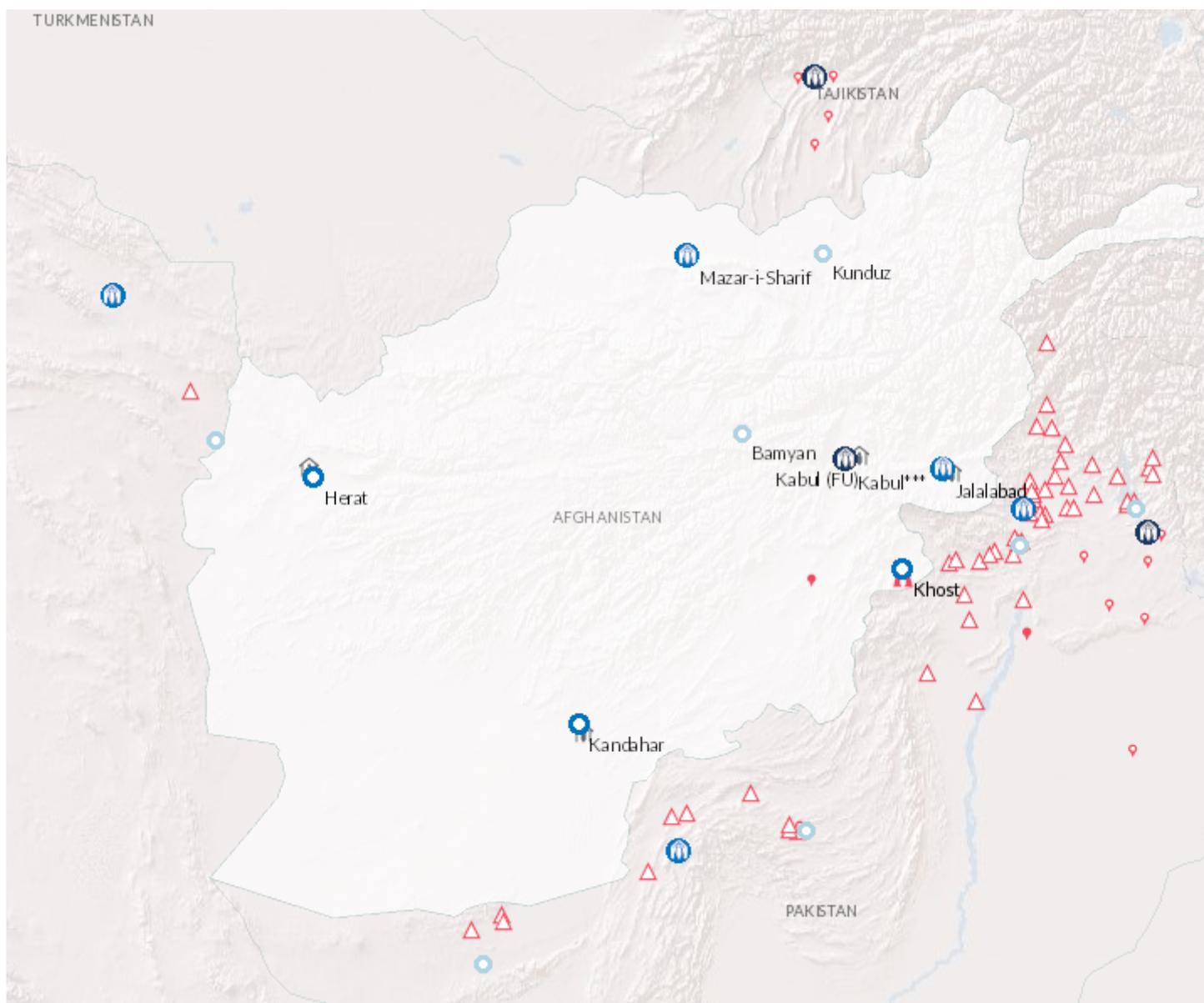


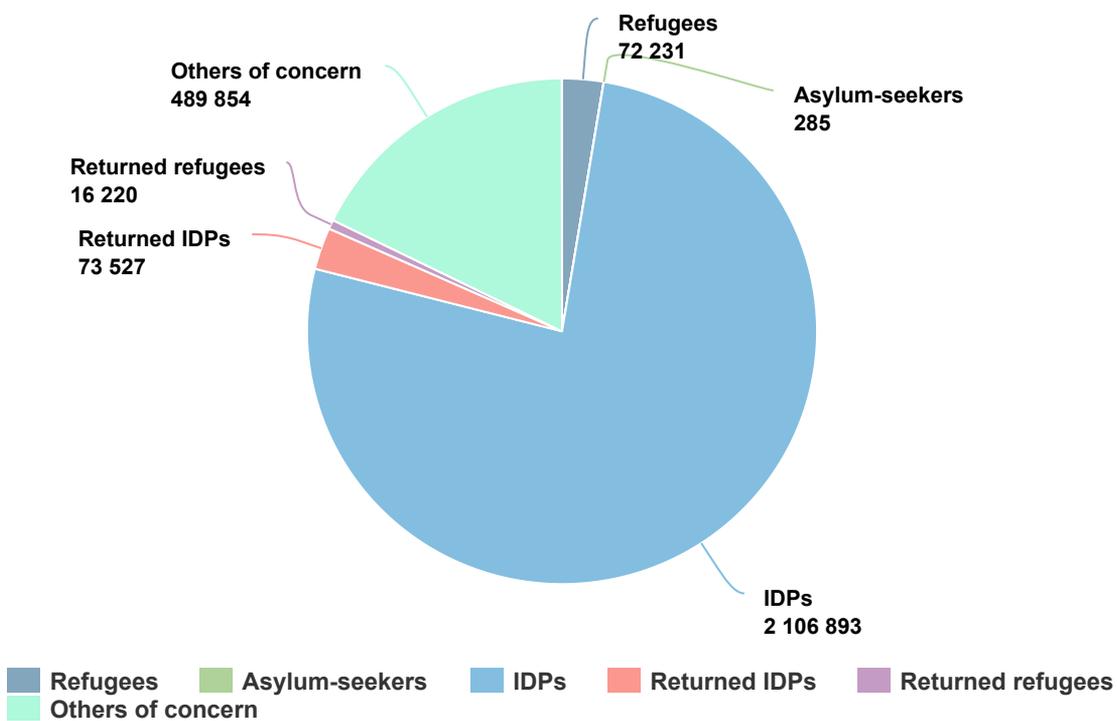
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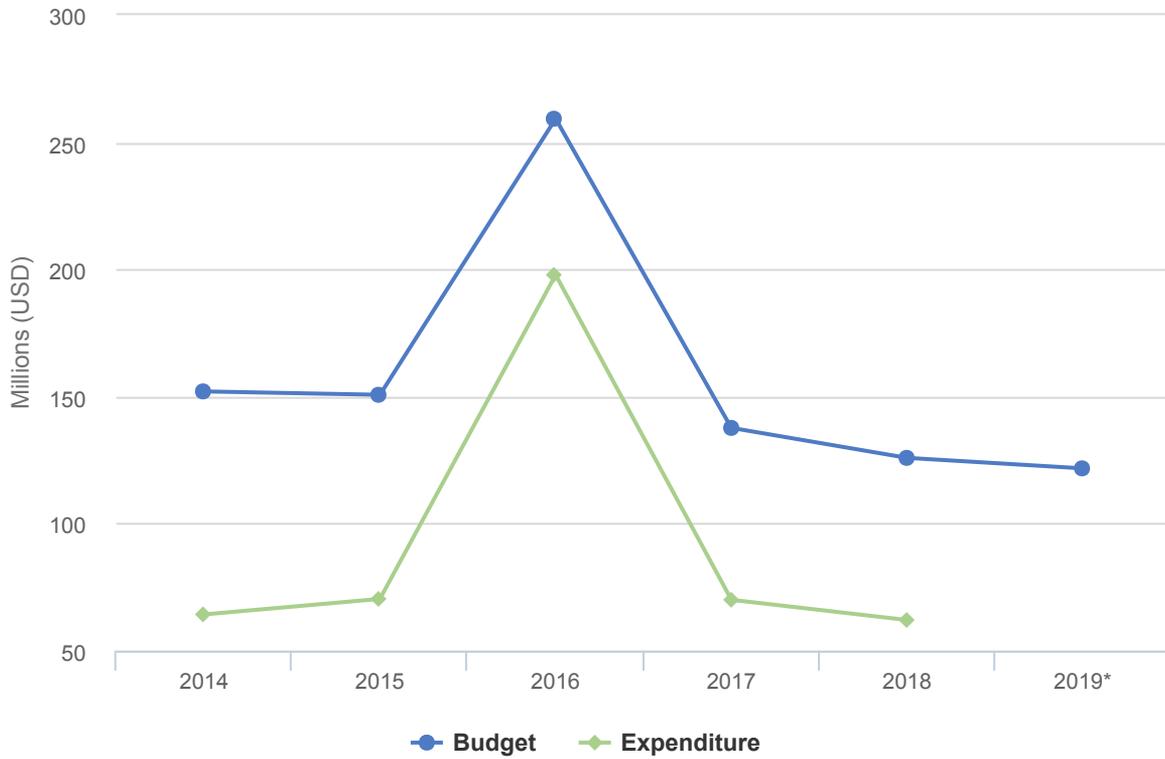
People of Concern

INCREASE IN
12% 2018

2018	2,759,010
2017	2,454,451
2016	2,355,622



Budgets and Expenditure for Afghanistan



Operational environment

Afghanistan remained the largest and most protracted refugee situation in the region. Renewed insecurity, conflict and drought drove displacement in Afghanistan in 2018, with an estimated 270,000 conflict-displaced IDPs and 230,000 displaced by drought. The displacement crisis had a significant impact on the country's existing services, limiting absorption capacity and creating a challenging environment for the sustainable reintegration of returnees and IDPs.

