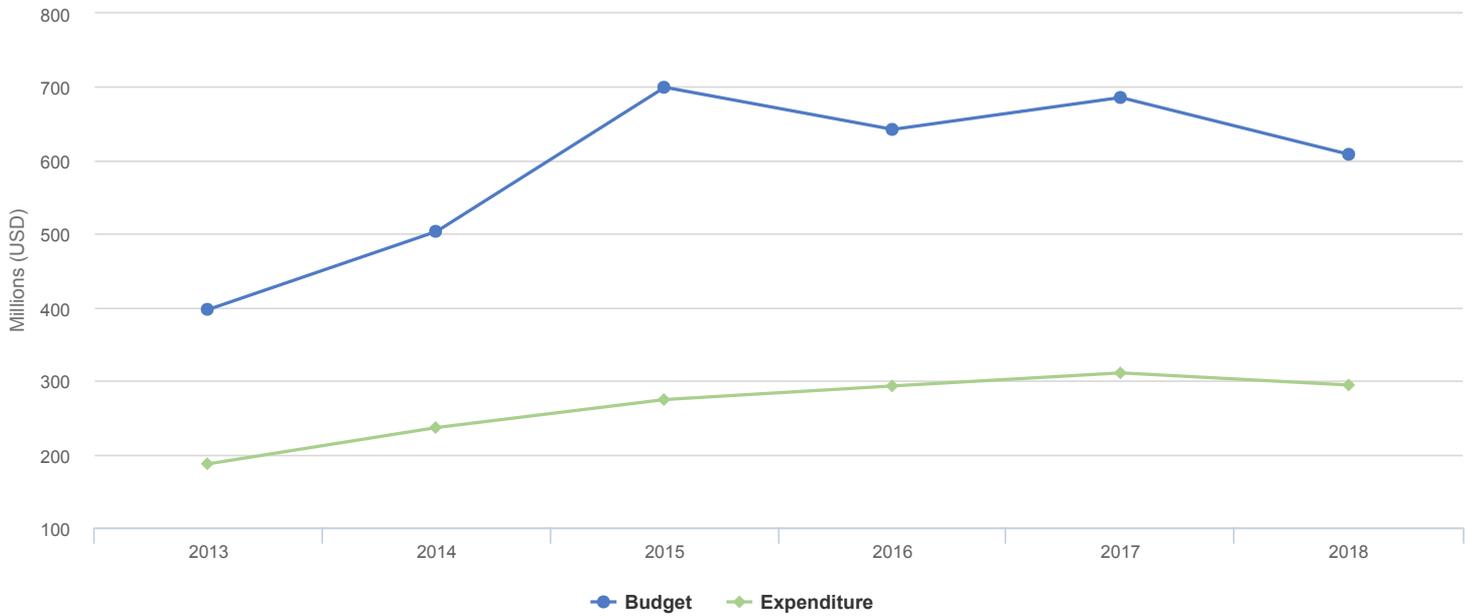


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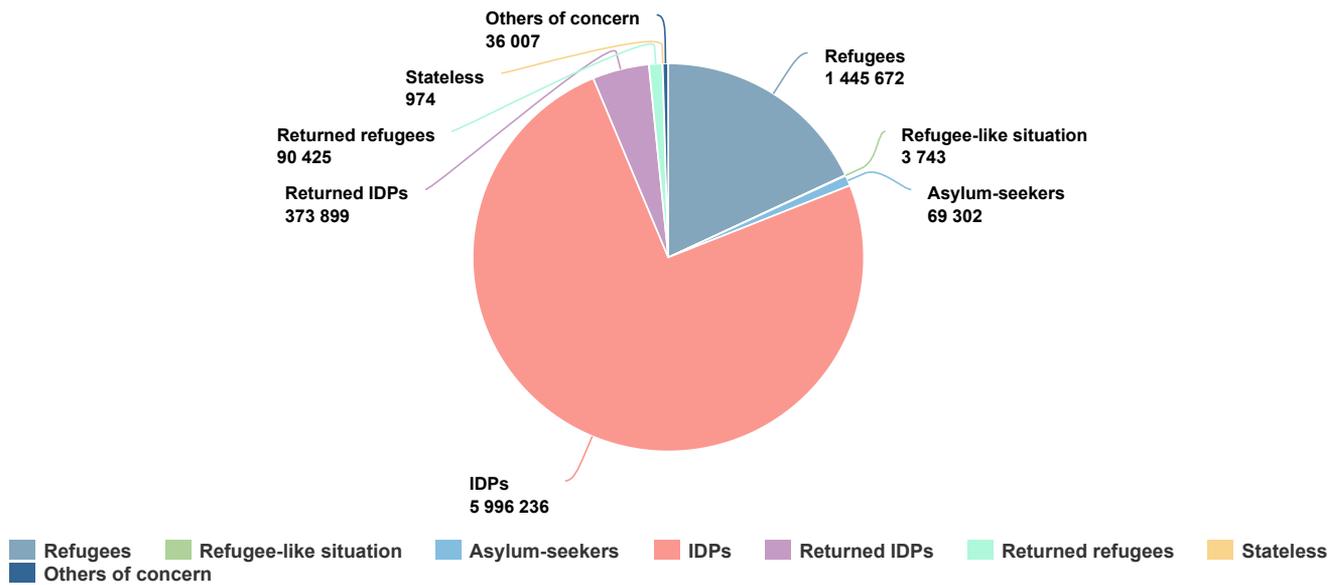
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Budgets and Expenditure in Subregion Central Africa and the Great Lakes



People of Concern - 2018



Response in 2018

The overall situation in Central Africa and the Great Lakes region continued to be characterized by complex political situations and both new and protracted displacement in 2018. UNHCR declared three new emergencies in the sub-region in the course of 2018: Cameroon, the Central African Republic (CAR) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. At the end of the year, the sub-region hosted more than 1.5 million refugees and asylum-seekers, with the largest caseloads in the DRC (534,830), Cameroon (388,450), the United Republic of Tanzania (317,980) and Rwanda (145,780). In addition, 5.36 million people were internally displaced within the sub-region, with the vast majority, 4.52 million IDPs, in the DRC. Furthermore, 45,370 refugees returned to Burundi and 35,130 to the DRC. The number of stateless persons stood at 641,940, of which 99.8% were in CAR.

The political situation in Burundi remained complex and difficult, due to the forthcoming elections in 2020. Serious human rights violations continued to be reported throughout 2018, also having a negative impact on the socio-economic situation in the country. The main refugee population in Burundi consists of, mostly protracted, Congolese refugees living in five camps along the border.

In the Far North region of Cameroon, Boko Haram continued to commit serious human rights abuses and violations against civilian populations. Meanwhile, clashes between the government and armed separatists in the northwest and southwest regions intensified. The situation in Cameroon accounts for over 668,000 of the IDP population in the sub-region, with approximately 514,000 displaced during 2018 alone.

In CAR, some armed groups and their factions continued to control several parts of the territory. Regular violent clashes between armed groups, intercommunal tensions and violent attacks on civilian populations contributed to new displacement of about 266,000 IDPs and some 49,000 newly displaced refugees. Despite the continued insecurity, CAR also experienced unprecedented level of progress towards peace and reconciliation as the Government stepped up its engagement with armed groups mainly through dialogue, with support of member states from the region and the African Initiative for Peace and Reconciliation. In parallel, the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) maintained its lead in local peace and dialogue processes, which resulted in restoration of peace and stability in some areas. The combination of these efforts led to a significant reduction in violence and enabled conditions for safe voluntary return of 35,128 refugees in addition to 306,246 IDPs, including 9,391 assisted by UNHCR. UNHCR worked with the Government to support the integration of the residual caseload of Sudanese refugees in Bambari (nearly 200 people), who opted to remain following the voluntary return of some 1,500 refugees in December 2017.

