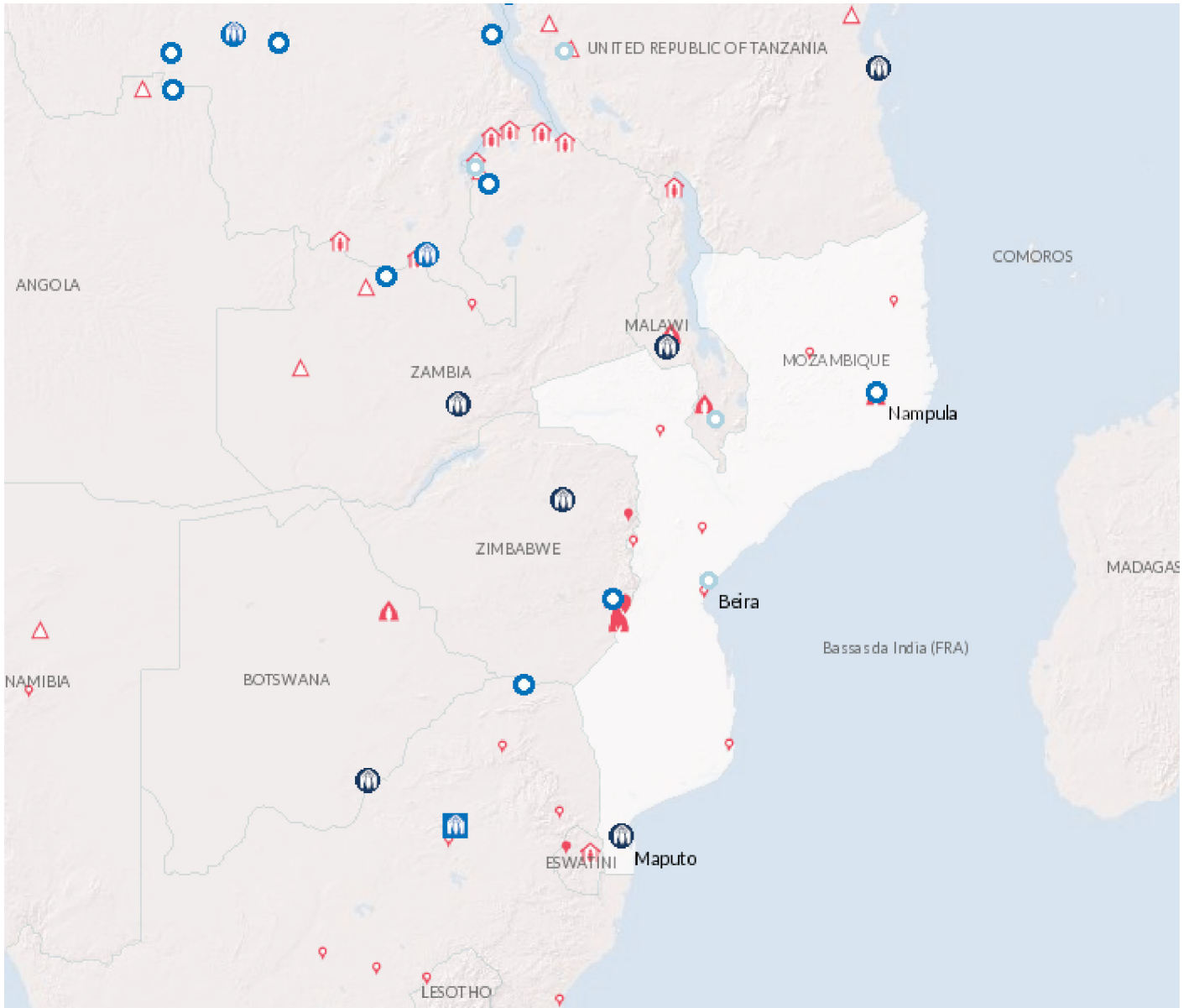


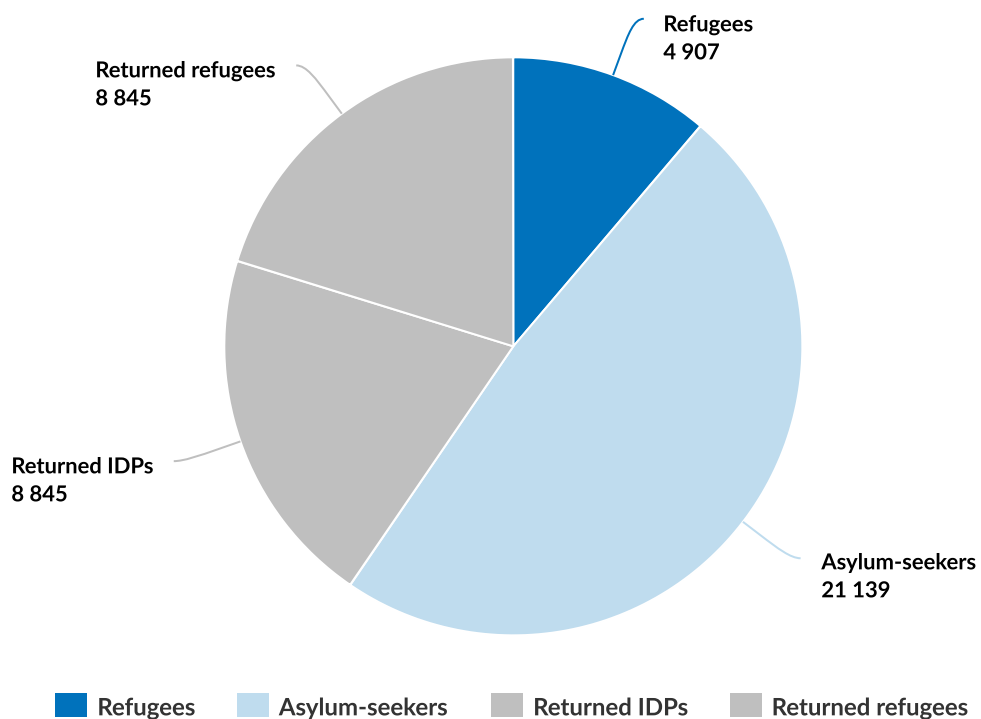