During the year, UNHCR facilitated the voluntary repatriation of some 15,700 Afghan refugees – a decrease of 73% compared to 2017. The reduction in returns can be seen, in part, as a result of the challenging security environment, incipient political transitions, uncertainty regarding ongoing peace processes and the lack of economic opportunities in many parts of the country.

Population trends

At year end, the total number of people of concern to UNHCR in Afghanistan stood at 2.76 million. This included 15,700 Afghan refugees who returned and 72,200 persons who fled North Waziristan, Pakistan in 2014.

UNHCR estimates that at least 2 million Afghans were displaced countrywide due to conflict and natural disasters at the end of 2018, including people displaced internally in previous years.

Key achievements

The application of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) in Afghanistan (announced July 2018), supports the alignment of national strategies with regional frameworks – including the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR) – through a whole of society and whole of community approach.

In order to promote community empowerment and peaceful co-existence, UNHCR implemented community-based protection (CBP) projects in 61 communities across the country, benefiting some 440,000 refugees, returnees, IDPs and members of host communities. Activities included a range of infrastructure development projects under the WASH, health and education sectors and contributed to facilitate returns and reintegration.

As part of the coordinated UN response to the drought in the western region (Herat and Badghis), UNHCR urgently procured and delivered 15,100 family tents. The Office also provided tents, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, and non-food items to some 14,000 households who had been displaced due to conflict. UNHCR's winterization activities were planned in coordination with the Government of Afghanistan and emergency shelter/NFI cluster, ensuring that vulnerable families received assistance in a timely manner.

Unmet needs

Due to funding shortages, the Office was unable to implement some 40% of its planned CBP projects in 2018. UNHCR's programme for persons with specific needs was only able to provide a limited response to a fraction of the most vulnerable individuals across Afghanistan. As Afghanistan rolls out the CRRF, the Government will require more support from the international community at both central and local levels to be able to implement the provincial action plans.

2018 Expenditure for Afghanistan | 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 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	Total
Final Budget	35,933,202	60,243,961	29,656,971	125,834,134
Income from contributions*	26,453,672	1,679,659	8,971,169	37,104,501
Other funds available / transfers	-5,092,393	22,285,891	14,846,316	32,039,814
Total funds available	21,361,279	23,965,550	23,817,485	69,144,315

Expenditure by Objective

Favourable Protection Environment				
Law and policy	172,821	0	0	172,821
Legal remedies and legal assistance	0	1,088,156	0	1,088,156
Subtotal	172,821	1,088,156	0	1,260,978

Fair Protection Processes and Documentation				
Reception conditions	547,299	0	0	547,299
Registration and profiling	254,259	0	0	254,259
Subtotal	801,558	0	0	801,558

Security from Violence and Exploitation				
Protection from effects of armed conflict	0	0	3,068,919	3,068,919
SGBV prevention and response	218,860	1,080,782	0	1,299,642
Subtotal	218,860	1,080,782	3,068,919	4,368,560

Basic Needs and Essential Services				
Shelter and infrastructure	400,270	0	0	400,270
Basic and domestic and hygiene Items	3,125,339	0	16,732,197	19,857,536
Services for persons with specific needs	262,903	2,689,627	0	2,952,530
Education	287,582	0	0	287,582
Subtotal	4,076,094	2,689,627	16,732,197	23,497,918

Community Empowerment and Self Reliance				
Community mobilization	0	2,110,016	0	2,110,016
Co-existence with local communities	1,307,051	3,868,593	0	5,175,645
Self-reliance and livelihoods	0	3,797,117	0	3,797,117
Subtotal	1,307,051	9,775,727	0	11,082,778

Durable Solutions				
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	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	Total
Solutions strategy	0	1,033,698	0	1,033,698
Voluntary return	8,690,156	0	0	8,690,156
Reintegration	0	2,434,503	0	2,434,503
Subtotal	8,690,156	3,468,201	0	12,158,357
Leadership, Coordination and Partnerships				
Coordination and partnerships	216,649	0	1,689,347	1,905,997
Camp management and coordination	261,149	0	0	261,149
Subtotal	477,798	0	1,689,347	2,167,146
Logistics and Operations Support				
Supply chain and logistics	753,851	4,539,855	0	5,293,705
Operations management, coordination and support	286,036	1,142,818	0	1,428,855
Subtotal	1,039,887	5,682,673	0	6,722,560
2018 Expenditure Total	16,784,225	23,785,165	21,490,463	62,059,853

**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.*