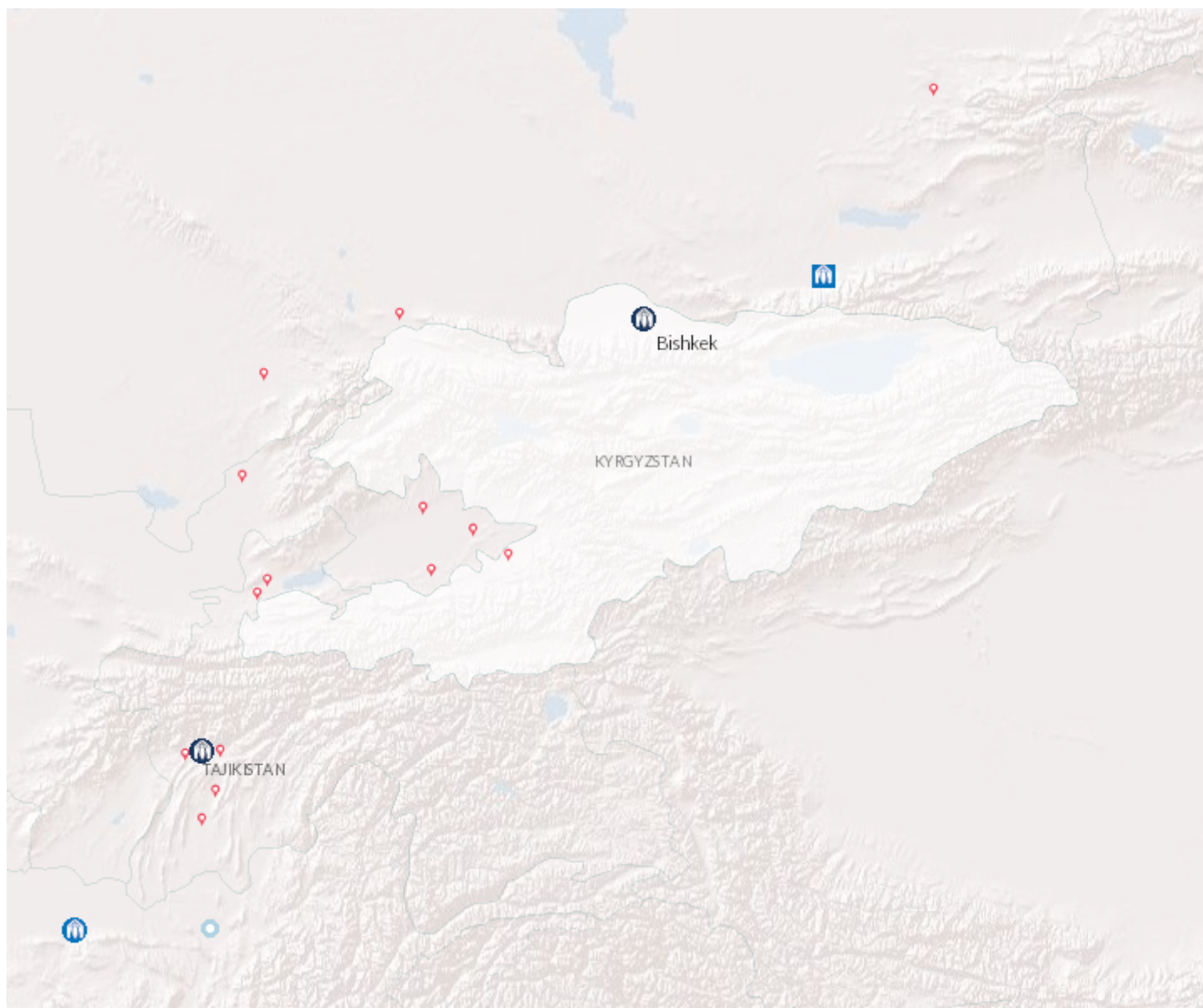


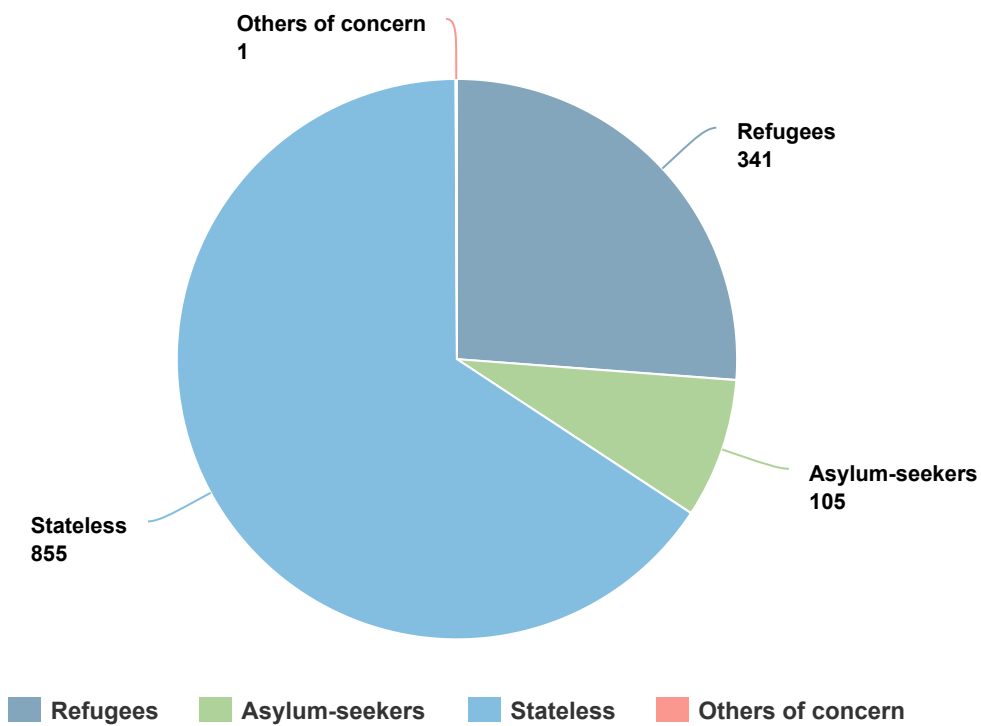
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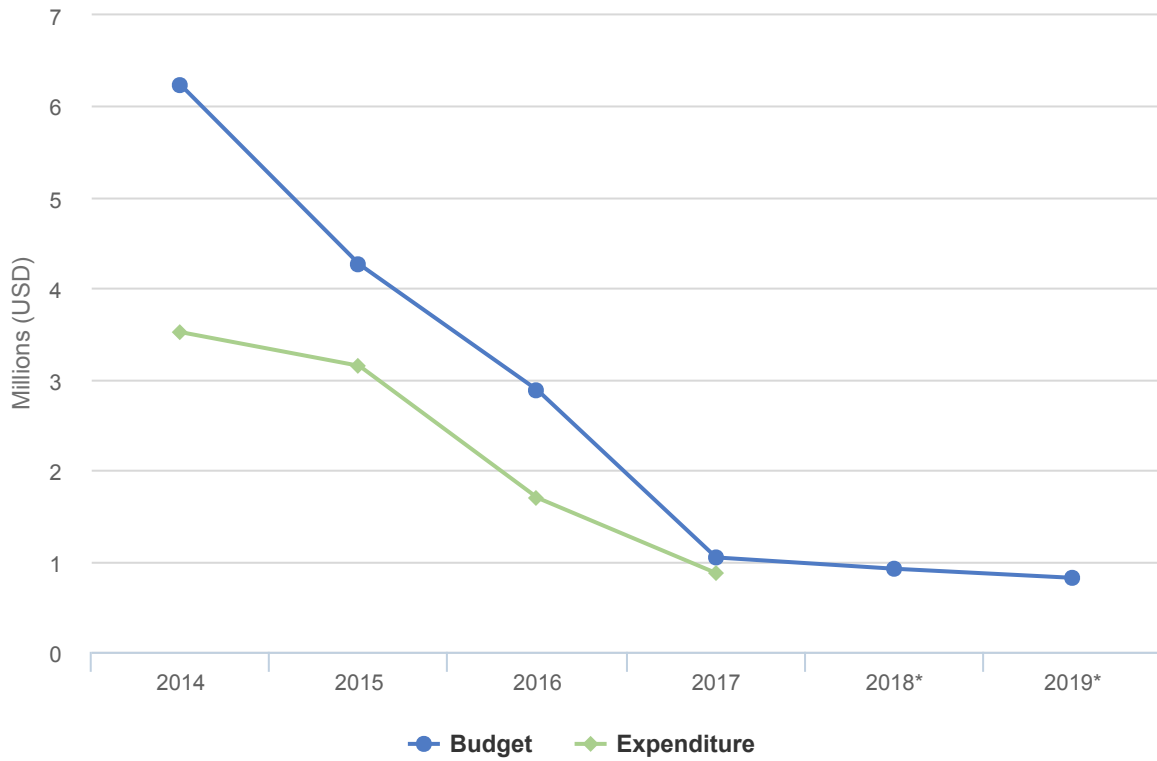
People of Concern

53% DECREASE IN
2017

2017	1,302
2016	2,793
2015	9,630



Budgets and Expenditure for Kyrgyzstan



Working environment

In transition to the Parliamentary system and since the last presidential elections in 2017, the Kyrgyz Republic has been undergoing reforms of state services on security, reduction of poverty, infrastructure and economy. The process is accompanied by legislative amendments, including amendments on the citizenship and civil registry.

Change of ruling elites in Uzbekistan and subsequent improved cooperation in the fields of security, border-demarcation, trade, water and opening of the border-crossing points have reduced the risk of conflicts in the south of Kyrgyzstan. In parallel, harmonization of Kyrgyzstan's regulations with the regional political, security and economic alliances - such as the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Eurasian Economic Union is underway - which also contributes to further strengthening of relations with its allies.

Ongoing conflicts in Afghanistan and the Middle East, concerns over the extremism and fear of abuse of the asylum system have resulted in the government tightening the controls and reconsidering its migration and asylum policies. Some legislative amendments (e.g. Citizenship Law, Law on Aliens, Civil Acts Documents) may directly or indirectly affect not only access to asylum, protection space and local integration, but also prevention of statelessness.

In 2019, UNHCR will reinforce its long-standing partnership with State authorities and enhance engagement with the Office of Ombudsman on Mandate Refugee issues. UNHCR will further build upon the Joint Strategy and reinforce its Coalition on Every Child's Right to a Nationality with UNICEF and work closer with the Parliament to improve the birth registration legislation.

UNHCR will engage in more awareness-raising campaigns, participate regularly in NGO forums and engage a wider spectrum of civil society in asylum and statelessness issues.

Key priorities

In line with the global and regional strategic priorities, in 2019 UNHCR will build its interventions around three overarching goals:

- support the Government to improve its national asylum system
 - find solutions and pathways towards solutions tailored to meet the individual circumstances of people of concern
 - enhance measures aiming at prevention of statelessness.
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