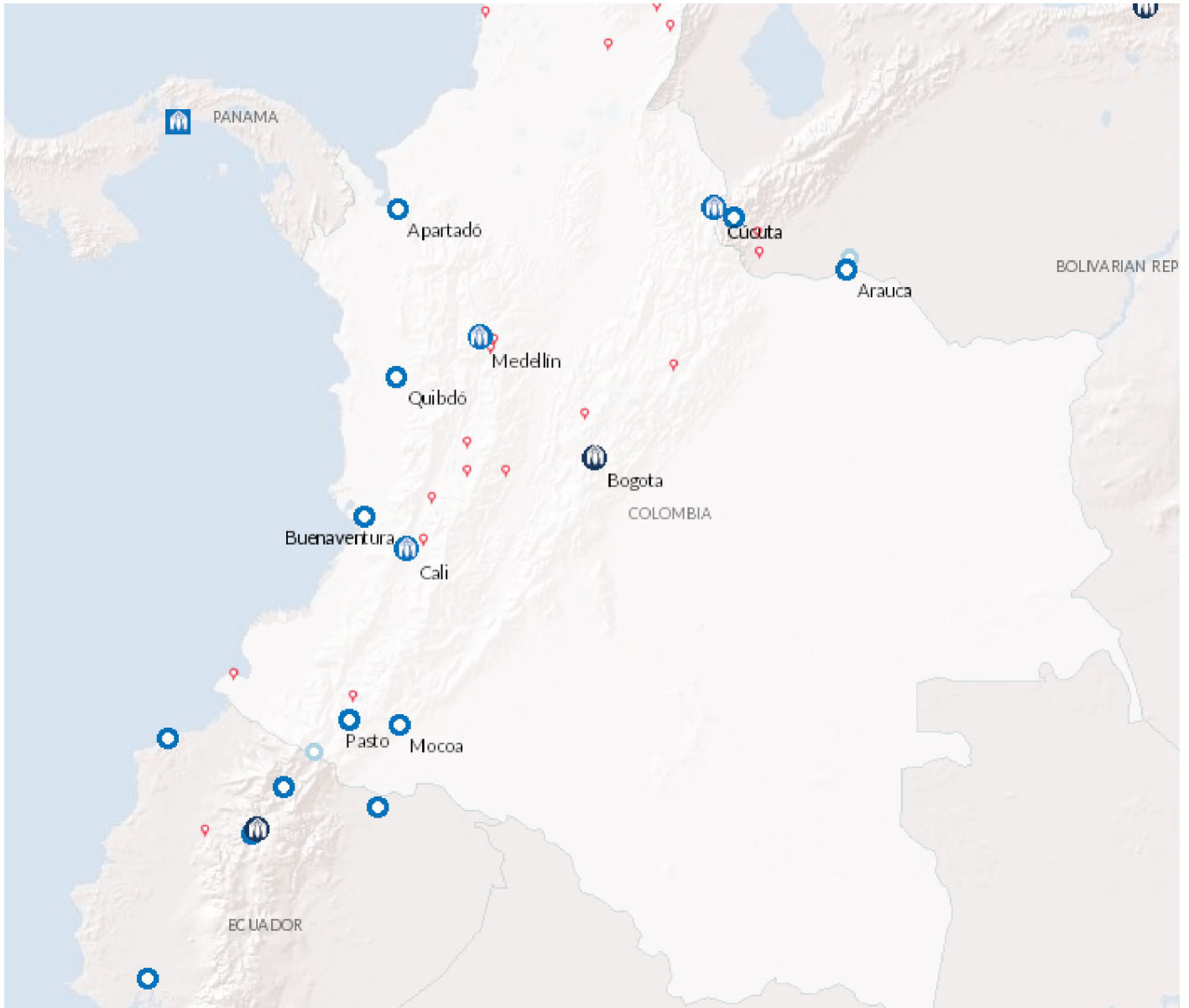




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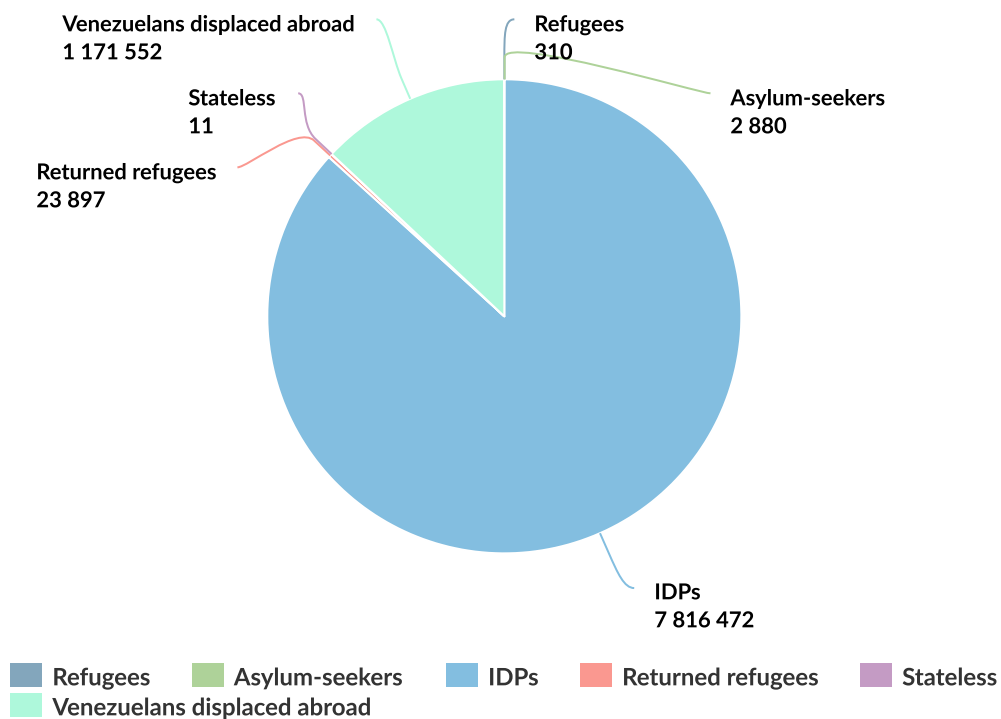


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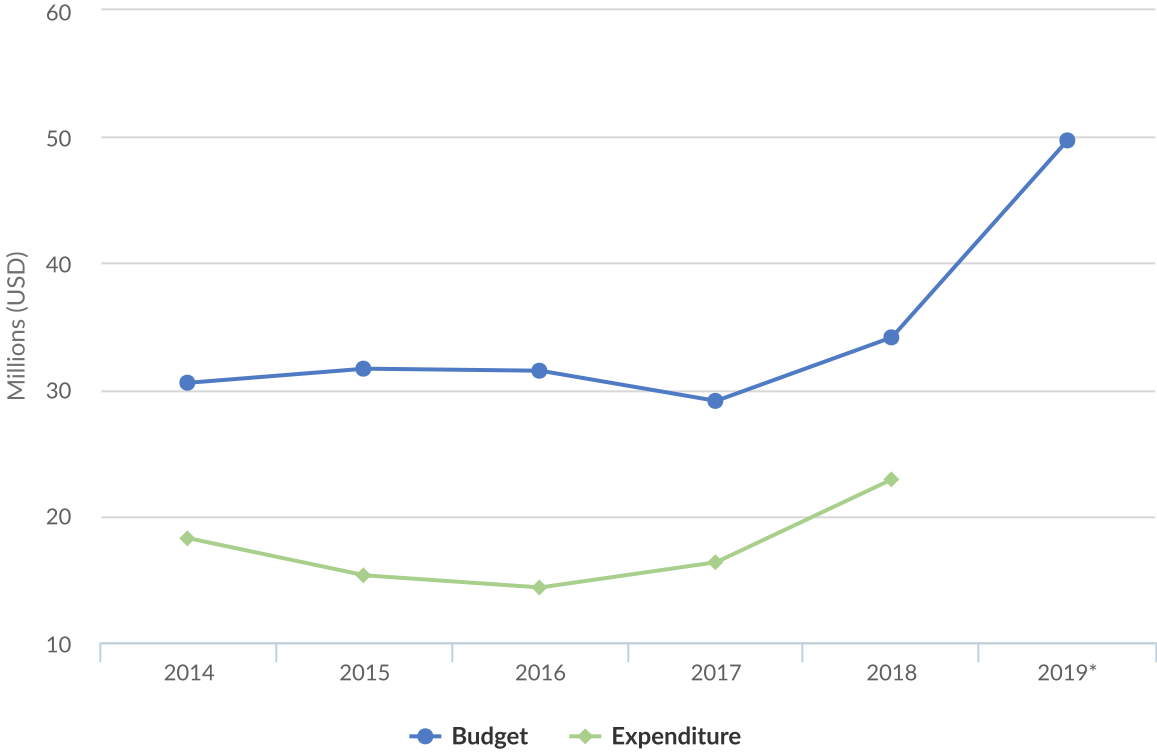
People of Concern

INCREASE IN
16% 2018

2018	9,015,122
2017	7,747,365
2016	7,411,675



Budgets and Expenditure for Colombia



Operational context

As the implementation of the peace agreement in Colombia remained challenging, the conduct of armed groups resulted in new and recurrent displacement as well as restrictions on freedom of movement throughout 2018. More than 138,000 Colombians were displaced in 2018 alone.

UNHCR concentrated its presence in the border areas with Ecuador and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as along the Pacific coast where there were high levels of displacement and human rights violations.

Grappling with its own internal displacement, Colombia is also the primary host for Venezuelans on the move. Between 2015 and 2018 over 1 million Venezuelan refugees and migrants have settled in Colombia and an additional million have transited through the country.