The situation in the DRC remained complex and challenging, comprising some 4.5 million IDPs and a further 825,000 Congolese refugees in the region. UNHCR declared an internal L2 emergency in August 2018 in the Ituri and North Kivu provinces of DRC, in view of the continued internal displacement crisis coupled with the outbreak of Ebola. UNHCR has since enhanced its protection monitoring and capacity, as well as strengthened its leadership through the Protection Cluster. Ebola continued to constitute a major threat with the number of cases steadily increasing throughout 2018. The outbreak is now the second biggest since the epidemic in West Africa in 2014. Responding to the crisis has proven difficult as the areas affected are also active areas of conflict.

UNHCR experienced a number of challenges in the United Republic of Tanzania in 2018. New arrivals from Burundi faced a stricter approach to territory, asylum and livelihoods to the Burundian refugees already in the country. The closure of all border entry points across north-western Tanzania significantly reduced the protection space available to refugees. Over the past two years, the United Republic of Tanzania has naturalized many of the Burundian refugees who arrived in 1972. However, a joint verification exercise of UNHCR and the Government identified the pending cases of approximately 58,000 Burundian people of concern (linked to the 1972 Burundian population), as well as pending cases from the initial naturalization process. UNHCR supported the Government to continue the naturalization process for those who qualify, as well as resolve protection issues, and work on alternative stay arrangements.

The sub-region made significant progress in advancing the #IBelong Campaign to eradicate statelessness by 2024 with the launch of N'Djamena Initiative for the Eradication of Statelessness in Central Africa, to which member states include Chad, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Republic of Congo and São Tomé and Príncipe pledged to support.

UNHCR's operations in the sub-region in 2018

Operations in Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and United Republic of Tanzania are presented in separate country summaries.

Refugees in Gabon enjoy access to the labour market on the same basis as nationals, and now have reliable access to farm land in key provinces. Refugees in formal employment accessed the National Insurance Fund for Illness, although 686 without employment are not yet covered. Four Chadian refugees who had been born in Gabon three who married nationals were granted citizenship in 2018. The Government issued 90 residence cards to 129 Chadian refugees who had been in the country for a significant period. The cost of and administrative process to obtain residence cards meant that 165 applications remain pending.

2018 Voluntary Contributions to Central Africa and the Great Lakes | USD

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Central Africa and the Great Lakes overall					
Luxembourg	0	0	0	523,013	523,013
Central Africa and the Great Lakes overall subtotal	0	0	0	523,013	523,013
Burundi					
African Development Bank	589,667	0	0	0	589,667
Belgium	0	0	156,813	0	156,813
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	2,527,999	0	0	0	2,527,999
France	0	0	0	580,720	580,720
Great Lakes Region Cross Border Fund	169,359	0	0	0	169,359
Japan	1,500,000	0	0	0	1,500,000
Private donors in Thailand	31,846	0	0	0	31,846
Republic of Korea	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
Sweden	0	0	0	1,539,978	1,539,978
UN Peacebuilding Fund	933,333	0	0	0	933,333
United States of America	323,930	0	0	10,900,000	11,223,930
WFP	23,891	0	0	0	23,891
Burundi subtotal	6,100,026	0	156,813	13,220,698	19,477,537
Cameroon					
African Development Bank	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000
Canada	0	0	0	628,437	628,437
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	908,839	0	949,970	0	1,858,809
European Union	268,259	0	0	0	268,259
France	1,555,014	0	0	0	1,555,014
Germany	0	0	0	2,000,000	2,000,000
Japan	503,700	0	85,600	199,042	788,342
Private donors in Spain	0	0	0	613,497	613,497
Private donors in the Netherlands	889,127	0	0	0	889,127
Private donors in the United States of America	505,229	0	0	0	505,229
Republic of Korea	0	0	0	3,168,000	3,168,000
Sweden	0	0	1,269,036	0	1,269,036
UNAIDS	0	0	0	20,000	20,000
UNDP	0	0	0	264,000	264,000
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1,216,545	0	0	0	1,216,545

