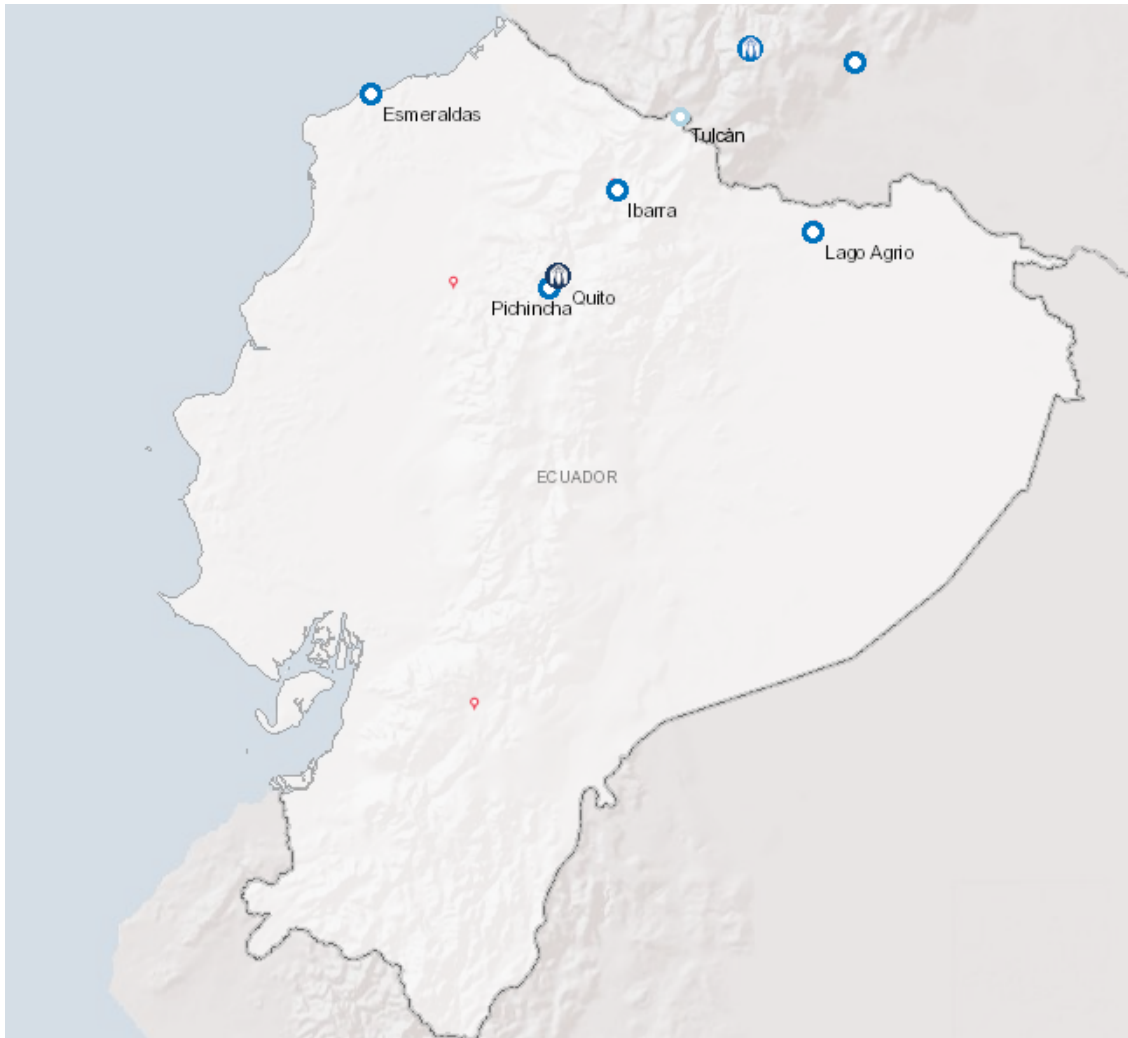


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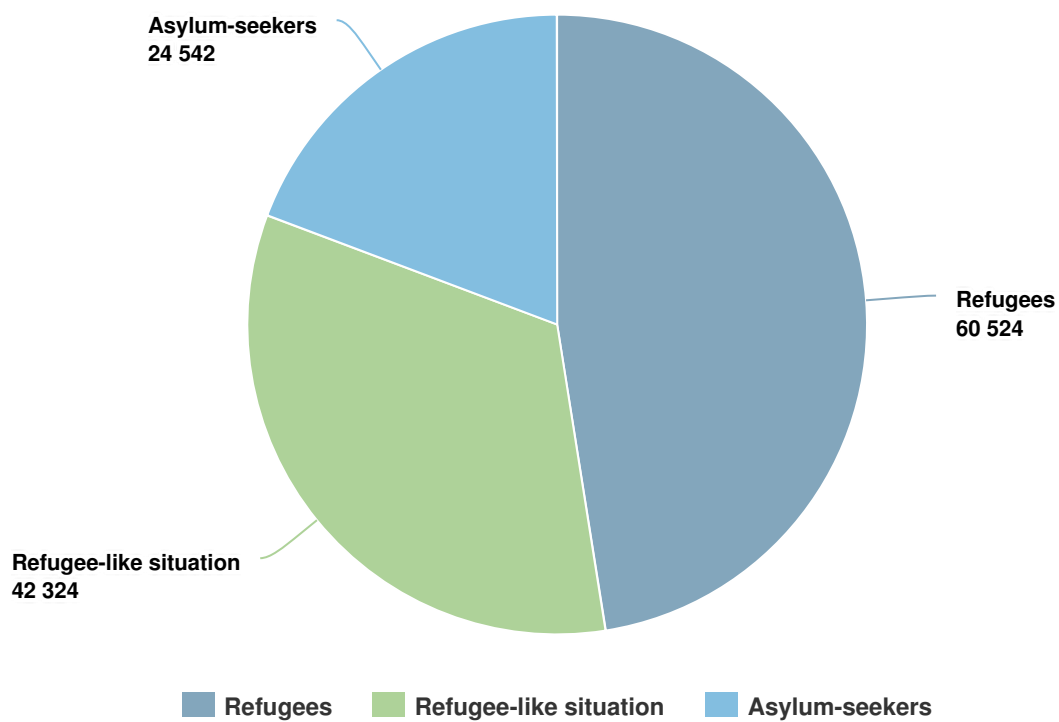
*Latest update of camps and office locations: **October 2017.***

