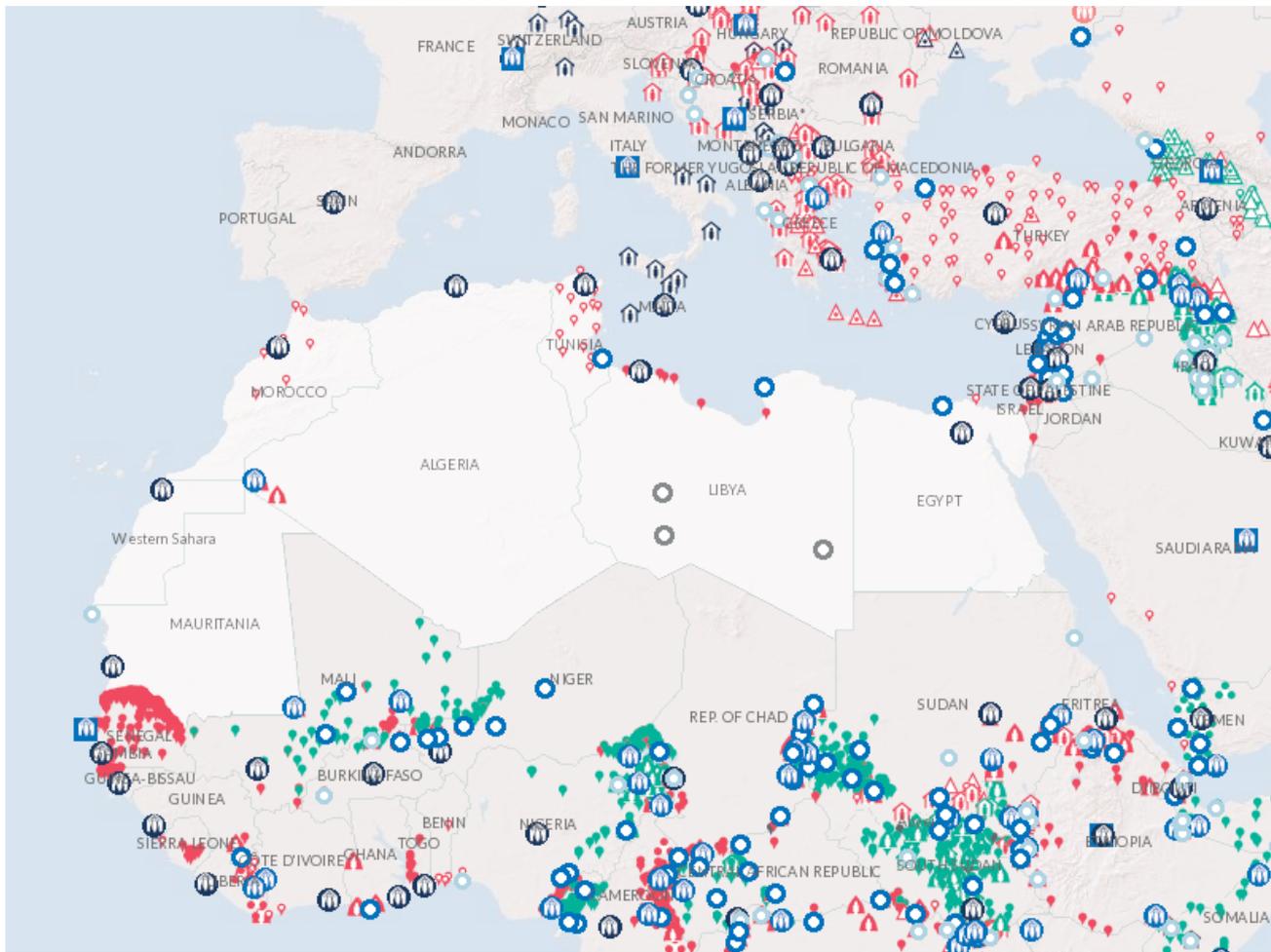
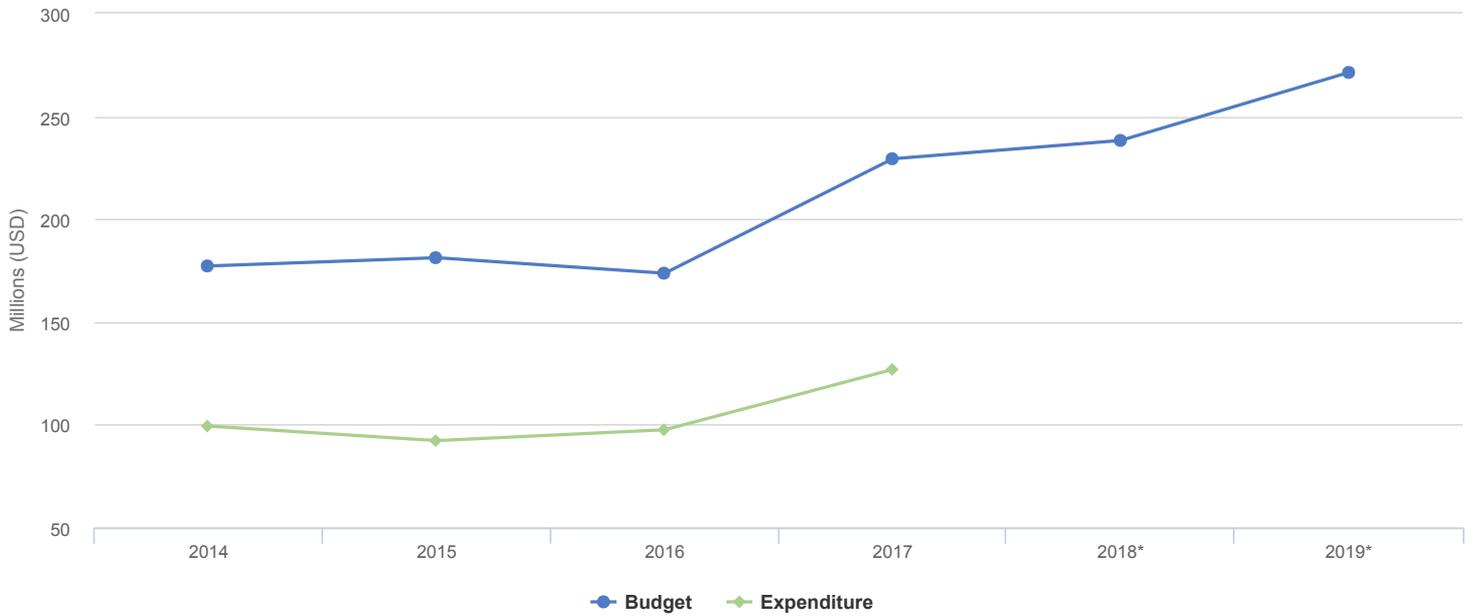


