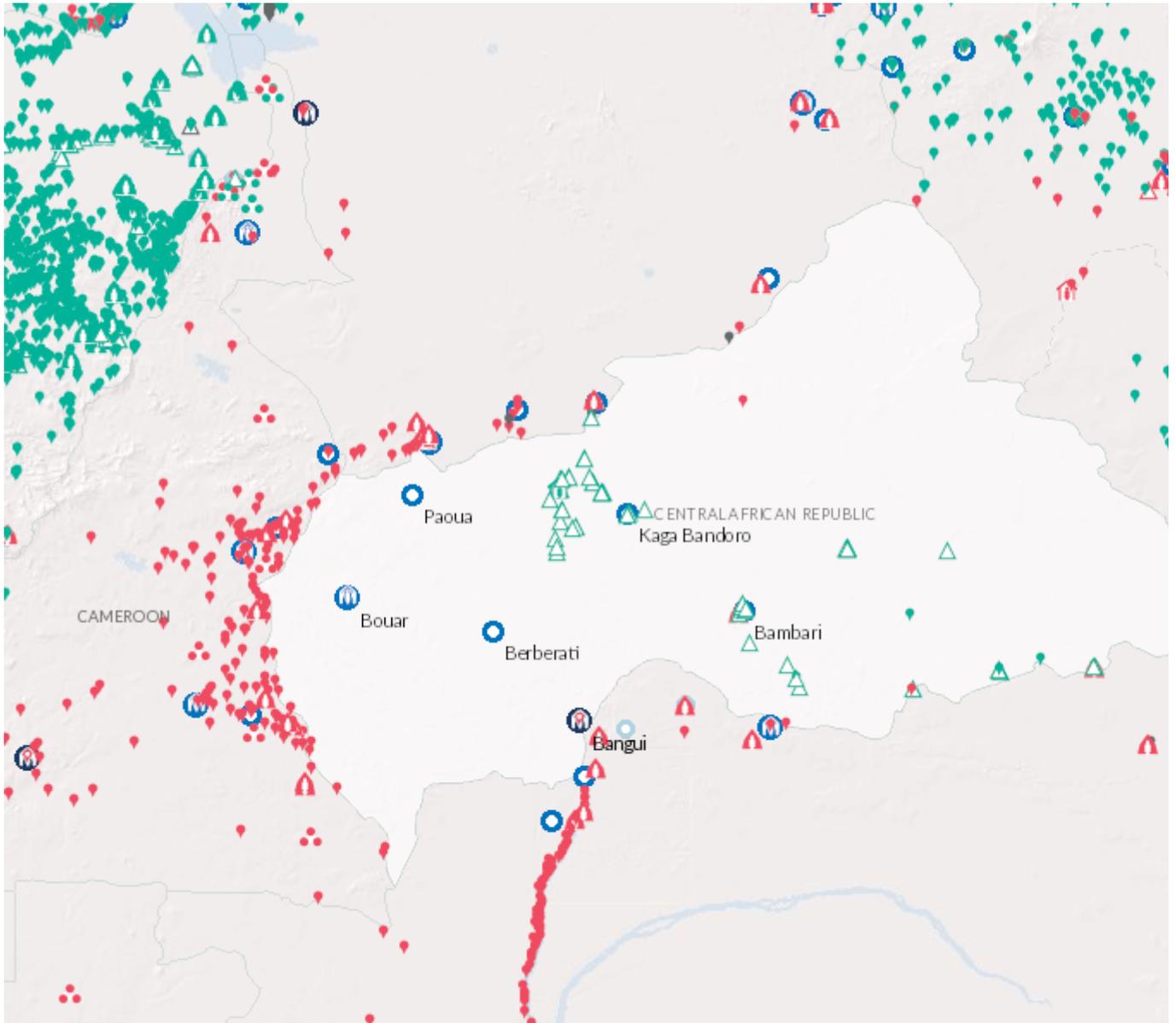




## 2021 Planning summary

