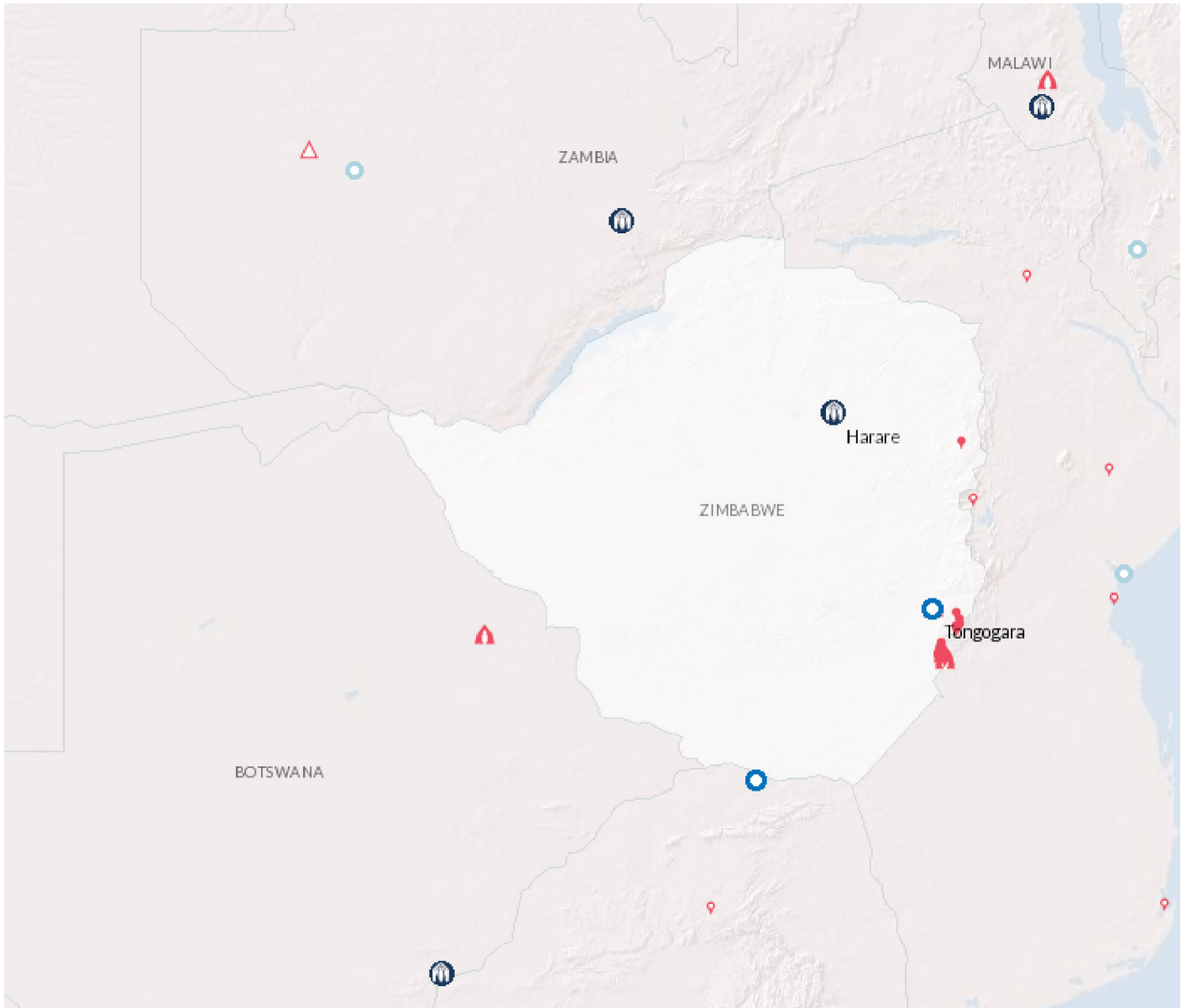


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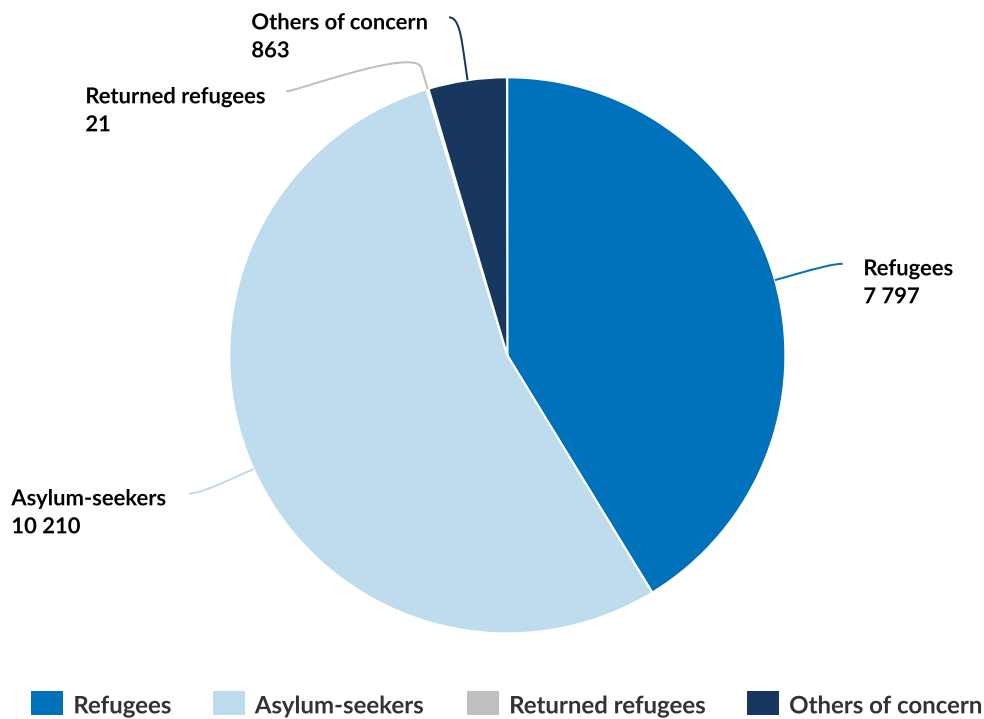
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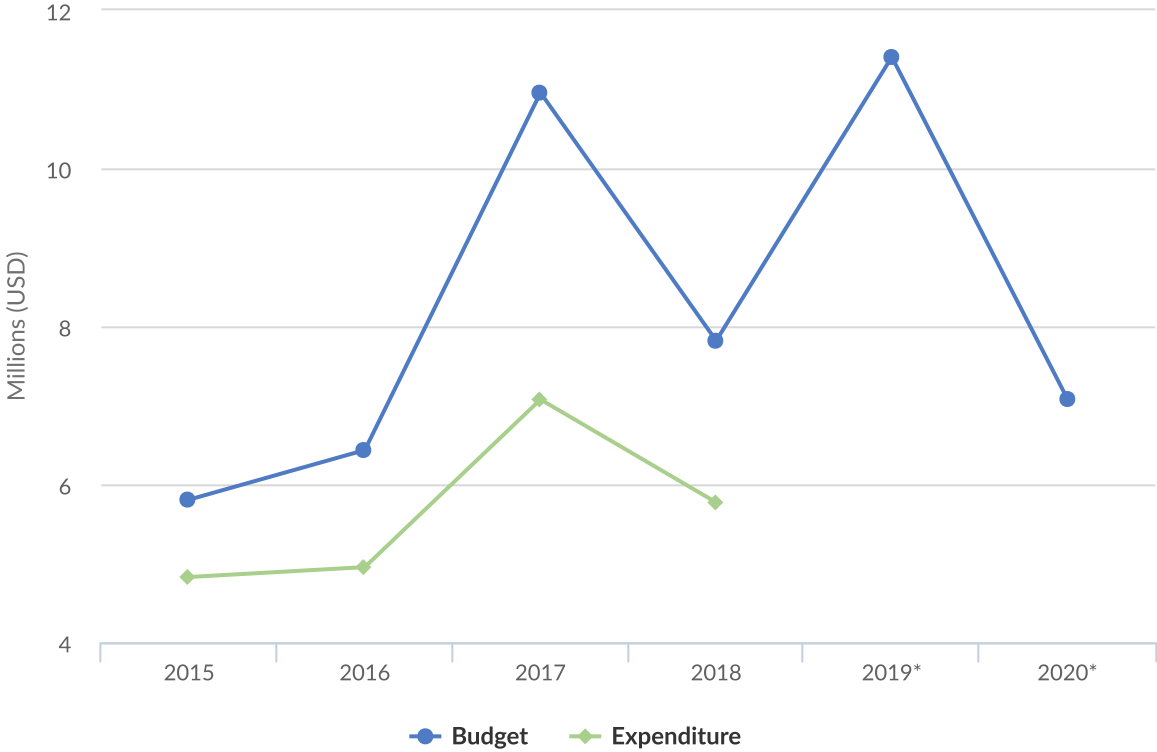
People of Concern

INCREASE IN
0% 2018

2018	18,891
2017	18,874
2016	10,064



Budgets and Expenditure for Zimbabwe



Working environment

Despite the economic crisis, the operational and security environment in Zimbabwe is expected to remain stable during 2020 resulting in a favorable protection environment for refugees and asylum-seekers. The Government continues to provide transit center facilities, land, access to services and social amenities as well as personnel for the refugee response.

For the refugee response, UNHCR priorities will focus on the provision of shelter, healthcare, livelihoods, education, water and sanitation as well as ensuring child protection, strengthening prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence and facilitation of durable solutions. In order to reduce the risk of statelessness, UNHCR will, in close coordination with the authorities, conduct a comprehensive study on statelessness and publish a report on the findings.

In March 2019, Tropical Cyclone Idai hit the Southern Hemisphere, including Zimbabwe. Heavy rains and strong winds caused riverine and flash flooding affecting 270,000 persons including 122,000 in Chipinge District where Tongogara Refugee Camp hosting some 15,000 refugees and asylum-seekers is located. Approximately 6,000 refugees and asylum-seekers were severely impacted as over 1,000 houses, latrines and water boreholes were completely or partially damaged. As part of the collective UN system response, UNHCR deployed emergency staff, provided core relieve items to nearly 66,000 affected persons – both Zimbabweans and refugees – and co- led the UN Protection Cluster.

As part of the multi-year multi-partner protection and solutions strategy, UNHCR will enhance partnerships with the government line ministries, Registrar General's Office, parliamentarians, the UN system, civil society, faith-based organizations and academia. UNHCR will also seek to diversify the pool of partners which will provide the platform for rolling out the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) of the Global Compact on Refugees in Zimbabwe.

Key priorities

In 2020, UNHCR will focus on:

- Partnership diversification for sustainable protection, assistance and solutions for both the refugee and statelessness programmes;
 - Improving the self-reliance of people of concern through diversified and context specific livelihoods activities in line with the graduation approach;
 - Advocacy for the improvement of the government refugee status determination procedures;
 - Conducting a comprehensive study on statelessness in Zimbabwe, and enhancing the network of partners to implement a national action plan to respond and prevent statelessness.
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