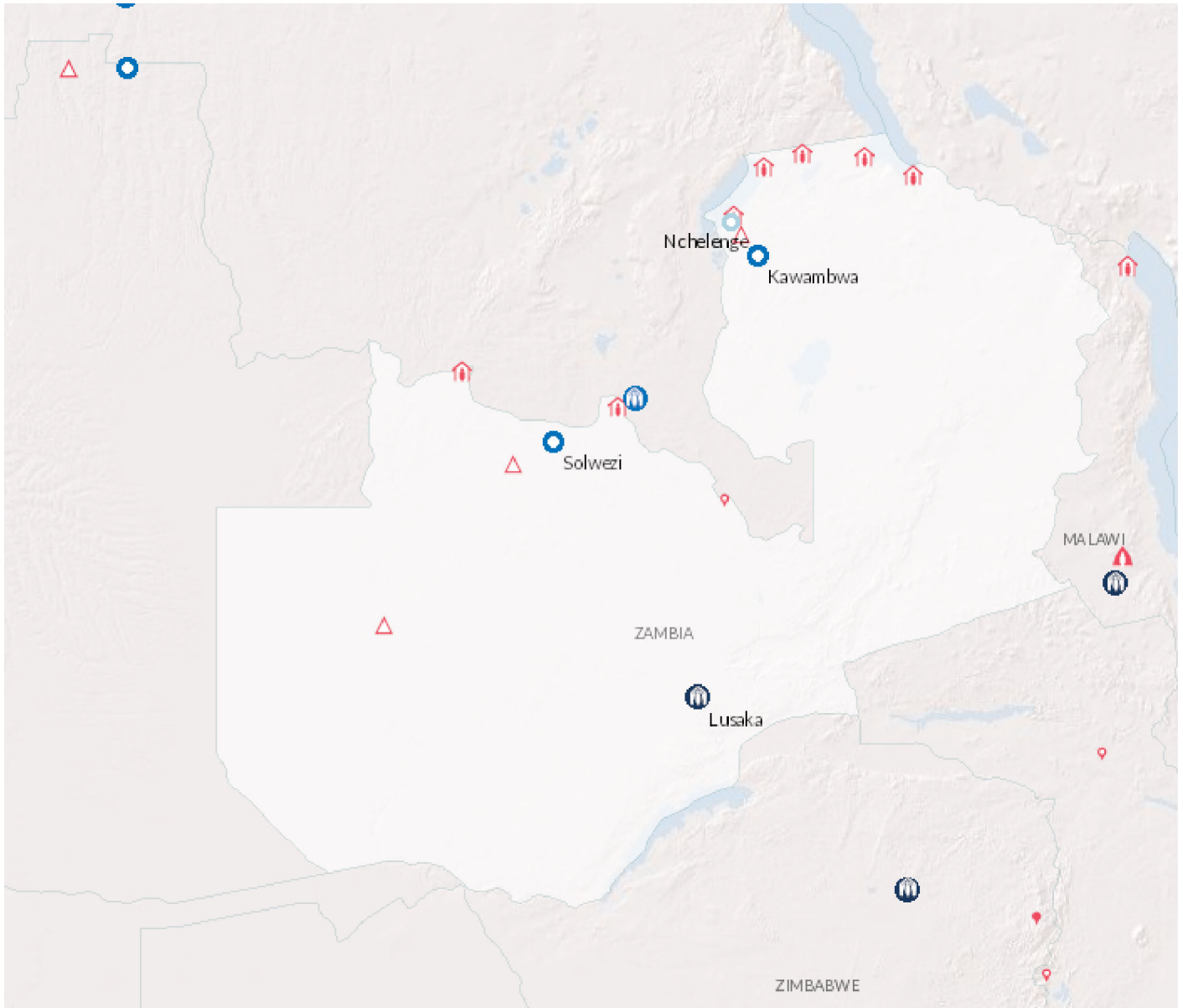


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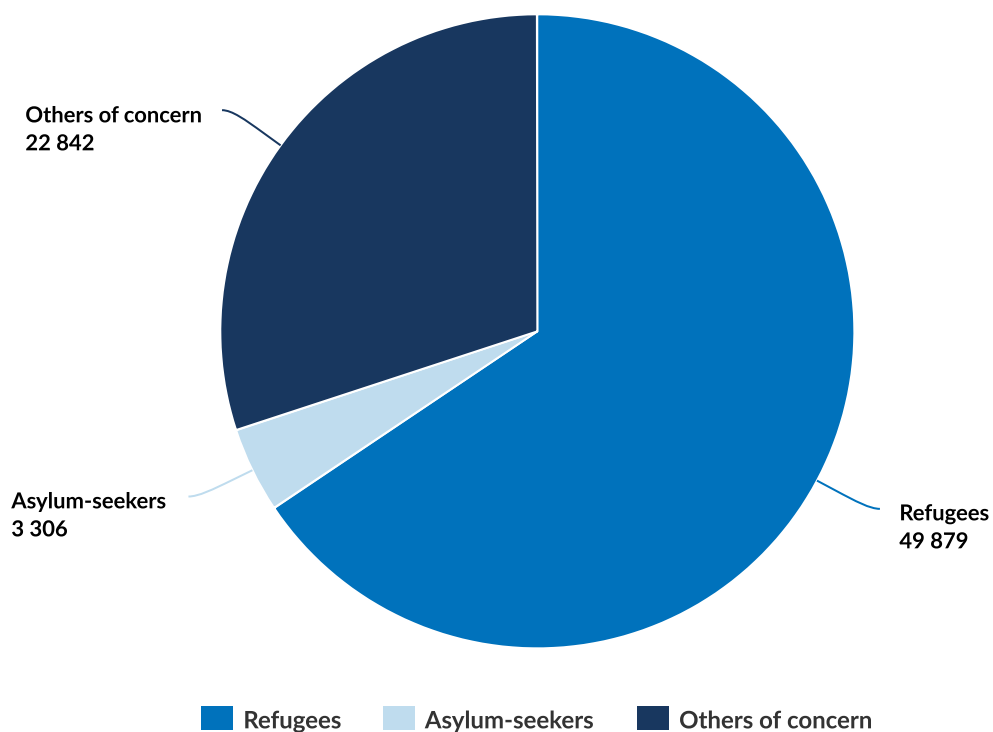
# People of Concern

