

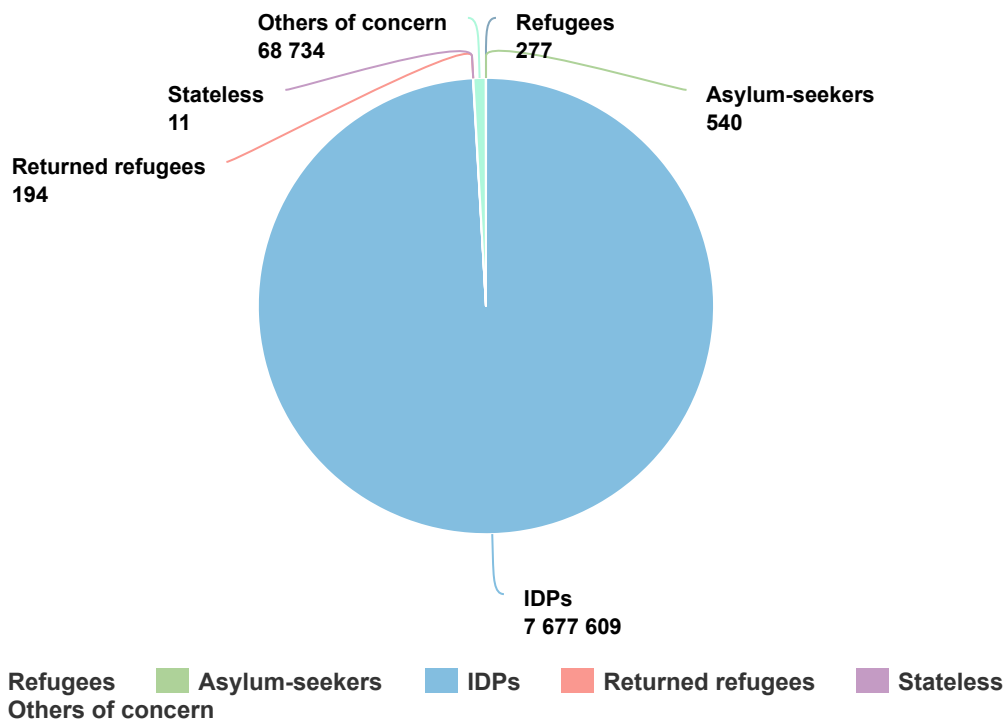
## Operation: Colombia



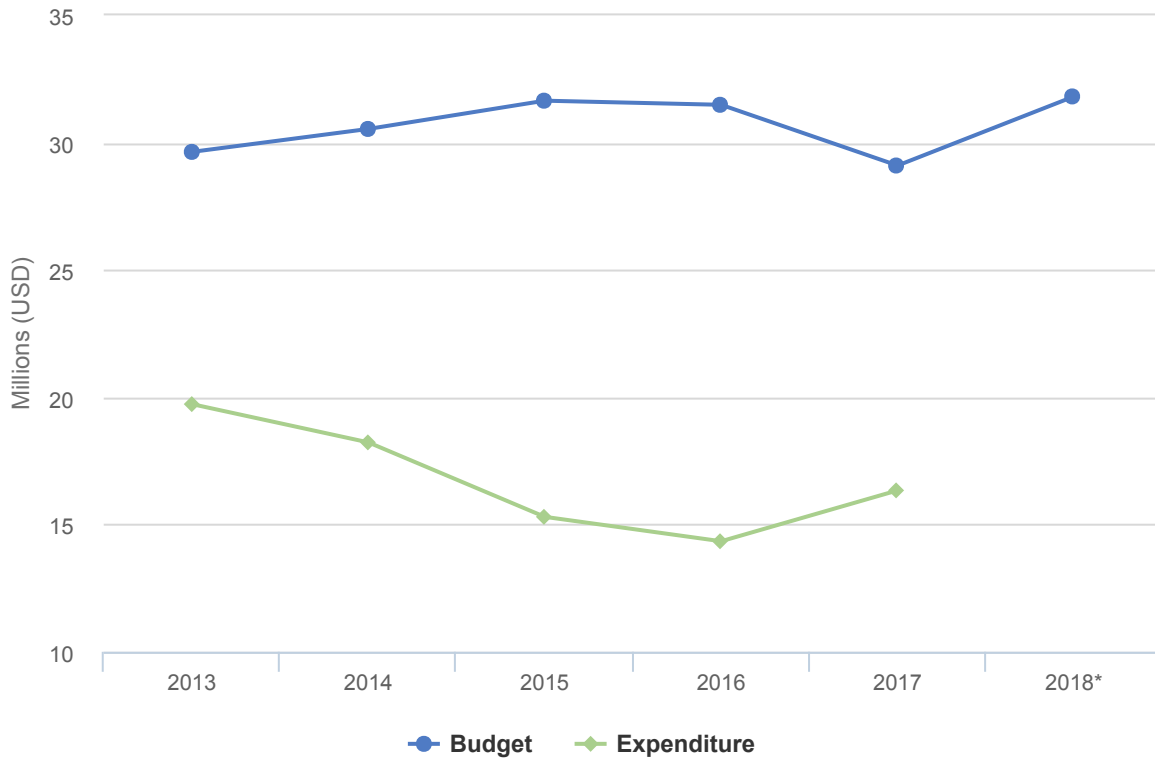
## People of Concern

**INCREASE IN**  
**5% 2017**

<b>2017</b>	7,747,365
<b>2016</b>	7,411,675
<b>2015</b>	6,941,212



## Budgets and Expenditure for Colombia



## Operational context

Despite the Peace Agreement signed between the Government of Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) in 2016, many challenges remain, mainly linked to the continued presence of other illegal armed actors. New displacement, child recruitment and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) continued especially along the Pacific Coast and on the Venezuelan border.