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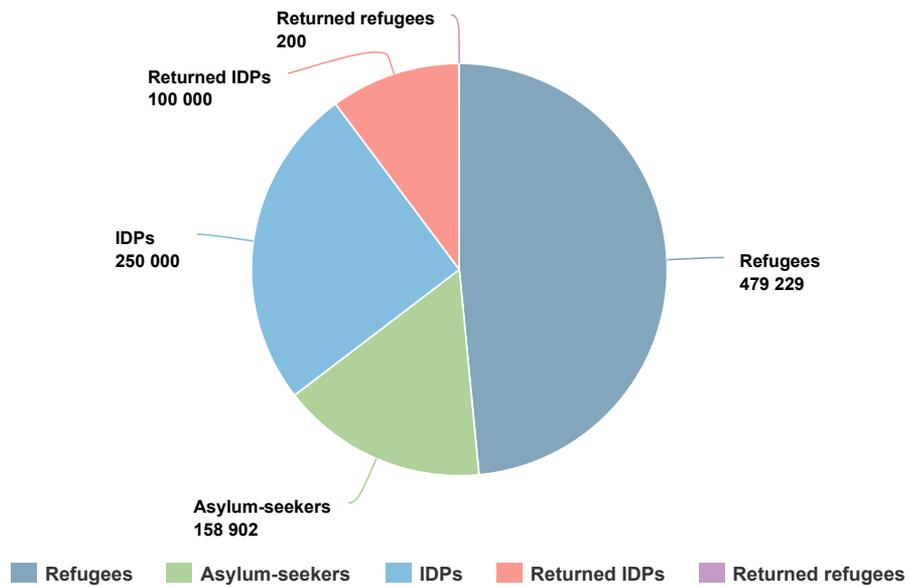
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Budgets and Expenditure in Subregion North Africa



