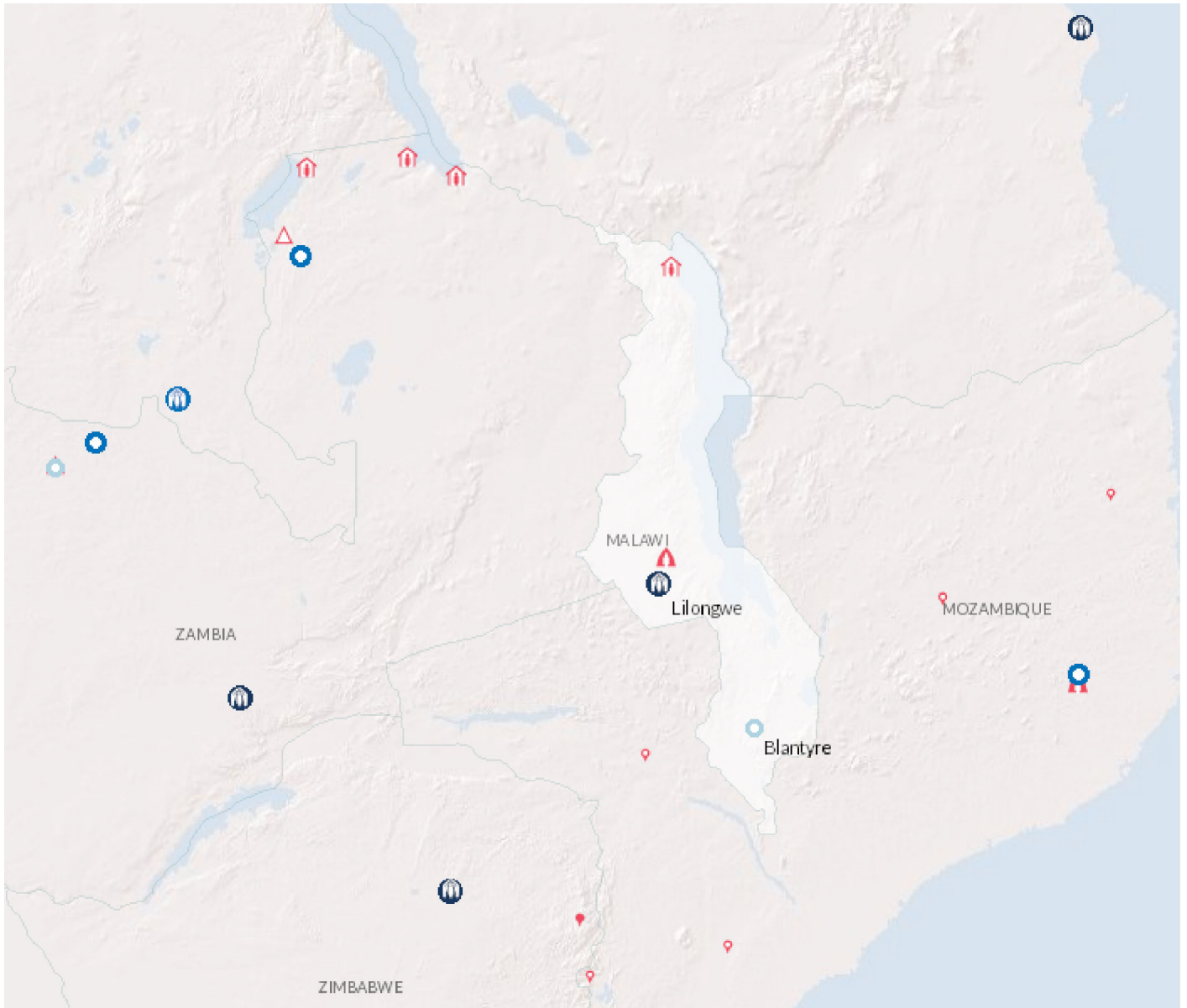


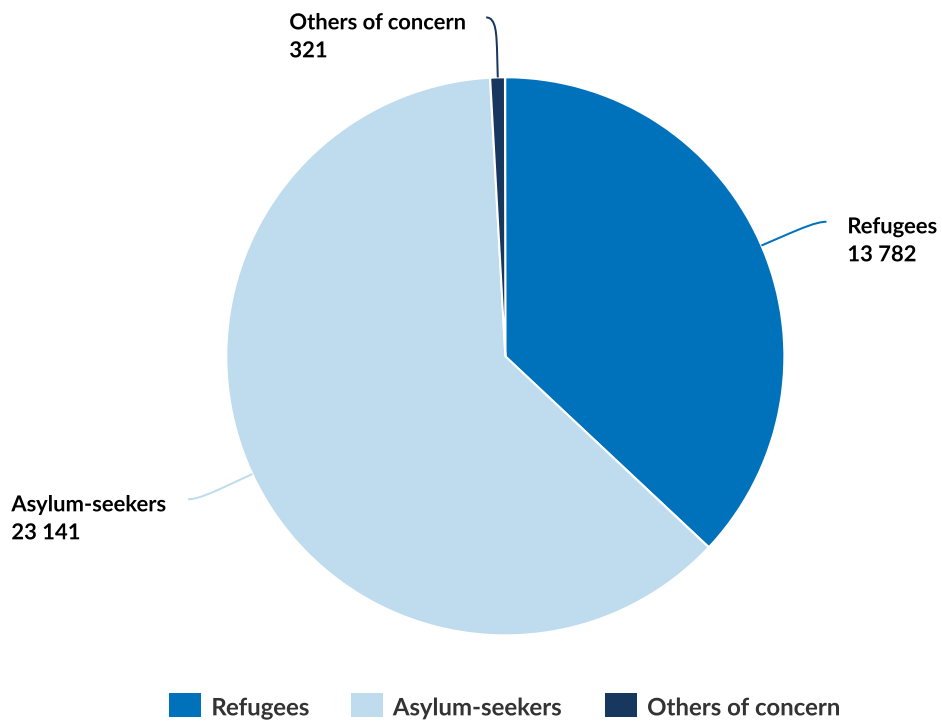
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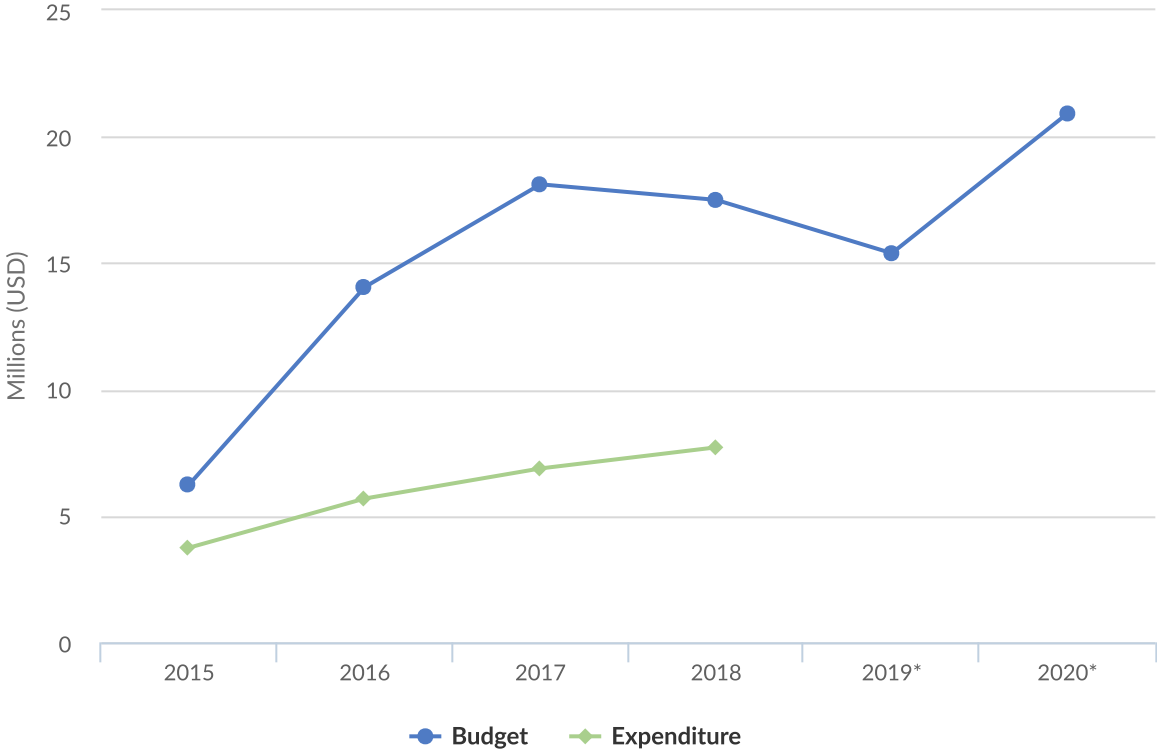
People of Concern

INCREASE IN
5% **2018**

2018	37,244
2017	35,331
2016	30,415



Budgets and Expenditure for Malawi



Working environment

Malawi has enjoyed a stable and democratic government since the end of the one party regime in 1993. However, the results of the elections held in May 2019 are being contested in the constitutional court by two major opposition political parties.

Malawi is faced with recurring floods and droughts impacting food security. In March 2019, Tropical Cyclone Idai hit displaced some 87,000 people and affected nearly 870,000 in Malawi. As part of the collective UN system response, UNHCR deployed an emergency team, provided core relieve items and return packages to affected persons and co-led the Protection Cluster.

Refugees and asylum-seekers are mainly hosted in Dzaleka Camp close to capital Lilongwe. The camp, initially built to host only 10,000 refugees, is currently hosting over 42,000 people of concern. The arrival of an average 450 new asylum-seekers every month is exacerbating conditions in the camp even further. The Government has supported the expansion of the camp with additional land and staffing.

In 2019, the Government adopted *prima facie* determination for Congolese asylum-seekers originating from North and South Kivu as well as from Katanga region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). It is expected that the number of new asylum-seekers particularly from the DRC will continue to steadily increase in 2020.

The National Registration Bureau has announced plans to register and issue identity cards to 25,000 refugees and asylum-seekers.

The Government of Malawi has expressed strong interest in rolling out the CRRF. The inclusion of refugees has also been included in the Malawi Growth Development Strategy (MGDS III) 2017 – 2022 and in the UNDAF 2019 – 2022. UNHCR works closely with several line ministries, the UN system, NGO partners and private sector in Malawi.

Key priorities

In 2020, UNHCR will focus on:

- Providing the Government with technical support in the implementation of CRRF roll out plan/roadmap;
 - Inclusion of refugees and asylum-seekers in the national health and education services;
 - Improving access to education in Dzaleka Camp by constructing new primary schools and recruiting additional teachers;
 - Decongestion of Dzaleka Camp through relocation of refugees and asylum-seekers to new sites identified by the Government;
 - Achieving self-reliance of people of concern through enhancing livelihood activities;
 - Financial inclusion of people of concern with the support of private sector partnerships. In 2018, New Finance Bank launched the first ever bank branch in Dzaleka Refugee Camp. The initiative has had a positive social effect on the refugees and surrounding host community.
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