# People of Concern

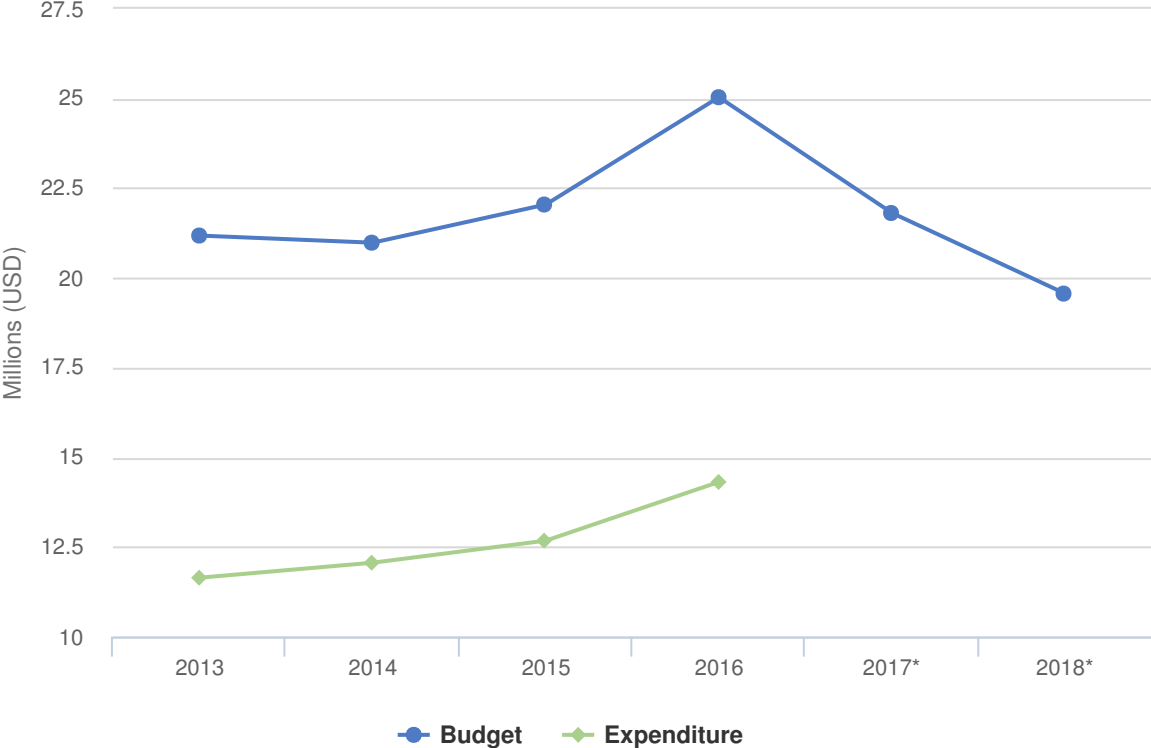
DECREASE IN

4% **2016**

<b>2016</b>	127,390
<b>2015</b>	133,118
<b>2014</b>	133,744



# Budgets and Expenditure for Ecuador



## Working environment

Despite the peace agreement in Colombia, Colombians continue to seek asylum in Ecuador. Up to 6,500 asylum-seekers are expected in 2018, including an increasing number from Venezuela and the Middle East.

Refugees in Ecuador have the same rights as Ecuadorian nationals, including the right to work but, like for many Ecuadorians, the economic situation makes it difficult to access adequate employment opportunities. Despite the Government lacking the financial means to address all needs of refugees, their legal protection and access to basic services are secured by the Constitution and Human Mobility Law. The services provided by the Government include access to education and healthcare.

UNHCR will continue to support government efforts to implement the Human Mobility Law and consolidate improvements made in the asylum system, and will continue to advocate for local integration opportunities, including naturalisation.

UNHCR's goal in Ecuador in line with the multi-year multi-partner strategy (2018-2020) is to gradually and responsibly disengage from direct assistance activities, so that refugee assistance can be included in existing public services and programmes. This is also congruent with Ecuador's legal framework whereby the state has the responsibility to protect and assist refugees. However, the Government is expected to face challenges financing its social protection programmes. Despite the gradual hand-over of responsibilities, UNHCR will continue to work on advocacy, technical assistance and capacity building, in line with its protection and solutions mandate.

## Key priorities

In 2018, UNHCR will focus on:

- Strengthening the national refugee status determination (RSD) system. In addition to continuing to assist with capacity building, structural changes in Ecuador's International Protection Directorate are required to meet minimum standards and avoid a recurring backlog. UNHCR will provide technical assistance through its Quality Assurance Initiative;
- The registration of refugees in the Civil Registry and issuance of national ID cards, thus allowing unhindered access to services;
- Strengthening the capacity of the Public Defender and the Ombudsman to provide legal assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers;