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
United States of America	0	0	0	23,200,000	23,200,000
Cameroon subtotal	6,846,713	0	2,304,606	30,092,976	39,244,294
Central African Republic					
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	0	60,296	366,582	0	426,878
Common Humanitarian Fund Sudan	0	0	268,004	0	268,004
France	929,152	0	0	150,000	1,079,152
Germany	0	0	0	2,837,048	2,837,048
Japan	0	1,868,926	131,074	0	2,000,000
Liechtenstein	0	0	50,761	0	50,761
Private donors in Germany	0	0	0	306,748	306,748
Private donors in Spain	0	0	0	115,875	115,875
Private donors in the United States of America	0	0	300,010	0	300,010
UNAIDS	0	0	0	35,800	35,800
United States of America	0	0	0	9,000,000	9,000,000
Central African Republic subtotal	929,152	1,929,222	1,116,431	12,445,472	16,420,278
Democratic Republic of the Congo Regional Office					
Belgium	0	0	2,179,082	0	2,179,082
Canada	0	0	0	1,178,319	1,178,319
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	1,000,108	0	3,058,345	0	4,058,453
European Union	2,369,851	0	0	0	2,369,851
France	0	0	0	1,161,440	1,161,440
Italy	0	0	368,114	0	368,114
Private donors in Australia	762,893	0	0	0	762,893
Private donors in Germany	16,100	0	0	0	16,100
Private donors in Japan	527,375	0	0	0	527,375
Private donors in Spain	13,062	0	0	0	13,062
Private donors in Switzerland	325,649	0	854	0	326,503
Private donors in the Republic of Korea	104,039	0	0	0	104,039
Private donors in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	110,902	0	0	0	110,902
Private donors in the United States of America	0	0	0	6,615	6,615
Spain	290,914	0	0	0	290,914
Sweden	0	0	0	2,538,071	2,538,071
UNAIDS	0	0	0	170,000	170,000
United States of America	762,121	0	10,085,600	49,037,879	59,885,600

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Democratic Republic of the Congo Regional Office subtotal	6,283,015	0	15,691,996	54,092,324	76,067,335
Republic of the Congo					
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	275,199	0	0	0	275,199
China	0	0	1,999,999	0	1,999,999
Denmark	18,997	0	0	0	18,997
UN Peacebuilding Fund	0	0	134,653	0	134,653
UNAIDS	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
United States of America	1,377,315	0	0	0	1,377,315
Republic of the Congo subtotal	1,671,511	0	2,134,652	15,000	3,821,163
Rwanda					
Belgium	1,738,128	0	0	0	1,738,128
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	322,420	0	0	0	322,420
European Union	1,405,022	0	0	0	1,405,022
Japan	2,000,000	0	0	0	2,000,000
Private donors in Japan	100,270	0	0	0	100,270
Private donors in Qatar	812,970	0	0	0	812,970
Private donors in Switzerland	523,089	0	0	60,705	583,794
Private donors in the Netherlands	442,808	0	0	0	442,808
Private donors in the United States of America	299,411	0	0	0	299,411
UNAIDS	0	0	0	40,000	40,000
United States of America	933,845	0	0	18,100,000	19,033,845
Rwanda subtotal	8,577,963	0	0	18,200,705	26,778,669
United Republic of Tanzania					
Belgium	1,157,407	0	0	0	1,157,407
Canada	0	0	0	549,882	549,882
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	4,146,664	0	0	0	4,146,664
European Union	2,866,863	0	0	0	2,866,863
France	150,000	0	0	0	150,000
Great Lakes Region Cross Border Fund	424,908	0	0	0	424,908
Ireland	0	0	0	1,179,245	1,179,245
Japan	500,000	0	0	0	500,000
Private donors in Japan	3,939,980	0	0	0	3,939,980
Private donors in Sweden	0	0	0	533,804	533,804

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Private donors in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	65,595	0	0	0	65,595
Private donors in the United States of America	1,113,865	0	0	25,020	1,138,885
Sweden	76,998	0	0	0	76,998
UNAIDS	0	0	0	40,000	40,000
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	9,110,336	1,101,928	0	0	10,212,264
United States of America	888,847	0	0	7,200,000	8,088,847
United Republic of Tanzania subtotal	24,441,463	1,101,928	0	9,527,952	35,071,343
Total	54,849,843	3,031,150	21,404,498	138,118,139	217,403,631

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