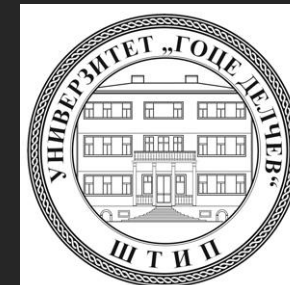
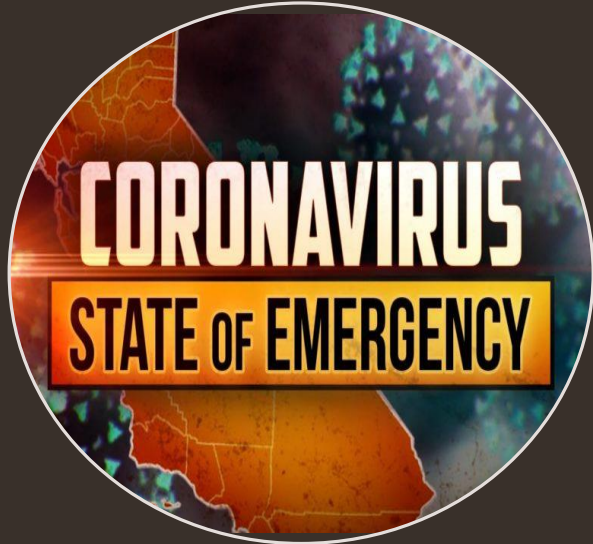
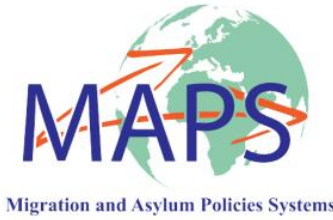
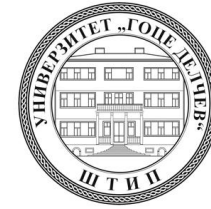


North Macedonia's policy responses in migration and asylum in the Era of COVID-19

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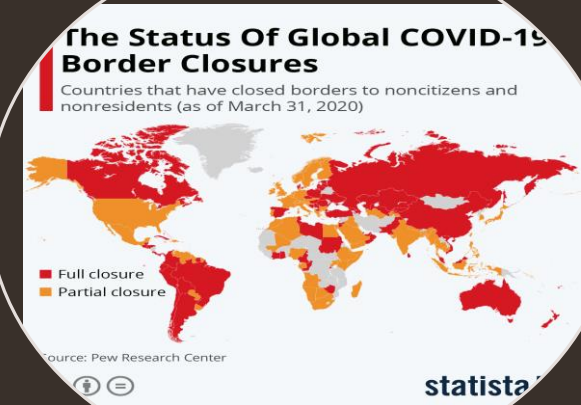
Introduction: Covid-19 pandemic in North Macedonia



state of emergency
& state of crisis



Curfew & restriction
of non-essential
movement or
gatherings



closure of all
borders crossing
points



Asylum Statistical Overview in 2020

as of 30 June 2020

172
Asylum applications

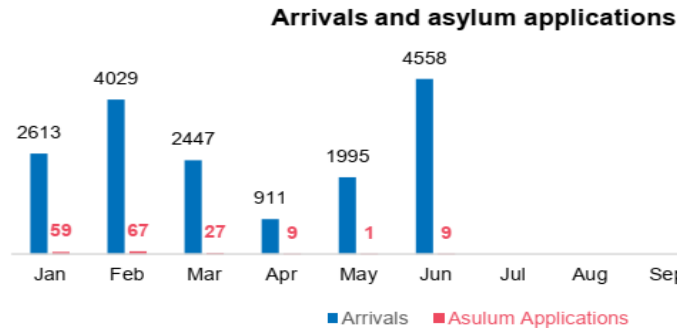
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Decisions on granting refugee status

