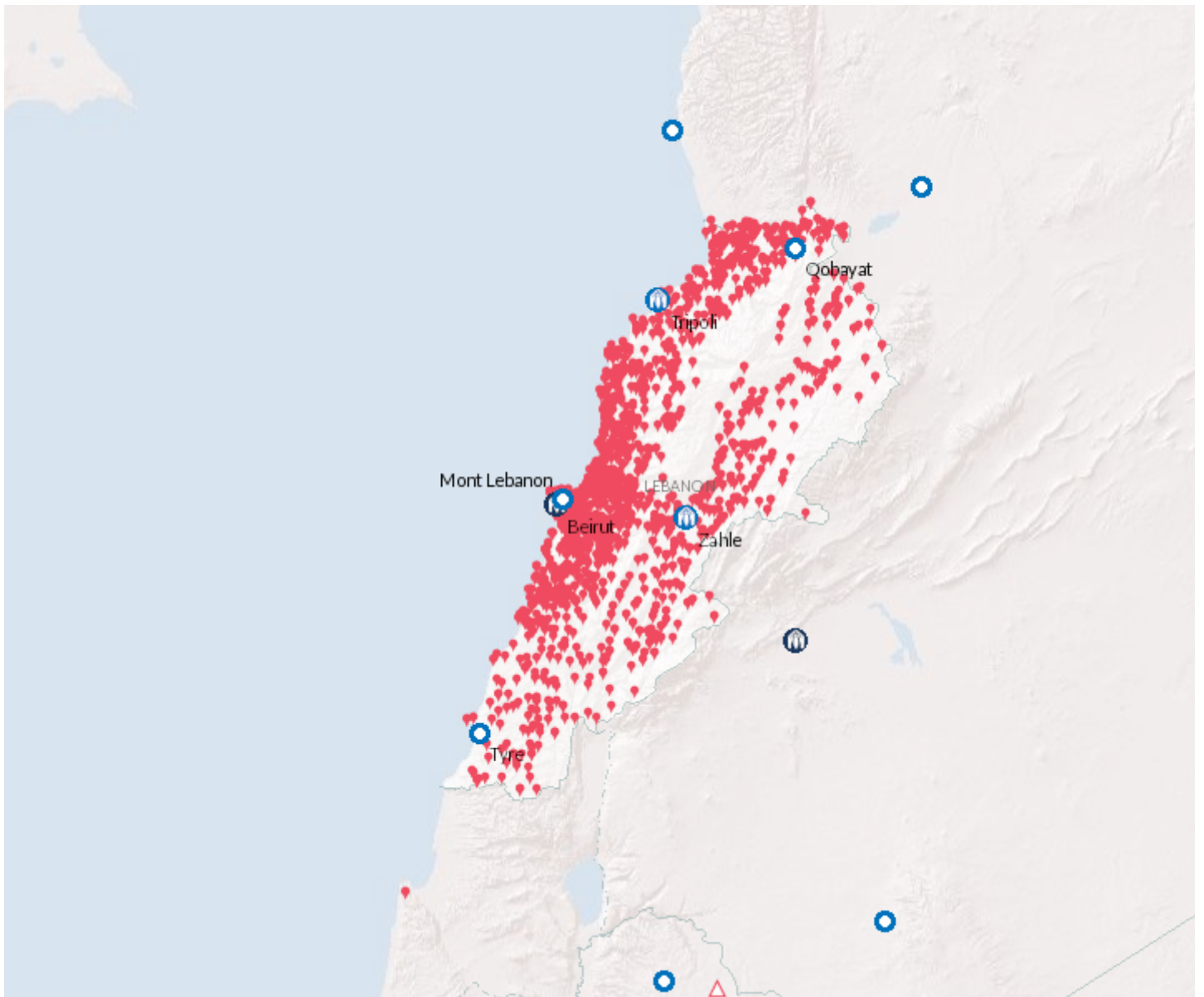


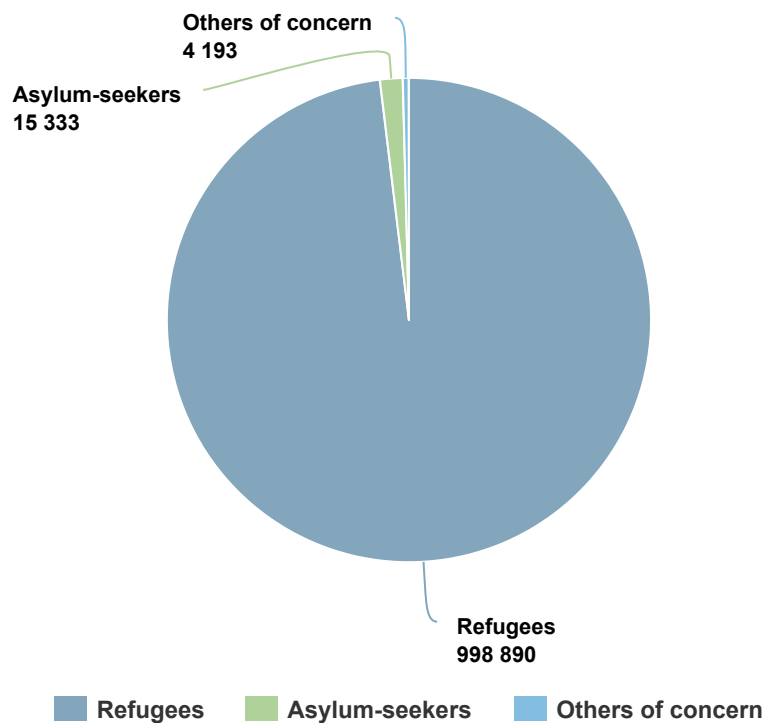
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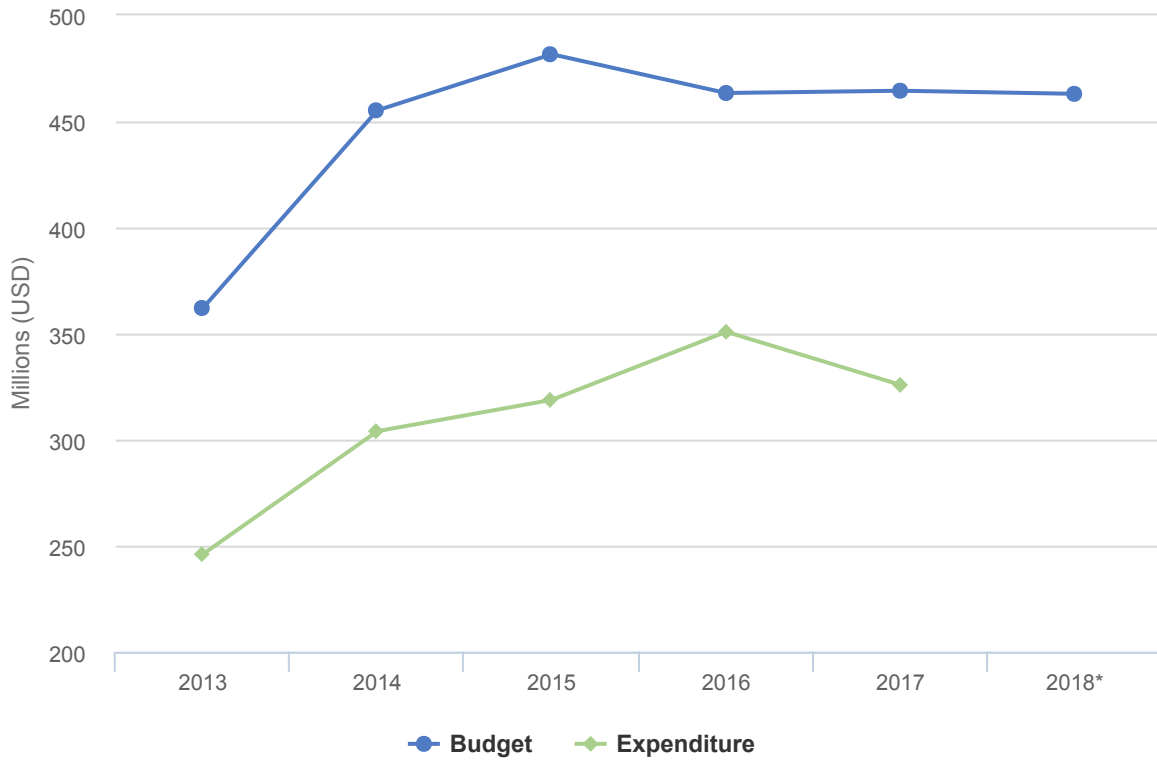
People of Concern

DECREASE IN
1% 2017

2017	1,018,416
2016	1,031,303
2015	1,088,231



Budgets and Expenditure for Lebanon



Operational context

It became increasingly challenging to preserve a dignified protection space for refugees in Lebanon in 2017, as host community fatigue grew and calls on the refugees to return began being voiced in the political and public debate. Perception and stabilization surveys revealed that the main source of inter-community tensions was the perceived competition over jobs. Several municipalities issued decisions to close shops and other businesses run by Syrians, and imposed restrictions like curfews, confiscation of IDs, restriction on residency in the municipality, and evictions justified with reference to pressures on local infrastructure, on economic, security, law and order, or on no particular grounds.

Refugees' vulnerabilities continued to deteriorate with livelihood opportunities remaining limited; an estimated 58 per cent refugees are living in extreme poverty (below \$3 per day), although the decline would have been much steeper without the assistance provided to those most in need.

The Government of Lebanon maintained its restrictive border policy and UNHCR's registration of Syrian refugees remained on hold throughout 2017, with the exceptions of newborns to registered parents. Asylum-seekers continue to seek access through other pathways, including illegal border crossing.