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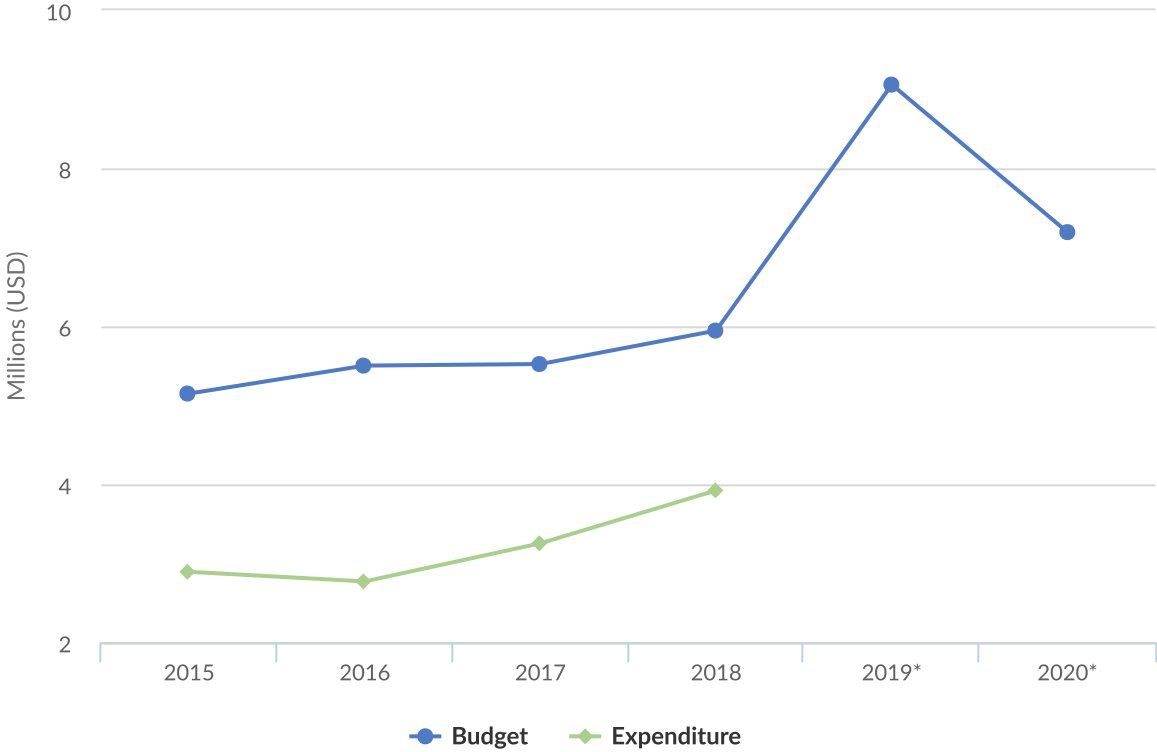
People of Concern