Population trends

At year end, the population of concern in Colombia stood at more than 7.8 million, of which 7.8 million were IDPs. In addition to the internally displaced population, Colombia was hosting some 1.1 Venezuelans, while an increased number of Colombian returned from Venezuela spontaneously.

The number of recognized refugees in the country stood at 311, with 13 cases (37 people) having been recognized by the Government during the year (including 3 Cubans, 1 Afghan and 33 Venezuelans).

Key achievements

In alignment with the multi-year, multi-partner strategy goal of strengthening the asylum system, achievements included the training of over 2,900 government officials in 2018, the strengthening of the interagency coordination mechanism for the response to Venezuelan refugees and migrants, regular updating of the contingency plan and the implementation of the anti-xenophobia campaign and local strategies for peaceful coexistence.

To find solutions and ensuring self-reliance for Venezuelans, UNHCR collaborated with the Ministry of Labour, the national vocational training institute and public-private social welfare funds to support employment service and orientation fairs. In addition, UNHCR joined the sub-commission for Management of Labour Migration, and reached out to the private sector to combat xenophobia in employment and to encourage labour market access for Venezuelans.

The Collective Protection Decree was issued in 2018 after four years of UNHCR technical assistance to the Ministry of Interior. UNHCR advanced on the systematization and documentation of its work in Colombia over the past 20 years, as well as on institutional capacity-building interventions carried out to enhance the State's capacity for prevention of internal displacement and protection of IDPs. However, implementing responsible disengagement strategies remained a challenge, with insufficient capacity and/or political will from other actors to take over some of the interventions previously supported by UNHCR.

Despite the slow process made in regards to the implementation of the peace agreement, UNHCR continued efforts throughout the year to ensure support to the Special Peace Jurisdiction and the Truth Commission and advocated for the mainstreaming of protection considerations into broader UN efforts. While solutions to internal displacement are pending, UNHCR succeeded in getting IDPs to be prioritized in several interagency projects funded by pooled mechanisms.

Unmet needs

UNHCR had insufficient funding to ensure the effective implementation of several aspects of its multi-year strategy, especially with regard to the support to IDP communities at risk of new displacement, and in terms of its operational response to the needs of arrivals from Venezuela, particularly in the sectors of shelter and health care, and particularly in underserved regions such as Vichada and Guainia. The eastern border departments reported smaller arrivals of Venezuelans but were critically lacking institutional capacity, leading to a proportionally weaker protection and assistance to people of concern.

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2018 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
Final Budget	12,571,882	21,556,495	34,128,378
Income from contributions*	9,593,438	2,926,107	12,519,545
Other funds available / transfers	1,741,687	8,937,250	10,678,937
Total funds available	11,335,125	11,863,357	23,198,482

Expenditure by Objective			
Favourable Protection Environment			
International and regional instruments	1,290	0	1,290
Law and policy	177,014	649,121	826,136
Legal remedies and legal assistance	834,600	410,381	1,244,981
Access to territory	1,667,713	13,294	1,681,007
Public attitudes towards persons of concern	513,058	360,841	873,899
Subtotal	3,193,675	1,433,637	4,627,313
Fair Protection Processes and Documentation			
Registration and profiling	1,091,859	0	1,091,859
Status determination	559,567	414,506	974,072
Civil status documentation	151,752	0	151,752
Subtotal	1,803,177	414,506	2,217,683
Security from Violence and Exploitation			
Protection from effects of armed conflict	0	1,650,602	1,650,602
SGBV prevention and response	350,352	990,255	1,340,608
Child protection	689,206	671,743	1,360,948
Subtotal	1,039,558	3,312,600	4,352,158
Basic Needs and Essential Services			
Health	668,080	0	668,080
Sanitation and hygiene	18	0	18
Shelter and infrastructure	1,166,921	0	1,166,921
Basic and domestic and hygiene Items	490,447	0	490,447
Services for persons with specific needs	919,024	0	919,024
Education	332,722	0	332,722
Subtotal	3,577,212	0	3,577,212
Community Empowerment and Self Reliance			
Community mobilization	179	1,394,071	1,394,250

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	Total
Subtotal	179	1,394,071	1,394,250
Durable Solutions			
Solutions strategy	12,076	3,082,274	3,094,350
Voluntary return	240,211	224,697	464,907
Reintegration	313,539	0	313,539
Integration	112,934	417,465	530,399
Greater reduction of statelessness	157,810	0	157,810
Subtotal	836,570	3,724,435	4,561,005
Leadership, Coordination and Partnerships			
Coordination and partnerships	231,948	739,895	971,842
Subtotal	231,948	739,895	971,842
Logistics and Operations Support			
Operations management, coordination and support	346,851	844,213	1,191,064
Subtotal	346,851	844,213	1,191,064
2018 Expenditure Total	11,029,170	11,863,357	22,892,527

**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.*