- Achieving self-reliance for refugees in Ecuador. In 2018, UNHCR will continue with the 'Graduation model', which aims to lift people of concern out of poverty, making them self-reliant, and facilitating their local integration.

# 2018 Original Budget for Ecuador | USD

The following table presents the original budget for this operation broken down at the objective level. Resource allocation at the objective level is subject to change during the course of the year as the operational situation evolves and priorities shift.

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Total
<b>Favourable Protection Environment</b>		
Law and policy	431,062	431,062
Legal remedies and legal assistance	1,116,124	1,116,124
Access to territory	917,124	917,124
Public attitudes towards persons of concern	667,124	667,124
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,131,434</b>	<b>3,131,434</b>
<b>Fair Protection Processes and Documentation</b>		
Reception conditions	766,062	766,062
Status determination	1,001,062	1,001,062
Individual documentation	526,062	526,062
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,293,186</b>	<b>2,293,186</b>
<b>Security from Violence and Exploitation</b>		
SGBV prevention and response	416,062	416,062
Child protection	1,362,124	1,362,124
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,778,186</b>	<b>1,778,186</b>
<b>Basic Needs and Essential Services</b>		
Services for persons with specific needs	3,499,124	3,499,124
Education	1,052,624	1,052,624
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,551,748</b>	<b>4,551,748</b>
<b>Community Empowerment and Self Reliance</b>		
Community mobilization	309,927	309,927
Self-reliance and livelihoods	2,830,872	2,830,872
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,140,799</b>	<b>3,140,799</b>
<b>Durable Solutions</b>		
Voluntary return	726,062	726,062
Integration	1,346,916	1,346,916
Resettlement	623,124	623,124
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,696,101</b>	<b>2,696,101</b>
<b>Leadership, Coordination and Partnerships</b>		
Coordination and partnerships	211,062	211,062

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Total
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>211,062</b>	<b>211,062</b>
<b>Logistics and Operations Support</b>		
Operations management, coordination and support	1,758,286	1,758,286
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,758,286</b>	<b>1,758,286</b>
<b>2018 Original Budget</b>	<b>19,560,801</b>	<b>19,560,801</b>

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