DECREASE IN
3% 2018

2018	43,736
2017	45,035
2016	38,534



Budgets and Expenditure for Mozambique



Working environment

Mozambique is hosting approximately 39,000 refugees and asylum-seekers, mainly in Maratane Camp in Nampula Province. The working environment in Mozambique is expected to remain relatively stable in 2020. In August 2019, a final peace agreement was signed putting an end to the hostilities following the disputed 2014 elections. As a result, UNHCR expects that in 2020 there will be a return movement of some 8,000 Mozambicans from Zimbabwe. Nevertheless, insecurity is expected to continue in Cabo Delgado region in northern Mozambique.

In March 2019, Tropical Cyclone Idai destroyed over 111,000 houses and damaged an additional 240,000 houses. Approximately 1.85 million people were in need of assistance. While Mozambique was still recovering from Tropical Cyclone Idai, an even stronger Tropical Cyclone Kenneth made landfall in Cabo Delgado Province in April 2019 causing further loss of life and extensive damage to infrastructure and housing. While the Maratane Refugee Camp was not affected, as part of the collective UN system response, UNHCR deployed emergency team, provided core relieve items and co-led the Protection Cluster. UNHCR will continue to have limited operational presence in Beira in Sofala Province until 30 June 2020 focusing on the Protection Cluster coordination, protection monitoring and community-based protection.

It is expected that the biometric verification and registration of people of concern, conducted jointly with the Government of Mozambique, should be completed by the beginning of 2020. The Government will continue to replace expired cards and issue documentation to newly arrived asylum-seekers. It is anticipated that the Government will reassume refugee status determination (RSD) after the finalization of the verification and registration exercise. There are currently nearly 22,000 asylum-seekers awaiting RSD decisions as no decisions have been taken since 2011.

UNHCR will advocate with the Government for the adoption of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) of the Global Compact on Refugees in 2020. The Government has allocated 2,000 hectares of land for both expansion of the camp as well as livelihoods activities. The basic services in Maratane Camp, such as health and education, have already been provided by line ministries since 2007. In 2020, the operation will also seek to enhance the strategic partnerships with development actors and the private sector.

Key priorities

In 2020, UNHCR will focus on:

- Improving access to education for both urban and camp-based refugee children, including access to secondary and tertiary education;
 - Promoting access to citizenship for refugee and asylum-seeker children born in the country, and assisting recognized refugees in the naturalization process;
 - Increasing support for livelihoods programs to encourage local integration;
 - Strengthening support to communities hosting large populations of refugees and asylum-seekers. Mobilization of development actors will be key to this approach;
 - Reducing the RSD backlog.
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