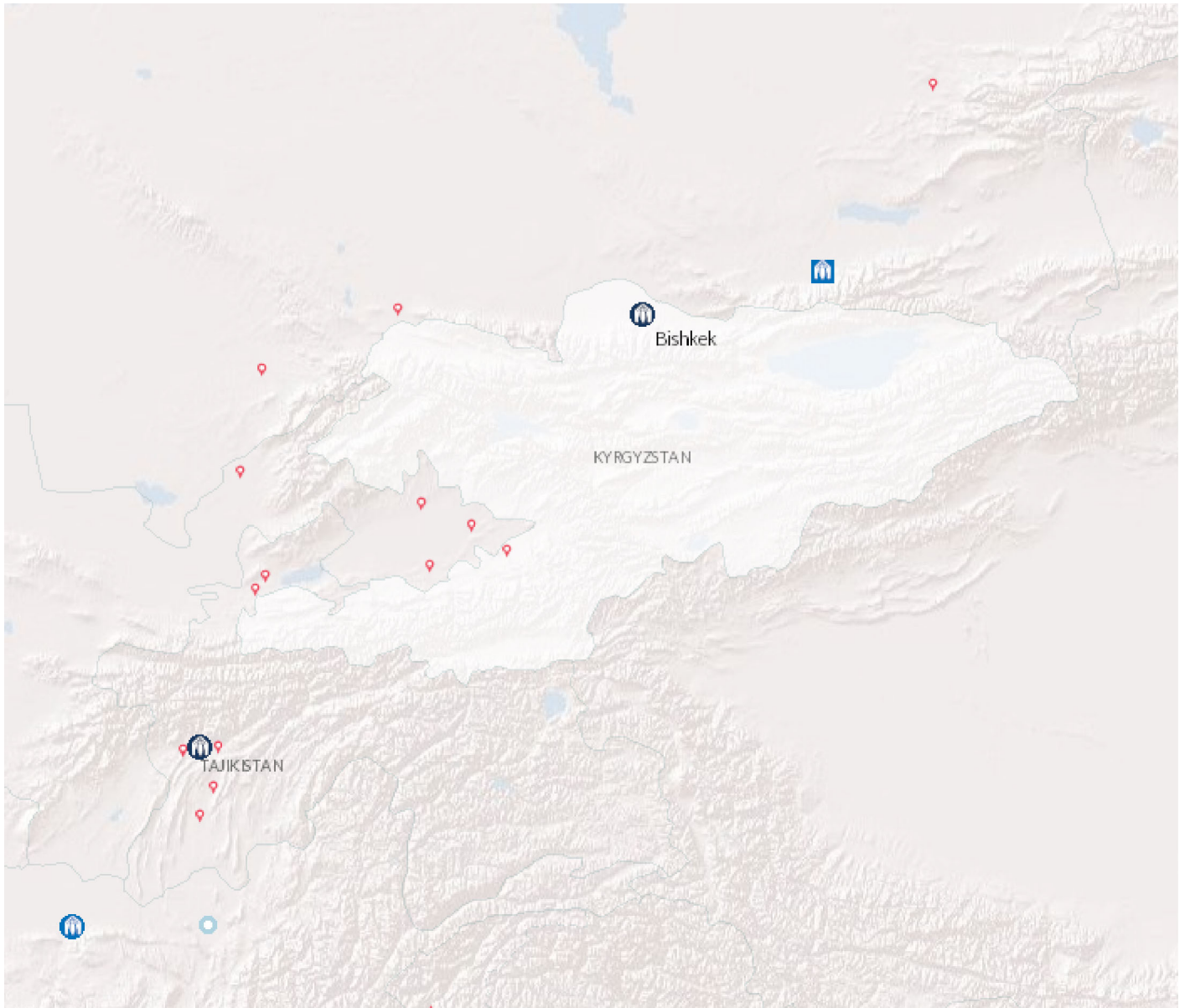


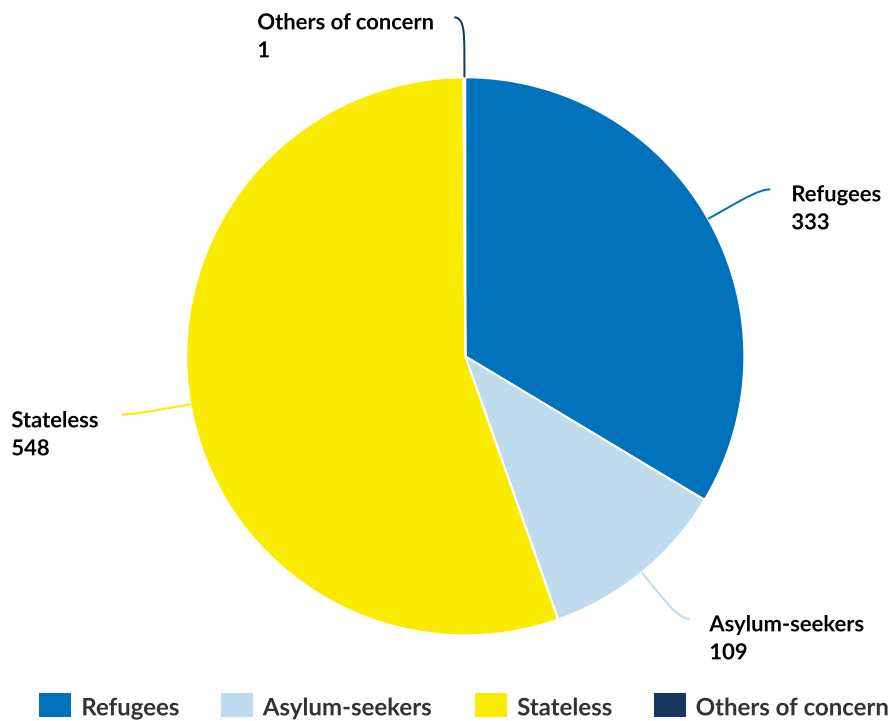
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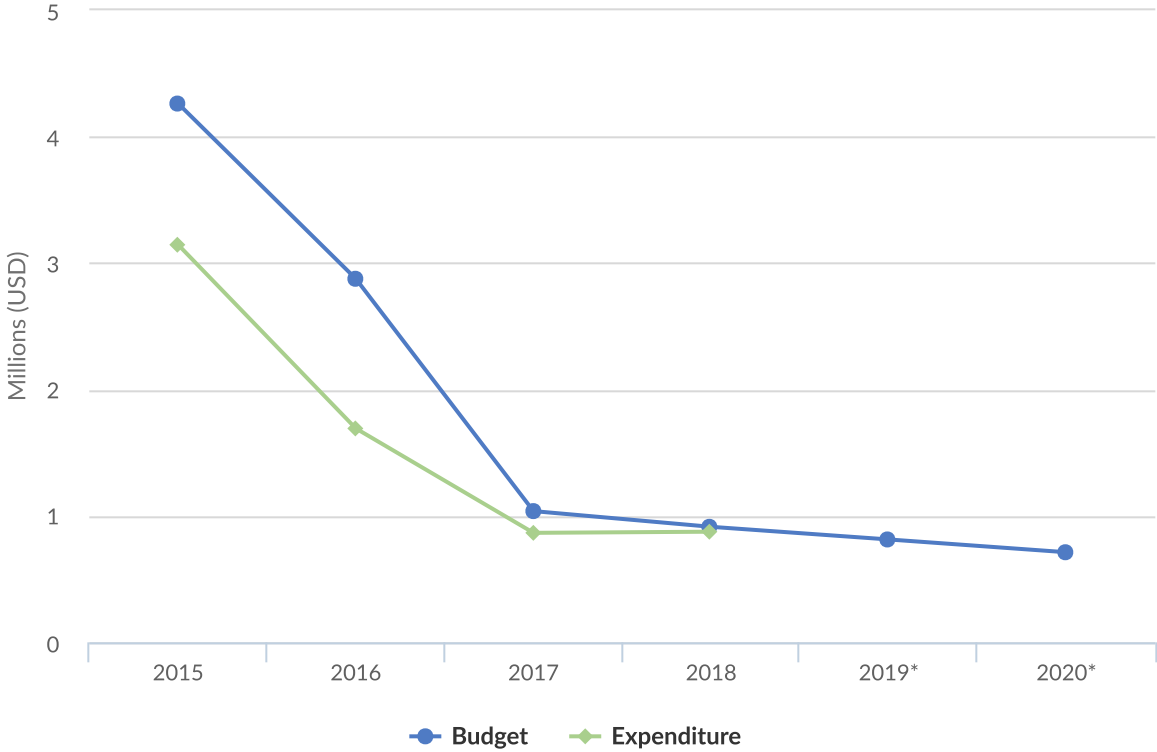
People of Concern

DECREASE IN
24% **2018**

2018	991
2017	1,302
2016	2,793



Budgets and Expenditure for Kyrgyzstan



Working environment

One of the main regional developments affecting Kyrgyzstan is the developments in Uzbekistan and reforms consequent to the leadership change there. Since 2017, the two states have exchanged high-level delegations and have concluded several cooperation agreements on security, border-demarcation, trade and energy. Kyrgyzstan's relations with Kazakhstan and Tajikistan have been improving too, including progress on the disputed borders and ethnic enclaves. In parallel, the Kyrgyz Republic continues harmonization of its regulations with the regional political, security and economic alliances. Considering improved relationships and increased trade among Central Asian countries, the security and political context in Kyrgyzstan is expected to remain largely stable throughout 2020.

Kyrgyzstan is in the transition from the Presidential to Parliamentary system. As part of the transition and post presidential election, power dynamics and several ambitious reforms recently launched by the Government, there have been many new appointments and re-shuffling in the cabinet including 'rationalization' of the state agencies and services. With parliamentary elections in October 2020 on horizon, it is assumed that the competition between various political forces and their alliances may result in some political and social volatility.

As a result of the verification exercise conducted through household visits in 2018, the total number of the mandate refugees reduced to 154 people (55 families). After ongoing legal reform coupled with UNHCR's advocacy efforts, UNHCR hopes to succeed in naturalization of some mandate refugees in mixed marriages with Kyrgyz nationals, to reduce the total number of mandate refugees to 129 people (35 families) by end of 2020.

The Kyrgyz Republic has made a considerable progress in reducing statelessness since 2014. In 2019 Kyrgyzstan has announced complete elimination of all known cases of statelessness in the country, almost 14,000 persons. Authorities will work on further improving the draft statelessness determination procedure and take advantage of the momentum and continue the practice of registration of births and documentation of all citizens.

Key priorities

UNHCR's operation in Kyrgyzstan will evolve around three commitments under the Global Strategic Direction 2017-2021: Protect, Solve and implementation of the #IBelong campaign. More specifically and in line with the global and regional strategic priorities, UNHCR's interventions will be undertaken 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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