

2017 Planning summary

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Operation: Argentina Regional Office

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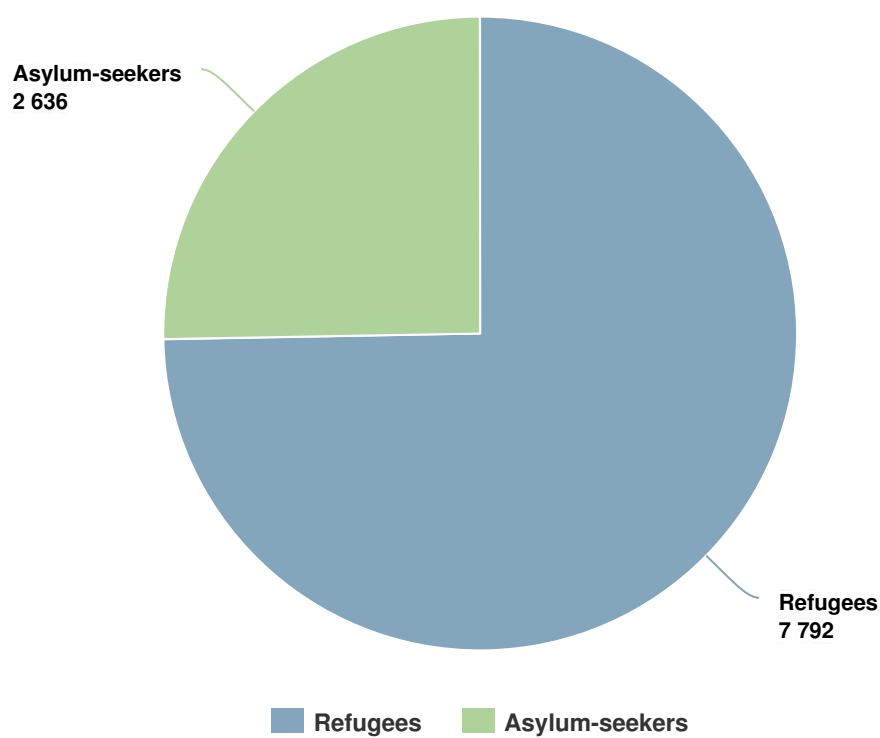


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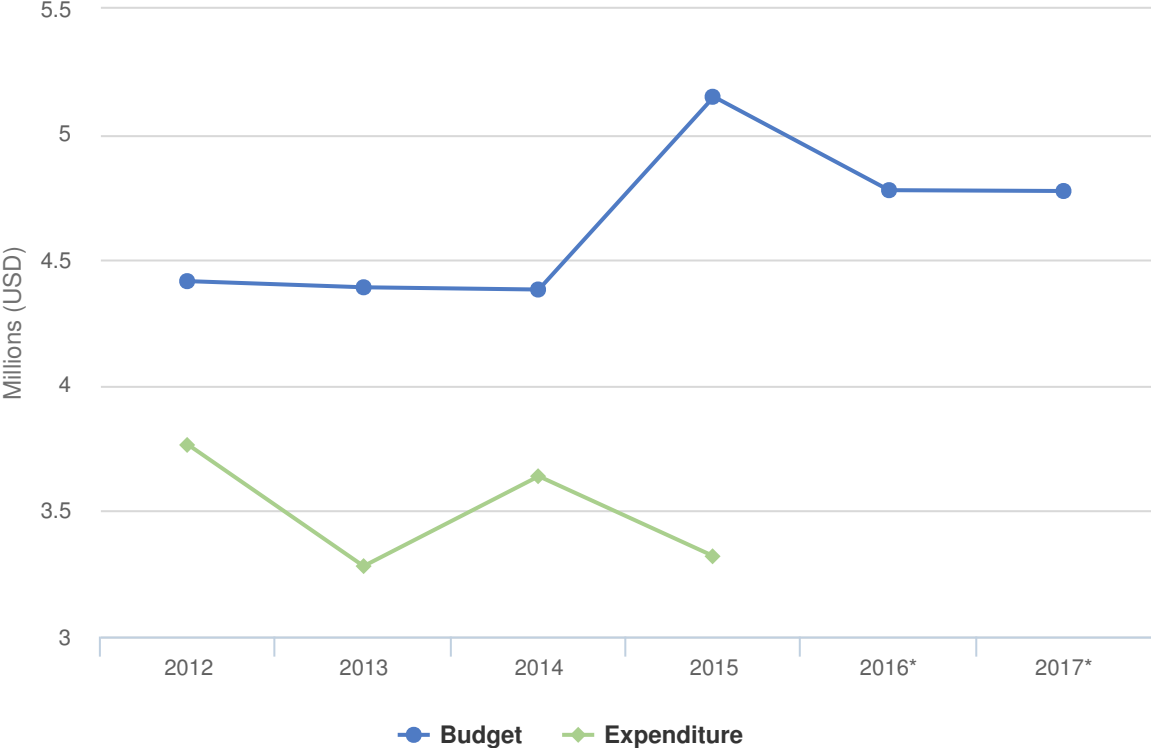
Latest update of camps and office locations **21 Nov 2016**. By clicking on the icons on the map, additional information is displayed.

People of Concern
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8% **2015**

2015	10,428
2014	9,668
2013	9,247



Budgets and Expenditure for Argentina Regional Office



Working environment

UNHCR's Regional Office in Argentina covers activities in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

UNHCR works in a relatively stable environment with consolidated democratic regimes after a decade of economic expansion. A flexible migratory system is in place within MERCOSUR facilitating the mobility and residence of citizens from the region. However, the countries covered under UNHCR's office in Buenos Aires are currently facing pressing economic and social challenges due to the global economic crisis.

Within the context of a favorable human rights environment and a flexible migration policy, characterized by strong legal protection frameworks, migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers in the region benefit from favorable access to economic, social and cultural rights. Local integration remains a challenge, particularly in terms of access to adequate housing and employment. UNHCR will continue to strengthen its strategic partnerships with government counterparts to consolidate an effective protection space in the region.

In 2015, the Government of Argentina and UNHCR renewed their agreement on the free provision of the office's premises for the following 15 years. Argentina, Chile, Peru and Uruguay increased their support towards local integration by providing humanitarian assistance either in-kind or in cash to refugees, asylum-seekers.

Key priorities

- In line with its Protection and Solutions Strategy for the Southern Cone (2015-2017), UNHCR will prioritize advocacy and technical support to the governments in the region to help them develop, consolidate and take leadership in the implementation of respective National Integration Plans. The active involvement of the National Committees for Refugees (CONARE) will be key for the promotion of public policies benefitting people of concern, and for the expansion of networks with civil society and the private sector. Local partners will also be supported.
 - In Argentina, Chile, Bolivia and Peru, UNHCR and governments will aim at strengthening refugee status determination processes through the pursuit and implementation of the Quality Assurance Initiative.
 - The network of Cities of Solidarity, launched in 2016, will be consolidated to facilitate the exchange of good practices on local integration of refugees and to improve the living conditions of persons concern in the region.
 - UNHCR will continue to support the Governments of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay to build capacity for sustainable national resettlement programmes and other forms of admission, such as humanitarian visas (in Peru and Argentina), for refugees and people in need of international protection from the region and beyond.
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