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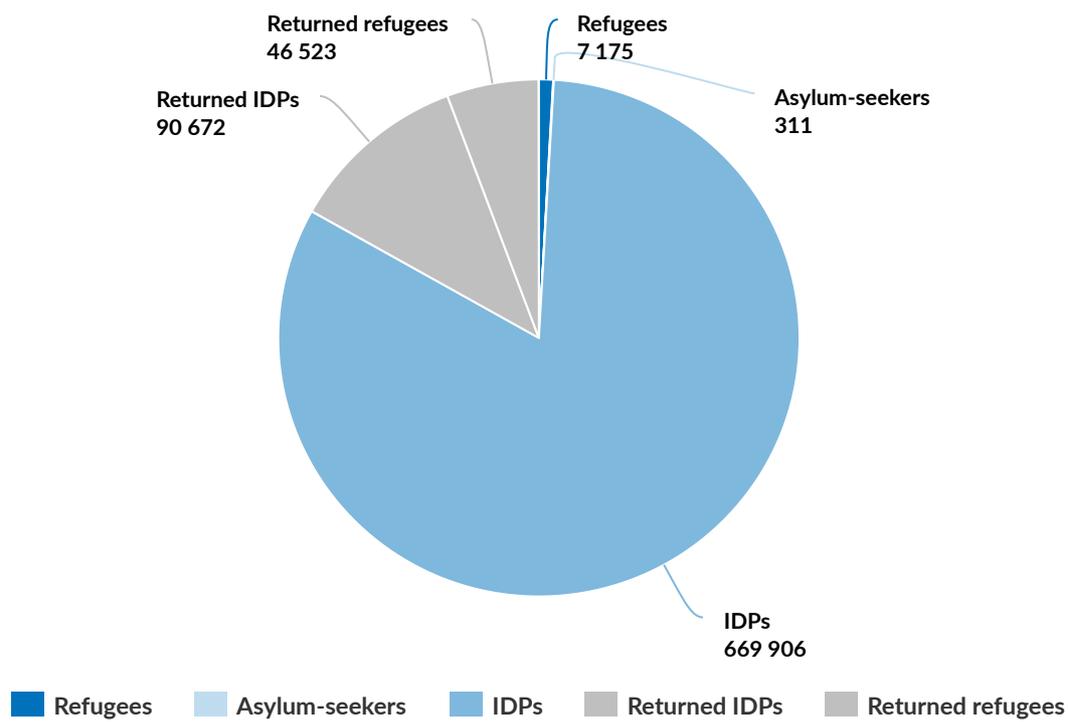


