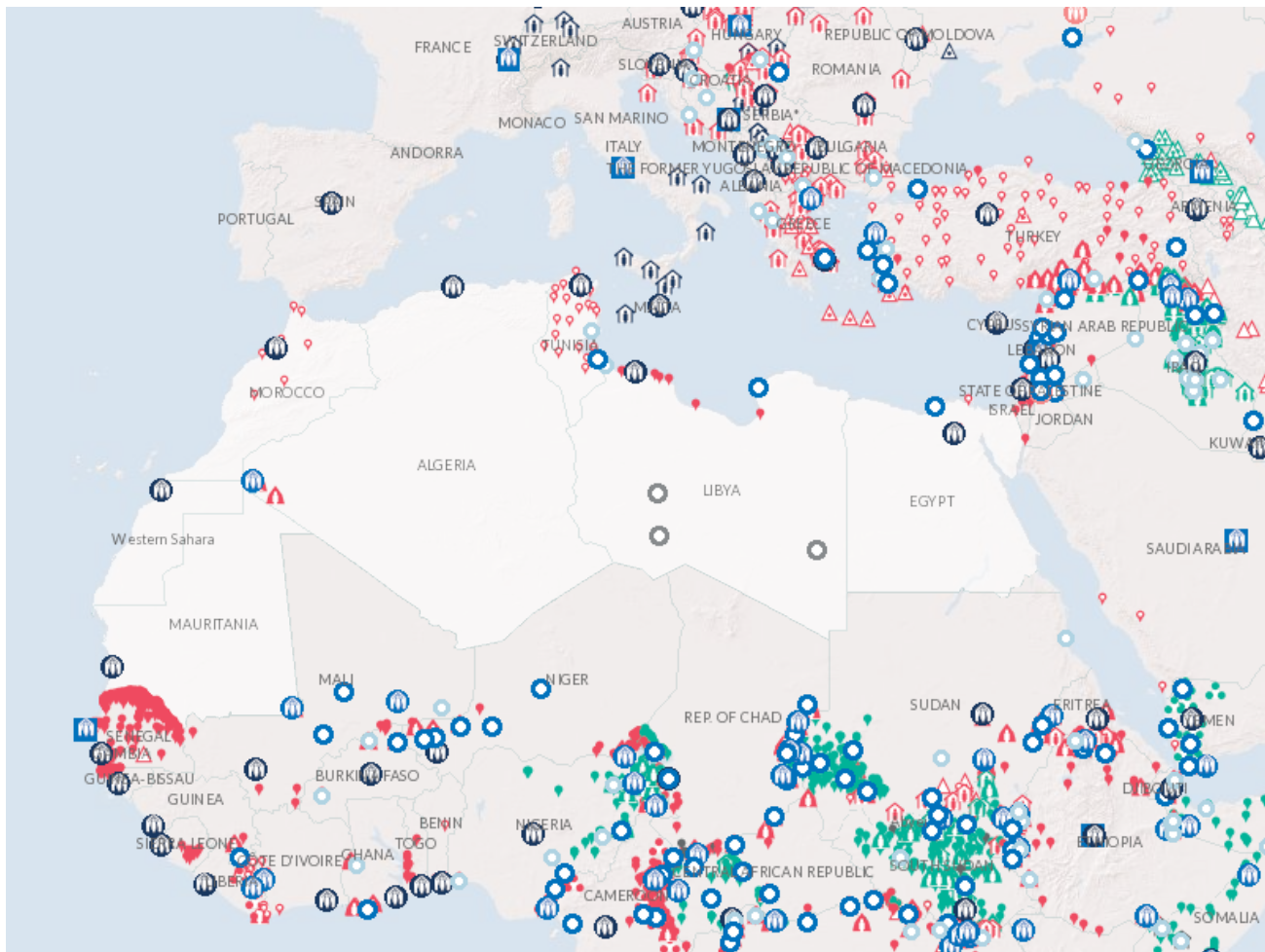
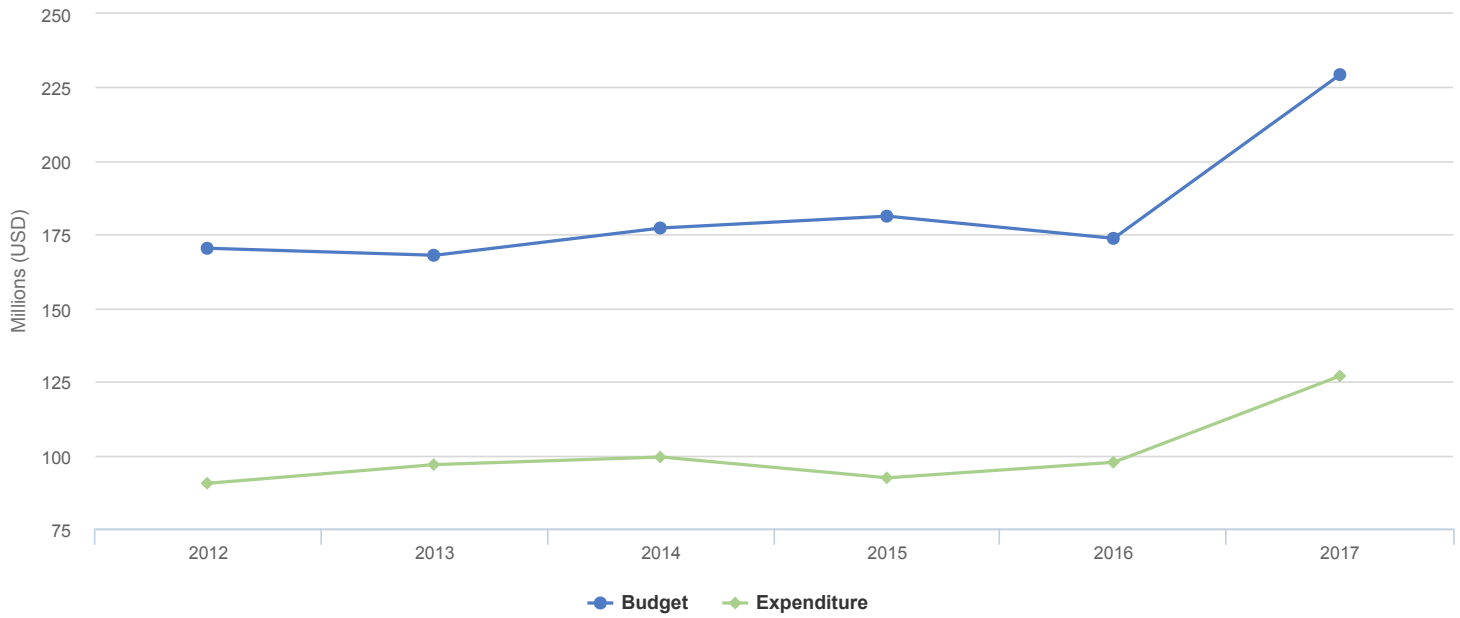