People of Concern - 2019 [projected]



Operational Environment

North Africa continues to be a region of transit and destination for refugees and migrants. The total population of concern in North Africa stands at more than 1,041,500 people, including some 465,500 refugees and asylum-seekers (in Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia), as well as close to 193,600 internally displaced people (IDPs) and some 382,200 IDP returnees in Libya.

Land rescues and interceptions in the mixed migration context throughout North Africa are expected to continue in 2019. Movements are expected to continue along the Western and Central Mediterranean routes with increased departures from Morocco and Algeria towards Europe.

Since June 2018, movements along the Western Mediterranean route have increased, with arrivals from Algeria and Morocco to Spain exceeding the influx from Libya to Italy. Arrivals in Spain almost tripled (30,670 from June to September 2018) when compared to the numbers recorded during the same period last year (10,400 from June to August 2017). Since June, the number of operations at sea conducted by the Libyan Coast Guard has increased, with more than 6,560 people disembarked in Libya and another 440 individuals declared missing or deceased. A decrease in the number of departures was detected from August 2018 onwards.

UNHCR continues to advocate for asylum systems to be established across North Africa. In Libya, UNHCR advocates for alternatives to detention and is providing humanitarian assistance in detention centres and at disembarkation points to refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants.

UNHCR is working closely with national and local authorities across North Africa to assist urban refugees and asylum-seekers. UNHCR is promoting access of refugees and asylum-seekers to the national educational and health systems, in addition to the regularization of their stay in the different countries.

Strategy and Response

Cooperation will continue with governments and partners to improve access to safety, protection from *refoulement*, and solutions within existing migration frameworks.

- In response to the complex population movements associated with shifting routes, UNHCR will further implement its comprehensive strategy, targeting interventions in countries of origin and transit in sub-Saharan Africa and North Africa, and in countries of destination in Europe. Awareness-raising activities and information campaigns will aim to help people make informed decisions about the risks of onward movement and their options, including voluntary return and access to protection services.
- UNHCR will continue to invest in broad asylum-building and migration management efforts to address the movement of migrants and refugees who embark on perilous journeys across the Sahara Desert and the Mediterranean Sea. There is a need to create more regular, legal and safe pathways for refugees and asylum-seekers to find safety and international protection. Coordination with authorities, UN agencies and civil society will be strengthened to facilitate asylum and migration management in the region.
- In Libya specifically, UNHCR will continue to scale-up its resettlement and humanitarian evacuation programmes in addition to voluntary repatriation and return to first country of admission to better serve the needs of refugees, particularly those in detention. Registration and processing of refugee status determination will continue.
- UNHCR will continue to support the protracted refugee caseloads in North Africa, specifically in Algeria, Egypt, Mauritania and Morocco. Ongoing efforts to ensure access to basic services and durable solutions will continue. Promotion and implementation of livelihoods programmes will also be strengthened.

2019 Budget for North Africa | USD

Operation	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	Total
Algeria	37,046,284	0	0	0	37,046,284
Egypt Regional Office	104,156,716	0	0	0	104,156,716
Libya	61,152,106	0	0	26,968,830	88,120,936
Mauritania	19,321,340	0	0	0	19,321,340
Morocco	8,000,000	0	0	0	8,000,000
Tunisia	7,420,297	0	0	0	7,420,297
Western Sahara (Confidence Building Measures)	7,259,413	0	0	0	7,259,413
Total	244,356,155	0	0	26,968,830	271,324,985