UNHCR increased its emergency response capacity and border monitoring in 2017 and advocated with the Government for the establishment of a special protection regime for Venezuelans. Official estimates reported 550,000 Venezuelans in Colombia by the end of 2017, some 68 per cent of whom were present in the country irregularly.

UNHCR led the Protection Cluster, monitored and raised awareness about new internal displacement and supported State institutions and community leaders in improving their protection capacities. The Office continued to empower displaced communities to ensure they have the tools required to achieve durable solutions.

## Population trends

At end 2017, there were 7.6 million registered IDPs, representing some 15 per cent of the total population. More than 75,000 were newly displaced in 2017.

At the end of the year there were 277 recognized refugees in Colombia. There were 625 new asylum-seeker cases in 2017, mainly from Venezuela (92 per cent). Some 190,000 Colombians returned from Venezuela, however, the mixed nature of these returns hinders the identification of people of concern to UNHCR. In 2017 UNHCR facilitated the voluntary repatriation of 74 Colombian refugees, the majority of whom were from Venezuela, and provided counselling to 80 spontaneous returnees.

## Key achievements

- Through the provision of technical assistance, UNHCR strengthened the capacity of local authorities to prevent and respond to the needs of new IDPs. The Collective Protection Decree, aimed to improve measures to guarantee displaced communities' rights, was adopted in late 2017, after four years of technical assistance from UNHCR.
- The Office made progress on its three-year strategy for the legalization of informal IDP settlements. Ten out of 30 prioritized settlements were legalized by the end of 2017 and the engagement of development actors in this strategy was promoted.
- UNHCR and IOM co-led the inter-agency response to arrivals from Venezuela, a significant portion of whom were found to have international protection needs.
- UNHCR expanded its presence along the Venezuelan border, reinforced protection networks, carried out profiling of arrivals from Venezuela, and implemented quick impact projects to increase reception capacity.
- UNHCR supported government institutions and NGO partners through trainings on child protection, SGBV prevention and response as well as protection and solutions for ethnic communities.

## Unmet needs

- UNHCR had limited human and operational resources to reach people in need of international protection across the country.
- Insufficient funds prevented UNHCR from increasing its support to the Government to implement more collective protection measures, and from implementing peace education exercises.
- UNHCR was able to implement only limited projects in response to the needs of Venezuelan arrivals, and could not cover several border and receiving areas, including major cities such as Barranquilla, Bucaramanga and Cali.





## 2017 Expenditure for Colombia | USD

The following table presents the final budget and funds available by pillar and the final expenditure at the objective-level, as reported at year-end.

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	Total
<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>2,234,602</b>	<b>26,868,265</b>	<b>29,102,868</b>
Income from contributions*	1,845,677	1,691,072	3,536,748
Other funds available / transfers	1,325,467	12,672,204	13,997,671
<b>Total funds available</b>	<b>3,171,144</b>	<b>14,363,276</b>	<b>17,534,420</b>
<b>Expenditure by Objective</b>			
<b>Favourable Protection Environment</b>			
Law and policy	26,739	531,569	558,308
Legal remedies and legal assistance	136,484	409,606	546,090
Access to territory	413,029	761	413,790
Public attitudes towards persons of concern	116,184	389,193	505,377
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>692,436</b>	<b>1,331,129</b>	<b>2,023,565</b>
<b>Fair Protection Processes and Documentation</b>			
Reception conditions	89,187	0	89,187
Registration and profiling	216,158	0	216,158
Status determination	346,799	347,296	694,095
Civil status documentation	0	161,099	161,099
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>652,143</b>	<b>508,395</b>	<b>1,160,539</b>
<b>Security from Violence and Exploitation</b>			
Protection from crime	0	8,410	8,410
Protection from effects armed conflict	0	1,404,878	1,404,878
SGBV prevention and response	26,755	1,126,504	1,153,259
Child protection	26,755	549,878	576,633
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>53,509</b>	<b>3,089,670</b>	<b>3,143,180</b>
<b>Basic Needs and Essential Services</b>			
Shelter and infrastructure	295,707	0	295,707
Basic and domestic and hygiene items	221,846	0	221,846
Education	26,755	0	26,755
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>544,308</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>544,308</b>
<b>Community Empowerment and Self Reliance</b>			
Community mobilization	0	1,258,921	1,258,921
Co-existence with local communities	0	1,121,128	1,121,128

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<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,380,049</b>	<b>2,380,049</b>
<b>Durable Solutions</b>			
Solutions strategy	0	3,009,379	3,009,379
Voluntary return	0	129,247	129,247
Reintegration	0	425,673	425,673
Integration	34,485	115,766	150,251
Greater reduction of statelessness	0	309	309
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>34,485</b>	<b>3,680,374</b>	<b>3,714,860</b>
<b>Leadership, Coordination and Partnerships</b>			
Coordination and partnerships	0	1,468,574	1,468,574
Donor relations	0	926,122	926,122
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,394,696</b>	<b>2,394,696</b>
<b>Logistics and Operations Support</b>			
Operations management, coordination and support	0	978,939	978,939
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>978,939</b>	<b>978,939</b>
<b>2017 Expenditure Total</b>	<b>1,976,883</b>	<b>14,363,253</b>	<b>16,340,136</b>

*\*Income from contributions includes indirect support costs that are recovered from contributions to Pillars 3 and 4, supplementary budgets and the "New or additional activities – mandate-related" (NAM) Reserve. Contributions towards all pillars are included under Pillar 1.*