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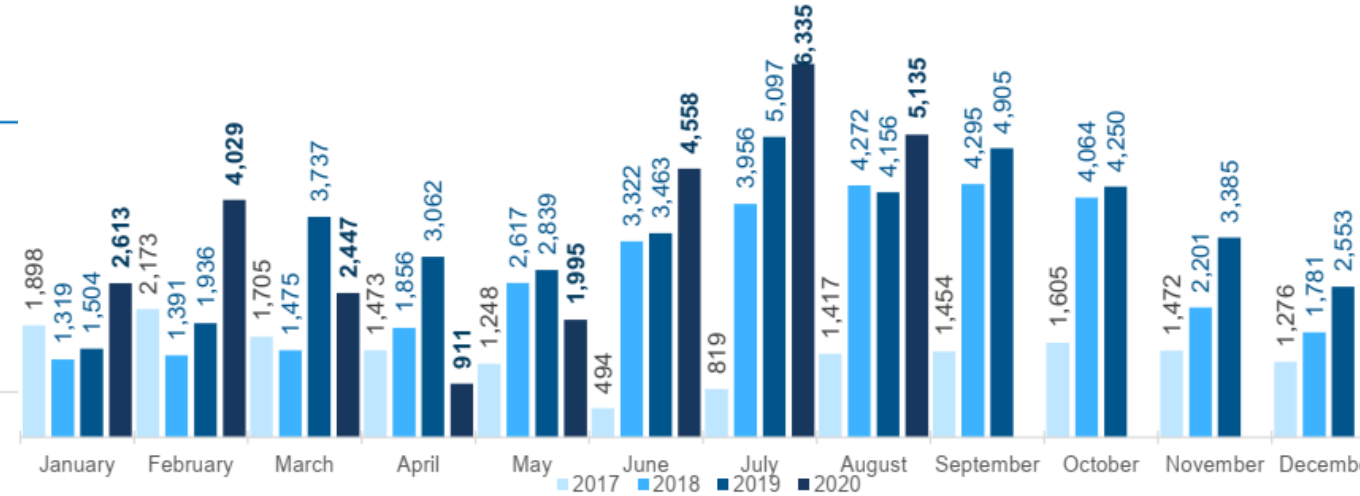
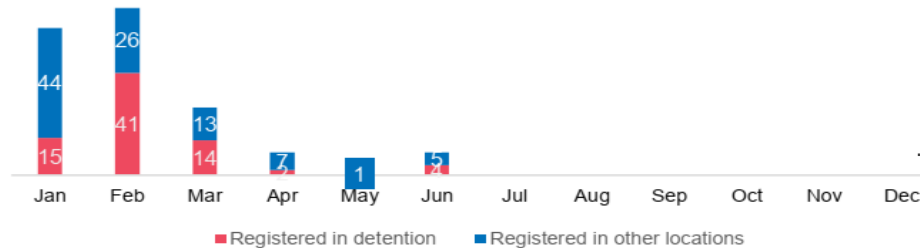
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Otherwise closed

3%
Recognition rate

44%
Asylum applications were processed through detention



Asylum applications from applicants transferred from detention



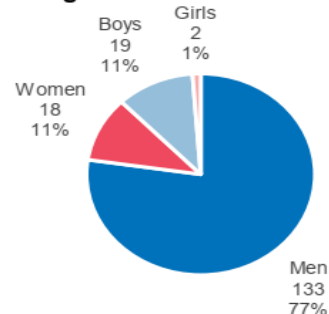
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SOLIDARITY WITH ASYLUM SEEKERS AND MIGRANTS

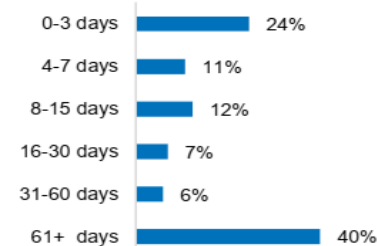
Most common country of origin of asylum seekers

Afghanistan	36; 21%
Pakistan	29; 17%
Cuba	20; 12%
Turkey	19; 11%
Syrian Arab Republic	16; 9%
Morocco	15; 9%
Bangladesh	11; 6%
Algeria	7; 4%
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	6; 3%
Iraq	4; 2%
Others	9; 5%

Age/Gender breakdown



Number of days of presence in the country





Shelter conditions
and time length of
isolation

access to medical
care, health
restrictions

tightening and/ or
suspending rules
regarding
freedom of
movement,
PUSHBACK

Asylum rights

Covid – 19
information in
multiple
languages

providing health
protocols and
supplies of
prevention
materials such as
masks, gloves,
antibacterial
detergents

dealing and
treatment of
positive cases
with Covid – 19

conditions in residence facilities (issues related to quarantine)



Smuggling of migrants



360

HOW DO THEY DO IT? THE DEFINITIVE TO EVERYTHING



THIRTY SERIOUSLY INJURED, OF WHOM 11 MIGRANTS IN A SERIOUS TRAFFIC ACCIDENT NEAR STIP



Two Syrian refugees died in a traffic accident; one police officer suffered heavy injuries

JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST NEARLY 10 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS - MIGRANTS INJURED OR DEAD



RUNNING AWAY FROM THE POLICE, OVERTURNED VEHICLE, DIRECT COLLISION - DRIVERS USUALLY ON THE RUN

MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN, SYRIA, AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH - COVID 19 CHECK

Traffic accidents

MANY MIGRANTS LOST THEIR LIVES



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Thank you for your attention