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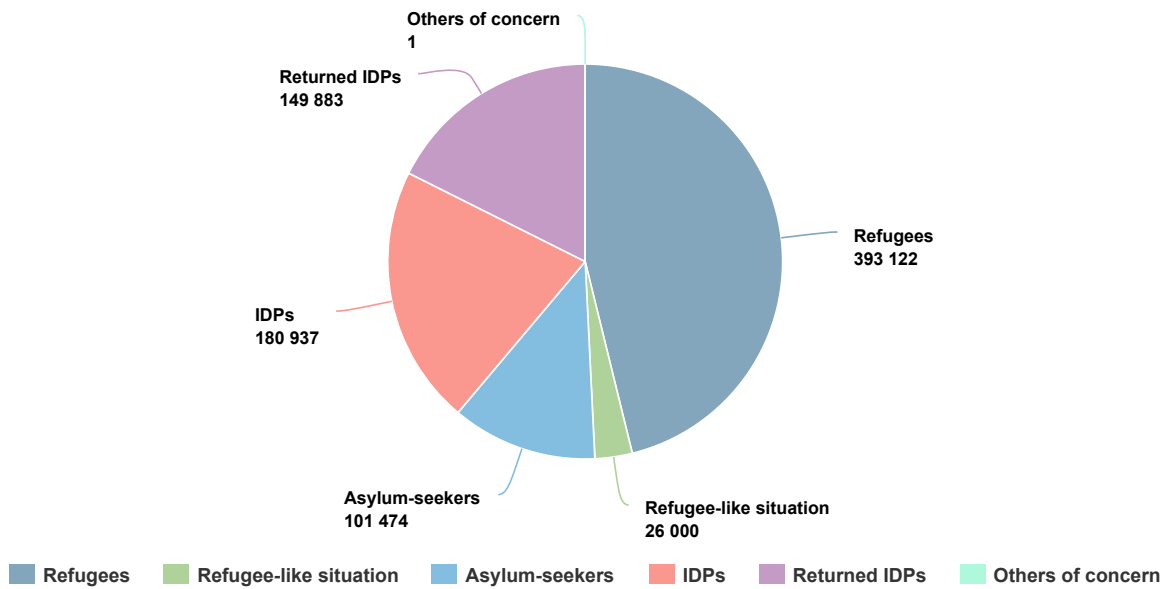
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Budgets and Expenditure in Subregion North Africa



People of Concern - 2017



Response in 2017

Countries in North Africa have traditionally been transit countries, but have increasingly become destination points for refugees and asylum-seekers. Refugees and asylum-seekers in camps and urban areas were affected by the difficult economic situation across the subregion. Due to their unrecognised legal status, refugees often face difficulties in accessing employment and other services leaving the most vulnerable almost fully dependent on humanitarian assistance. In the absence of effective access to protection and long-term solutions, many refugees move onwards. An increase in mixed movements and instability in sub-Saharan Africa and the Sahel region has nourished growing transnational criminal networks of smugglers and traffickers which many refugees fall victim to. Along the route, refugees and migrants are exposed to risks of trafficking, forced labour and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). With limited access to main entry, transit and departure points, particularly in the south of Algeria, Egypt and Libya, the access to and identification of people in need of international protection remains a key challenge for UNHCR.

