTM\) rapid assessment](#) identified 167 households that were severely affected, with 273 individuals evacuated. Jablanica subsequently saw significant volunteer support in the following days due to government, civil society, and international mobilization. Several rural roads still remain inaccessible, while the M-17 – a key link between the North and South of the country has been opened but with limited traffic.

Konjic and its surroundings reported 261 households affected, with 5 confirmed deaths. Kiseljak reported 169 affected households with substantial damage in Višnjica Polje and other communities. In Fojnica, 285 households were affected, and 3 deaths were

recorded, while in Kreševo 242 households were affected. Water, sewage, electricity, road and/or telecommunications are not fully restored in many locations as of 14 October.

Housing repair kits and reconstruction of damaged objects top the list of priority needs in the DTM rapid assessment. In addition, a total of 50.7 per cent of interviewed people list legal aid as a priority need in the protection section, while 43.5 per cent expressed a need for psychosocial support.

*"...severe damage to the roads in the area has made it challenging to reach everyone. I am unable to provide assistance to certain areas due to the difficult terrain..." - Father Marin Marić, the parish priest of the village of Kostajnica near Konjic.*

A number of other municipalities were also affected, but to a lesser extent.

Initial humanitarian response is gradually decreasing, and the focus of activity shifts to preparation of long-term solutions and support for the population affected by floods and landslides.

## IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

IOM is providing support to the flood and landslide response based on needs identified by the Ministry of Security and local authorities, and in coordination with the UCPM and the Red Cross Society of BiH. Based on these identified needs, IOM initially distributed food, Non-Food Items (NFIs), shovels, rubber boots and gas heaters to the Red Cross Society in BiH and Civil Protection for further distribution to the affected areas, mainly to Kiseljak, Kreševo, Fojnica.

IOM deployed camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) experts, in coordination with the Crisis Staff of the Civil Protection of the Municipality of Jablanica, to assist with the setting-up and managing the rapidly increasing numbers of temporary shelter solutions as well as a establishing a management system for the coordinated distribution of all donated materials and goods building up capacities of partners for its use.



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IOM has deployed Mobile Teams with data, protection, and shelter and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) experts to support the municipal authorities, the BiH Society of the Red Cross and other local actors with recovery efforts, coordination, and technical capacities.

IOM's DTM team, in partnership with the Red Cross Society of BiH, assessed flood-affected areas in BiH, where enumerators collected data through direct interviews with key informants, local governance institutions, first responders, and community leaders. The data provides insight into the number of affected households, partially damaged properties, completely damaged properties, people directly affected, people indirectly affected, as well as the number of people evacuated.

## EMERGING GAPS

- **Flexible mechanisms for immediate assistance is a major gap, as presence of equipment, work crews, machinery etc., tends to fluctuate or be absent at times in some locations.**
- **Mainstreaming and coordination of protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) remains a gap.**
- **House repairs and livelihoods support needs are likely to rise. A key factor that needs to inform the response is the quickly approaching winter.**

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## MID- AND LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE NEEDED

IOM is mobilizing to provide Shelter Repair Kits (SRK) and Sealing Off Kits (SOK) to affected households to ensure repairs and cleaning of houses can be initiated before the quickly approaching winter. IOM aims to provide impact funding for small, targeted interventions that are essential to ensure basic needs of communities are met, such as strategic debris removal to allow people to access their homes.

IOM will continue to provide technical capacities for management of evacuation sites. Besides conducting the needs assessment, Mobile Teams are well equipped for direct assistance, material distribution, transport and data collection, and can be adapted to a variety of specialized interventions, including protection, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), and other disaster response and recovery tasks.

CCCM support will be provided directly and through technical capacity building, shelter support and management, multipurpose Cash Based Interventions (CBI) for the affected population, support for reconstruction & rehabilitation of damaged houses, livelihoods support, and support to winterization efforts, while ensuring protection and MHPSS are mainstreamed throughout the efforts. IOM will support authorities with CCCM trainings for local communities and Civil Protection Teams, engage in Post Disaster Needs Assessments or multi sectoral needs assessment through DTM enumerator teams and other disaster preparedness and response expertise. As the needs arise, IOM can revamp the procurement and delivery of food and NFIs. Alongside recovery efforts, IOM aims to expand its disaster risk reduction and community resilience building programming to the affected areas with a medium- and long-term outlook.



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## IOM FOOTPRINT AND EXPERTISE

IOM co-leads the CCCM Cluster globally, alongside UNHCR, with IOM taking the lead in natural disaster situations. Globally, IOM is a leading agency in CBI, having implemented CBI in 136 countries, reaching approximately 12 million aid recipients. In response to the 2014 floods in BiH, IOM has been actively involved in coordinating relief efforts and providing essential support to affected communities, such as distributing emergency shelter materials, providing MHPSS, housing reconstruction efforts, tracking of displaced populations, and supporting the functioning of temporary accommodation facilities. IOM has ongoing Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) programming and is supporting temporary reception, protection, food and other assistance in the mixed migration response in the country.