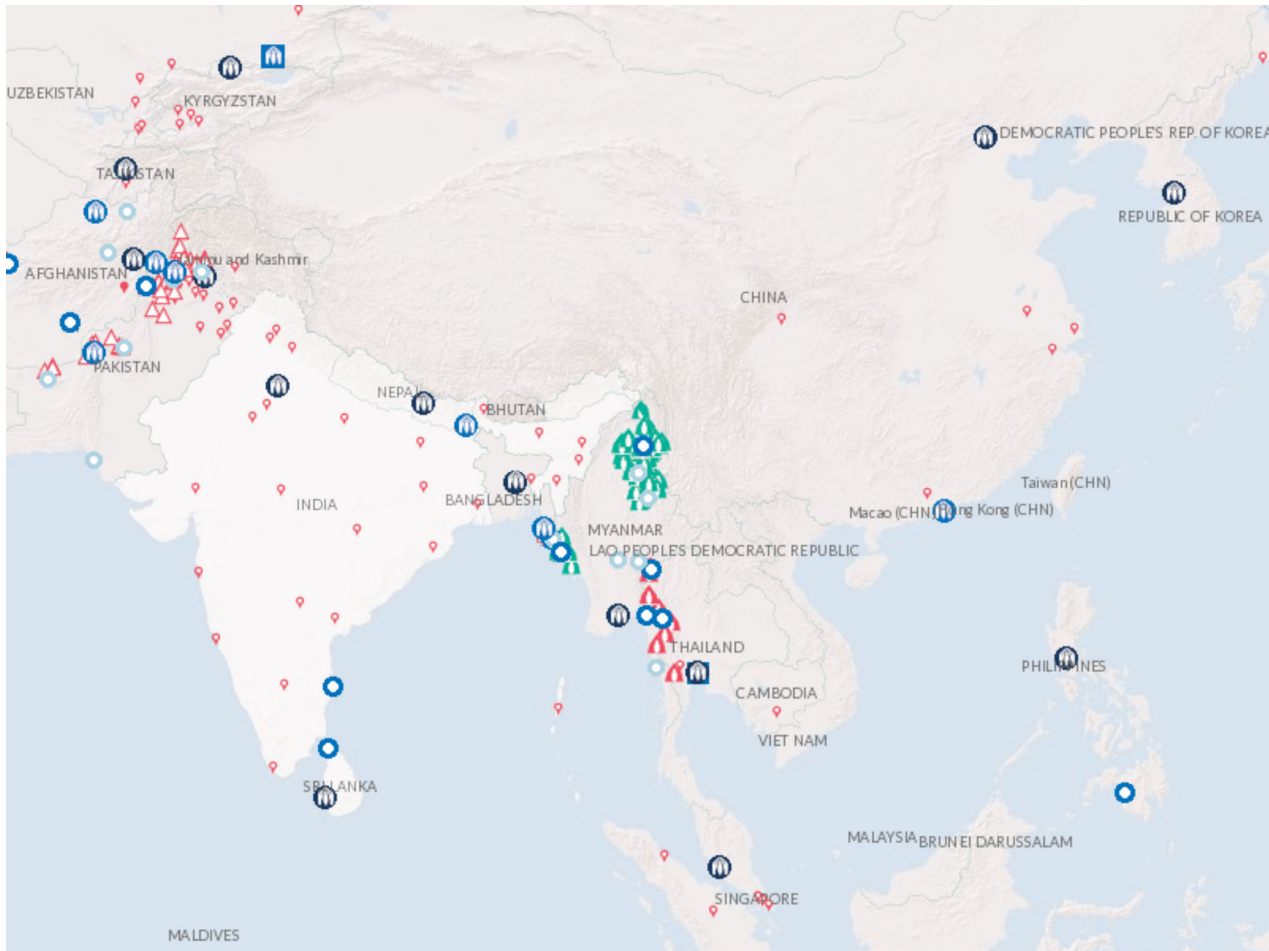
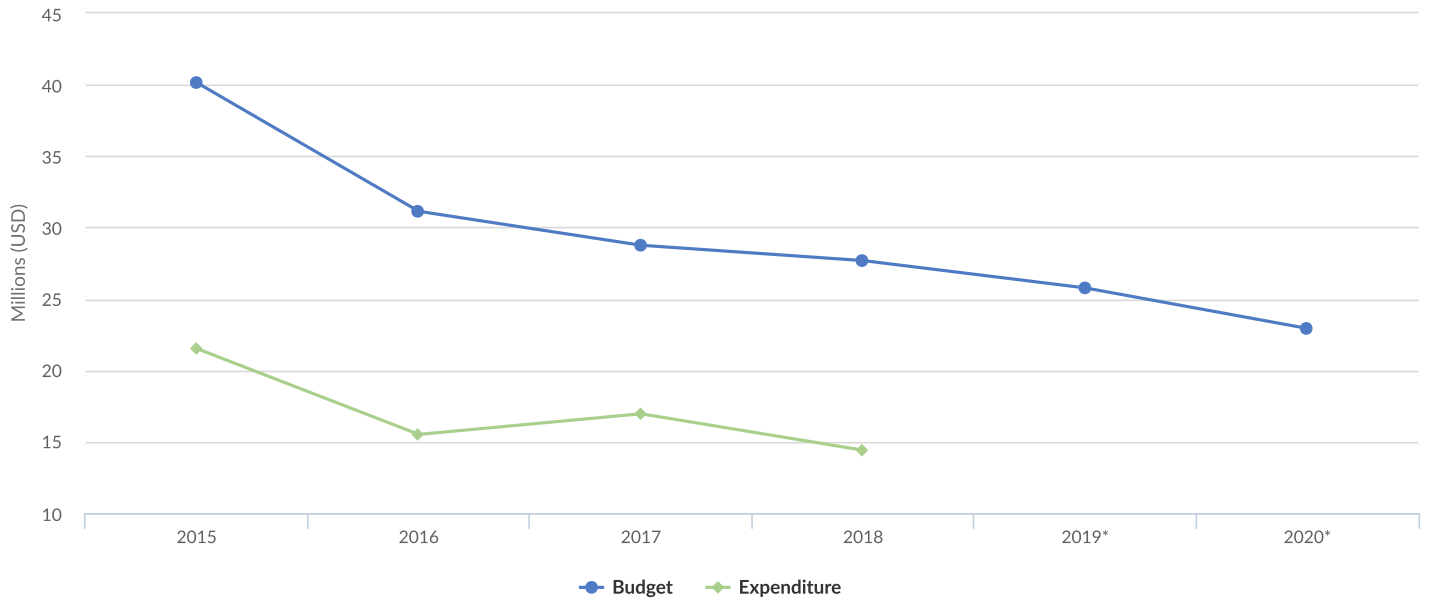