INCREASE IN  
**11%** **2018**

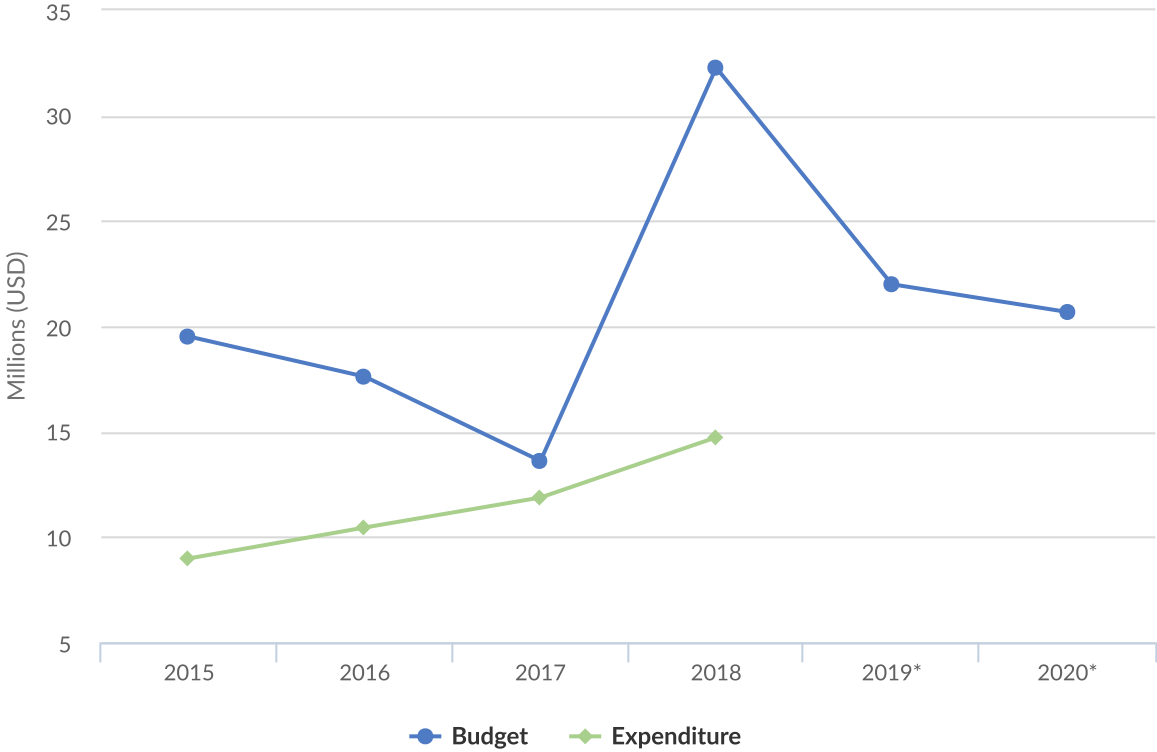
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2018	76,027
2017	68,340
2016	57,209

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# Budgets and Expenditure for Zambia



## Working environment

Zambia is hosting over 76,000 refugees and asylum-seekers. It is expected that the working environment in Zambia will remain stable in spite of the national elections scheduled for 2021.

The Office of the Commissioner for Refugees coordinates the services provided to refugees by other line ministries with UNHCR's support. The Government will continue assuming responsibility for the reception, registration, refugee status determination and documentation of people of concern. Although refugees are mainly staying in the settlements in line with the encampment policy, some refugees have already been provided with agricultural land in order to improve their livelihoods. Furthermore, both refugees and asylum-seekers have access to existing social services provided by the Government.

Zambia was the first country in Southern Africa to roll-out the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) in 2018. It is expected that the national roadmap will be endorsed in 2019 following adoption of location-specific action plans focusing on refugee education and self-reliance in 2020. UNHCR will also continue supporting the Government in the ongoing response to the Congolese refugee situation and its transition into a more development-focused response in line with Global Compact on Refugees.

UNHCR will continue to advocate for the local integration of former Angolan and Rwandan refugees and to act as a catalyst for their socio-economic inclusion.

A Refugee Policy and Administrative Instructions supplementing the 2017 Refugee Act and a National Action Plan on the eradication of Statelessness are expected to be adopted in the beginning of 2020.

In Zambia, UNHCR coordinates closely with a variety of actors including national and local authorities, the UN system, civil society, NGO partners, diplomatic community and the private sector.

## Key priorities

In 2020, UNHCR will focus on:

- Advocacy and technical support to ease the encampment policy and restrictions on the right to work as fundamental pre-requisites for the enjoyment of other rights;
  - Prevention of and response to sexual and gender-based violence, which remains the main protection risk throughout the country;
  - UNHCR will support self-reliance of refugees as well as youth and women empowerment to reduce the risk of exploitation and abuse and enable socio-economic inclusion of people of concern;
  - Ensuring that all school-age children are enrolled in schools. The access of girls to higher education and the reduction of drop-out at lower levels will be prioritized;
  - Promotion of cash-based interventions as a way of increasing self-reliance for new arrivals and persons with specific needs.
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