Despite the challenges, the Government, civil society and the international community remained engaged and important steps were taken towards facilitating refugees' access to legal residency and birth registration. Given the size of the refugee population and the resulting pressure on local communities' infrastructure and cohesion, it is also remarkable that inter-community tensions have not risen further.

Population trends

Per capita, Lebanon continued to host the greatest number of refugees in the world. At the end of 2017, Lebanon was hosting some 997,500 registered Syrian refugees, including over 39,600 newborn Syrian children registered with UNHCR in 2017.

There are also some 20,500 refugees and asylum-seekers from countries other than Syrian Arab Republic (Syria) (85 per cent Iraqi) in Lebanon. This is a 6 per cent decrease in comparison to end-2016 as a result of resettlement departures and a verification exercise completed in the second half of 2017.

Key achievements

Over 1 million refugees continue to enjoy international protection in Lebanon and are registered with UNHCR, with their data continuously updated.

In February-March 2017, the Government adopted a decision to waive the prohibitive fee for Syrian refugees to renew legal residency, UNHCR immediately stepped up its capacity to issue refugees with documents required for residency renewal, and delivered 153,000 refugee certificates and 191,000 housing attestations.

UNHCR provided subsidized health care to refugees including childhood vaccination, reproductive health care, mental health care, and lifesaving and obstetric hospital care.

UNHCR supported projects benefiting 76,000 Lebanese and 13,000 refugees to enhance community solidarity and relieve pressure on water resources and sanitation.

In 2017, more 13,000 refugees had their cases submitted for resettlement and other humanitarian admissions to third

countries. Still, the needs remain high, in particular for non-Syrian refugees, and UNHCR continues to advocate for more resettlement quotas.

Unmet needs

Due to funding limitations, UNHCR and partners were only able to provide multipurpose cash assistance to 50 per cent of the Syrian refugee families ranked as severely vulnerable, who live in extreme poverty.

The high cost of health services in Lebanon limited UNHCR's ability to support access to care for all in need, leaving many medical conditions unsupported. High costs and insufficient funding led to refugees with chronic and non-communicable diseases not receiving the care they need.

Limited resources available to address sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) issues have led to a prioritization of high-risk cases including in the provision of psychosocial and case management services. UNHCR has also faced challenges in providing safe accommodation and shelter to SGBV survivors.

2017 Expenditure for Lebanon | 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 2 Stateless programme	Total
Final Budget	463,887,386	606,297	464,493,683
Income from contributions*	283,514,984	0	283,514,984
Other funds available / transfers	42,800,229	549,420	43,349,649
Total funds available	326,315,213	549,420	326,864,632
Expenditure by Objective			
Favourable Protection Environment			
Law and policy	1,372,763	203,365	1,576,128
Administrative Institutions and Practice	2,979,687	0	2,979,687
Legal remedies and legal assistance	2,489,840	260,959	2,750,799
Access to territory	933,896	0	933,896
Public attitudes towards persons of concern	1,700,817	0	1,700,817
Subtotal	9,477,002	464,324	9,941,326
Fair Protection Processes and Documentation			
Registration and profiling	8,329,924	0	8,329,924
Status determination	925,472	0	925,472
Civil status documentation	1,351,182	0	1,351,182
Subtotal	10,606,578	0	10,606,578
Security from Violence and Exploitation			
SGBV prevention and response	4,340,779	0	4,340,779
Non-arbitrary detention	3,649,245	0	3,649,245
Child protection	4,639,011	0	4,639,011
Subtotal	12,629,035	0	12,629,035
Basic Needs and Essential Services			
Health	66,534,479	0	66,534,479
Water	14,289,485	0	14,289,485
Sanitation and hygiene	6,439,218	0	6,439,218
Shelter and infrastructure	12,778,460	0	12,778,460
Basic and domestic and hygiene Items	125,421,033	0	125,421,033
Services for persons with specific needs	9,850,897	0	9,850,897
Education	15,777,094	0	15,777,094
Subtotal	251,090,667	0	251,090,667

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Community Empowerment and Self Reliance			
Community mobilization	11,871,959	0	11,871,959
Co-existence with local communities	2,317,049	0	2,317,049
Self-reliance and livelihoods	1,527,022	0	1,527,022
Subtotal	15,716,030	0	15,716,030
Durable Solutions			
Resettlement	3,558,596	0	3,558,596
Subtotal	3,558,596	0	3,558,596
Leadership, Coordination and Partnerships			
Coordination and partnerships	2,503,915	0	2,503,915
Donor relations	956,246	0	956,246
Subtotal	3,460,161	0	3,460,161
Logistics and Operations Support			
Supply chain and logistics	2,082,975	0	2,082,975
Operations management, coordination and support	16,646,564	85,096	16,731,660
Subtotal	18,729,539	85,096	18,814,635
2017 Expenditure Total	325,267,608	549,420	325,817,028

**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.*