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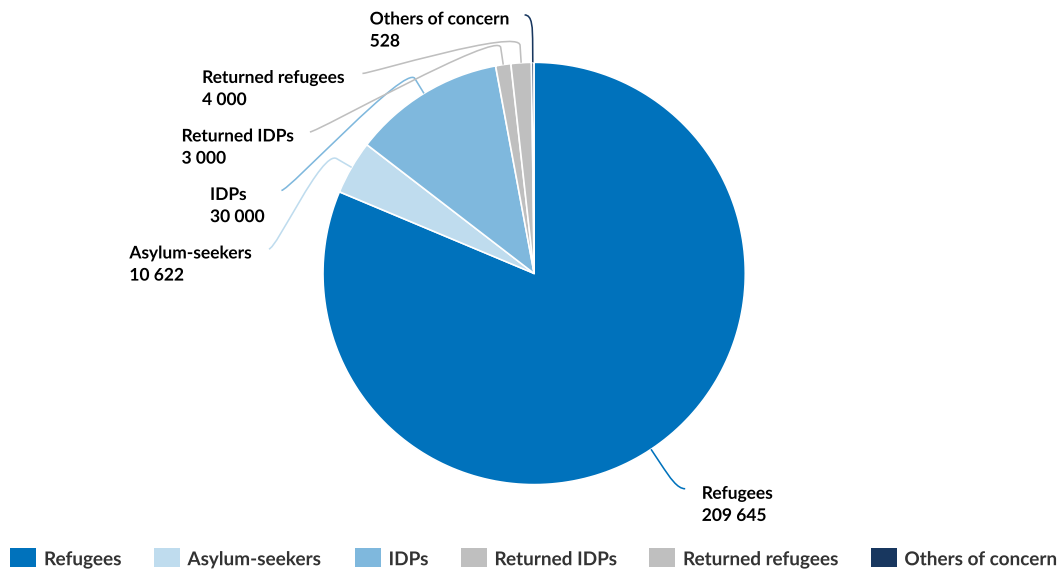
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Budgets and Expenditure in Subregion South Asia



People of Concern - 2020 [projected]



Working environment and response in 2020

While not signatories to the 1951 Convention, the Governments of India, Nepal and Sri Lanka continue to offer asylum to a considerable number of refugees and asylum-seekers. The projected number of people of concern in the sub-region in 2020 is expected to be approximately 258,000 people, with UNHCR providing assistance to some 54,000 refugees, asylum-seekers and returnees.

People of concern will continue to face significant challenges in the sub-region owing to the absence of legal or administrative frameworks allowing for temporary stay, the lack of sustainable livelihoods, and limited services for people with specific needs. Refugees face the risk of arrest and deportation to their countries of origin at times despite being registered with UNHCR.

While continuing to register and recognize refugees and providing assistance to the most vulnerable, UNHCR's operations in the sub-region will engage a whole of society approach to facilitate inclusion of refugees in social protection, while opening up new opportunities for self-reliance initiatives.

UNHCR continues to pursue solutions for Bhutanese refugees in Nepal and Sri Lankan refugees in Tamil Nadu, India. By the end of 2020, UNHCR hopes to have completed operations in eastern Nepal, but will continue to monitor and support Bhutanese refugees from the office in Katmandu.

UNHCR will facilitate repatriation of refugees by air to Sri Lanka but is prepared to provide additional support should an agreement be reached to resume ferry services and hopefully increase the number of people who can return.

2020 Budget for South Asia | USD

Operation	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	Total
India	13,490,296	159,249	0	0	13,649,545
Nepal	5,061,358	438,642	0	0	5,500,000
Sri Lanka	3,702,874	78,535	0	0	3,781,409
Total	22,254,528	676,426	0	0	22,930,954
