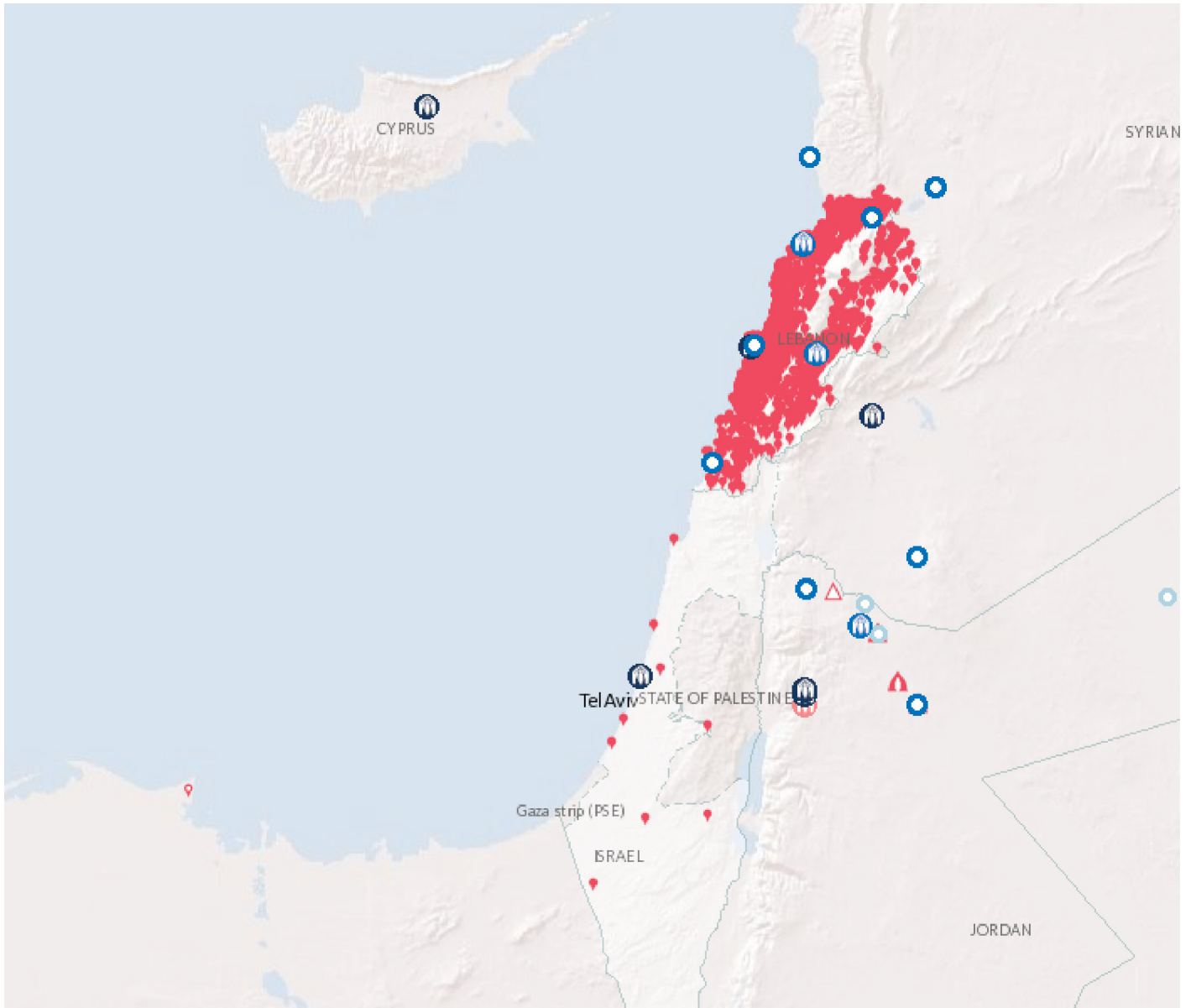


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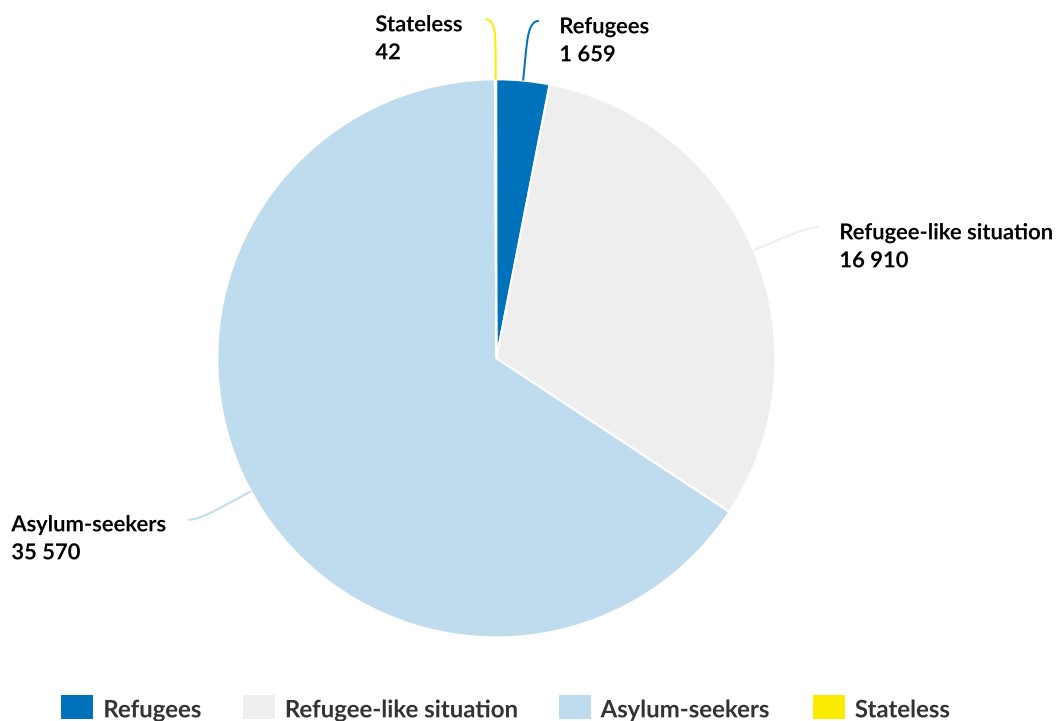
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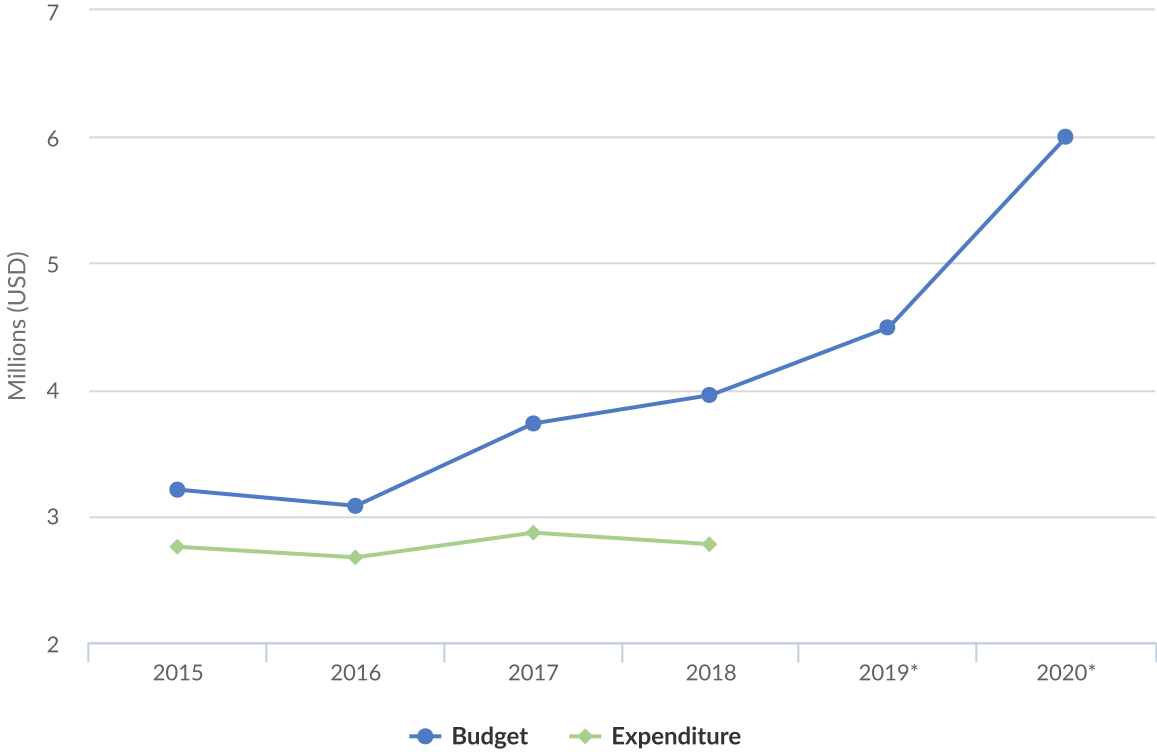
People of Concern

DECREASE IN
2% 2018

2018	54,181
2017	55,250
2016	44,665



Budgets and Expenditure for Israel



Working environment

Israel hosts approximately 34,000 refugees and asylum-seekers, mostly Eritrean and Sudanese, who arrived in Israel more than a decade ago. Labelled as “infiltrators,” their access to the asylum procedure was restricted until early 2013. Those who managed to apply have not benefitted from secure residency or sufficient basic services while awaiting an outcome.

The protection environment has deteriorated during the past few years following the introduction of additional deterrence policies and legislation. Asylum-seekers are living in an impoverished state, which has been exacerbated since the implementation of the so-called “deposit law” that obligates employers to deduct 20% from the salaries of asylum-seekers--to be returned only upon leaving Israel.

UNHCR has been involved in protection monitoring, providing guidance and capacity-building. It has also implemented projects relating to education, health, SGBV prevention and response, legal representation, psycho-social counselling, and vocational and language training.

Key priorities

In 2020, UNHCR will focus on:

- Strengthening public understanding of, and support to, refugees and asylum-seekers, to counter prevailing negative perceptions and discrimination.
 - Advocacy and capacity-building to ensure the available national health care and education institutions and social welfare structures are accessible to refugee and asylum-seeker children.
 - Promoting fair, efficient and effective asylum procedures that meet international standards through capacity-building, expert advice and technical support.
 - Advocating durable solutions, as outlined by the short-lived Framework of Common Understanding UNHCR reached with the Government of Israel in 2018, which provides a fair and effective solution for the thousands of Eritreans and Sudanese currently in Israel, namely resettlement and complimentary pathways.
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