In order to enhance the protection space for refugees in North Africa, UNHCR advocated and supported legislative processes to establish national asylum systems in Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia. UNHCR also worked towards ensuring that refugees are informed about, and have access to, their rights.

In 2017 alone, close to 2,900 people perished along the central Mediterranean. Libya remained the main point of departure for those attempting the perilous journey across the sea to Europe. In Libya, UNHCR strongly advocated for establishing adequate reception conditions at disembarkation points and establishing registration procedures to ensure an early identification of people in need of international protection. UNHCR promoted alternatives to detention, advocating for the immediate release of refugees and asylum-seekers currently detained in Libya. As protection and solutions for refugees within Libya remained limited, UNHCR scaled up efforts in complementary pathways, such as evacuations and resettlement. At the end of the year, a total of 389 individuals were evacuated from Libya, 162 to Italy and 227, under the newly established Evacuation Transit Mechanism (ETM), to Niger. The cases for 305 refugees were submitted directly for resettlement to third countries from Libya.

In line with UNHCR's comprehensive strategy for the central Mediterranean route, all operations in North Africa focused their advocacy efforts on preventing *refoulement*, improving access to territory and empowering refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) through livelihood activities.

The lack of funding in 2017 had a direct impact on UNHCR's operations in North Africa. In particular, funding shortfalls affected life-saving assistance to the 90,000 vulnerable Sahrawi refugees in Tindouf, Algeria, where only 20 per cent of basic medicines could be provided. In Mauritania, UNHCR continued to face a number of constraints related to insufficient funds, harsh weather and an increase in arrivals due to violence in Northern Mali. Resources for durable solutions, including self-reliance, were extremely limited.

Operations

Operations in Algeria (<http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/7039>), Egypt (<http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/2540>), Libya (<http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/12003>), Mauritania (<http://reporting.unhcr.org/mauritania>), Morocco (<http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/10331>) and Tunisia (<http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/2529>) are presented in separate chapters. For other UNHCR operations in the subregion, please see below.

Western Sahara

The main objective of UNHCR's Confidence Building Measures (CBM) programme is to link the populations in the Tindouf camps and the Western Sahara territory, mainly through family visits and cultural seminars. Over 12,000 were yet to benefit from the programme when activities were suspended in 2014. In 2017, UNHCR continued to maintain minimum operational capacities in Western Sahara and in Tindouf, Algeria in order to restart CBM activities as soon as parties agree on resumption.

2017 Voluntary Contributions to North Africa | USD

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
North Africa overall				
Malta	23,229	0	0	23,229
United States of America	0	0	7,200,000	7,200,000
North Africa overall subtotal	23,229	0	7,200,000	7,223,229
Algeria				
Canada	0	0	371,747	371,747
European Union	1,491,225	0	0	1,491,225
France	270,000	0	0	270,000
Germany	1,074,114	0	0	1,074,114
Italy	14,751	0	0	14,751
Spain	839,240	0	0	839,240
Sweden	553,159	0	0	553,159
United States of America	0	0	3,500,000	3,500,000
Algeria subtotal	4,242,489	0	3,871,747	8,114,236
Egypt Regional Office				
Canada	754,717	0	0	754,717
European Union	2,024,145	0	0	2,024,145
Germany	5,428,882	0	0	5,428,882
Italy	2,679,108	0	0	2,679,108
Japan	1,159,450	0	0	1,159,450
Netherlands	920,498	0	0	920,498
Private donors in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	90,952	0	0	90,952
UNICEF	1,500,000	0	0	1,500,000
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	99,643	0	0	99,643
United States of America	14,000,000	0	2,300,000	16,300,000
Egypt Regional Office subtotal	28,657,395	0	2,300,000	30,957,395
Libya				
Austria	0	0	542,888	542,888
Canada	0	0	371,747	371,747
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	429,768	570,573	0	1,000,340
European Union	0	0	9,263,954	9,263,954
Germany	0	0	26,496,235	26,496,235
Italy	3,514,537	2,055,902	0	5,570,439

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Luxembourg	0	0	1,046,025	1,046,025
Sweden	0	0	553,159	553,159
United States of America	4,800,000	0	4,400,000	9,200,000
Libya subtotal	8,744,304	2,626,475	42,674,008	54,044,786
Mauritania				
Canada	0	0	371,747	371,747
France	300,000	0	0	300,000
Italy	562,505	0	0	562,505
Japan	2,584,000	0	0	2,584,000
Mauritania subtotal	3,446,505	0	371,747	3,818,253
Morocco				
Italy	230,728	0	0	230,728
Monaco	159,236	0	0	159,236
Switzerland	493,097	0	0	493,097
Morocco subtotal	883,060	0	0	883,060
Tunisia				
European Union	238,298	0	0	238,298
Monaco	84,926	0	0	84,926
Switzerland	394,477	0	0	394,477
Tunisia subtotal	717,701	0	0	717,701
Western Sahara (Confidence Building Measures)				
Morocco	0	0	23,629	23,629
Western Sahara (Confidence Building Measures) subtotal	0	0	23,629	23,629
Total	46,714,684	2,626,475	56,441,131	105,782,289

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