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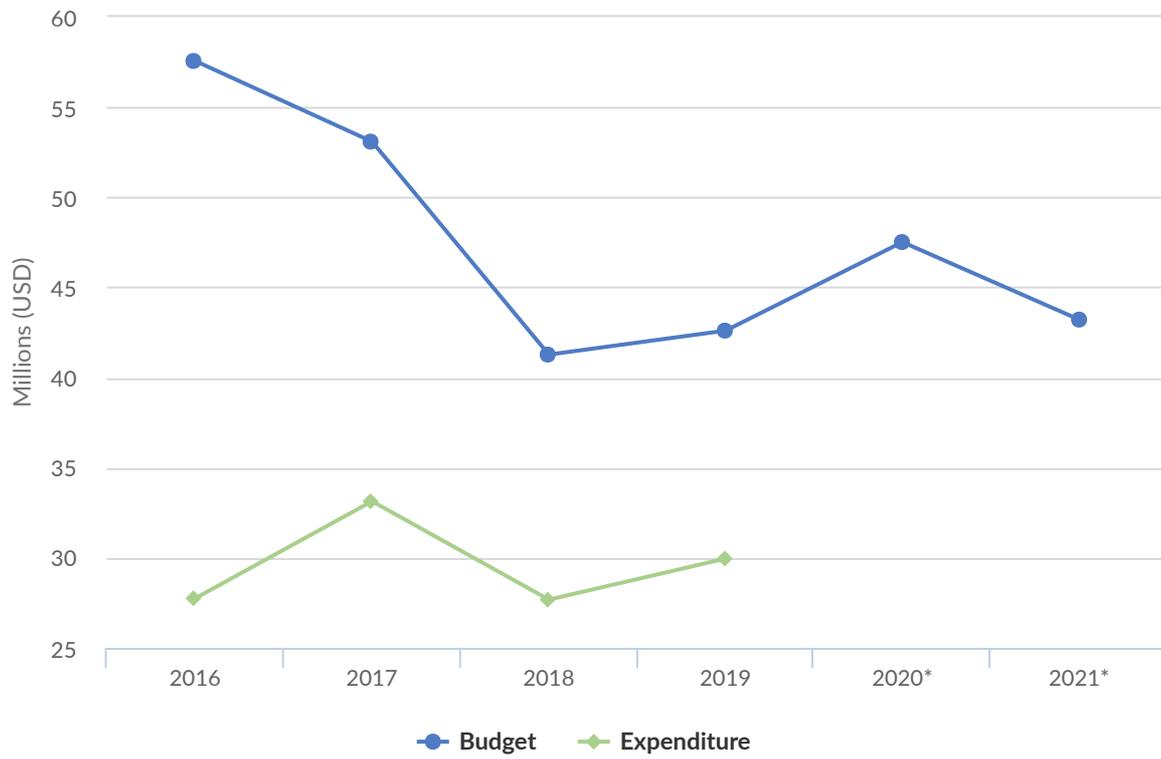
# People of Concern

DECREASE IN  
**18%** 2019

2019	814,587
2018	989,454
2017	866,948



# Budgets and Expenditure for Central African Republic



## Operational environment

Following the signing of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation between the Government and 14 armed groups in February 2019, the security situation in the Central African Republic has improved, allowing for the return of refugees and IDPs. Since 2018, UNHCR has facilitated the voluntary repatriation of 19,353 Central African refugees from Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Congo, including 12,309 in 2019 and 4,229 in 2020. Facilitated voluntary repatriations, which were suspended in March 2020 due to the movement restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, resumed in September 2020.

The presidential, legislative and local elections, scheduled in December 2020, represent an important milestone towards peace and national consolidation, key factors for the successful reintegration of returning refugees and IDPs. Despite the continued activities of armed groups in parts of the country, UNHCR expects the political and security situation to continue improving, allowing for returns to continue in 2021, and likely increasing the prospects of a new tripartite repatriation agreement with Chad.

## Key priorities

In this context, UNHCR plans to facilitate the voluntary return of over 43,000 refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of the Congo, Cameroon and Chad, where conditions allow for a safe and dignified return. Considering the practical challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, UNHCR will support these returnees and their reintegration through the provision of in kind and cash assistance. Ensuring access to basic services such as school, health care, and water, as well livelihoods opportunities will also be a key priority for UNHCR in 2021.

UNHCR will continue to engage with the Government and all relevant humanitarian and development actors to direct their interventions in the return areas, to advocate for the inclusion of returnees in areas of return, so as to ensure a sustainable reintegration of displaced populations.

To facilitate cooperation between these actors, UNHCR will initiate a multilateral platform to mobilize political and financial support and to strengthen a joint comprehensive response towards the protection, inclusion and solutions for all affected populations in the Central African Republic and key host countries.

In cooperation with the Government and the UN Country Team, UNHCR will also strengthen its leadership role in the protection, shelter and camp coordination and camp management clusters, as well as engagement in the durables solutions working group, and participation in other coordination mechanisms, such as the national task force on prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation. In addition, UNHCR will initiate and strengthen partnerships with development actors and private sector donors. UNHCR will also provide the Government with support to implement commitments made at the Global Refugee Forum.

UNHCR will continue to support the Government with the local integration of long-term urban refugees residing in the Central African Republic, both through legal means (naturalization and privileged residence) as well as economic means (income-generating activities).

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