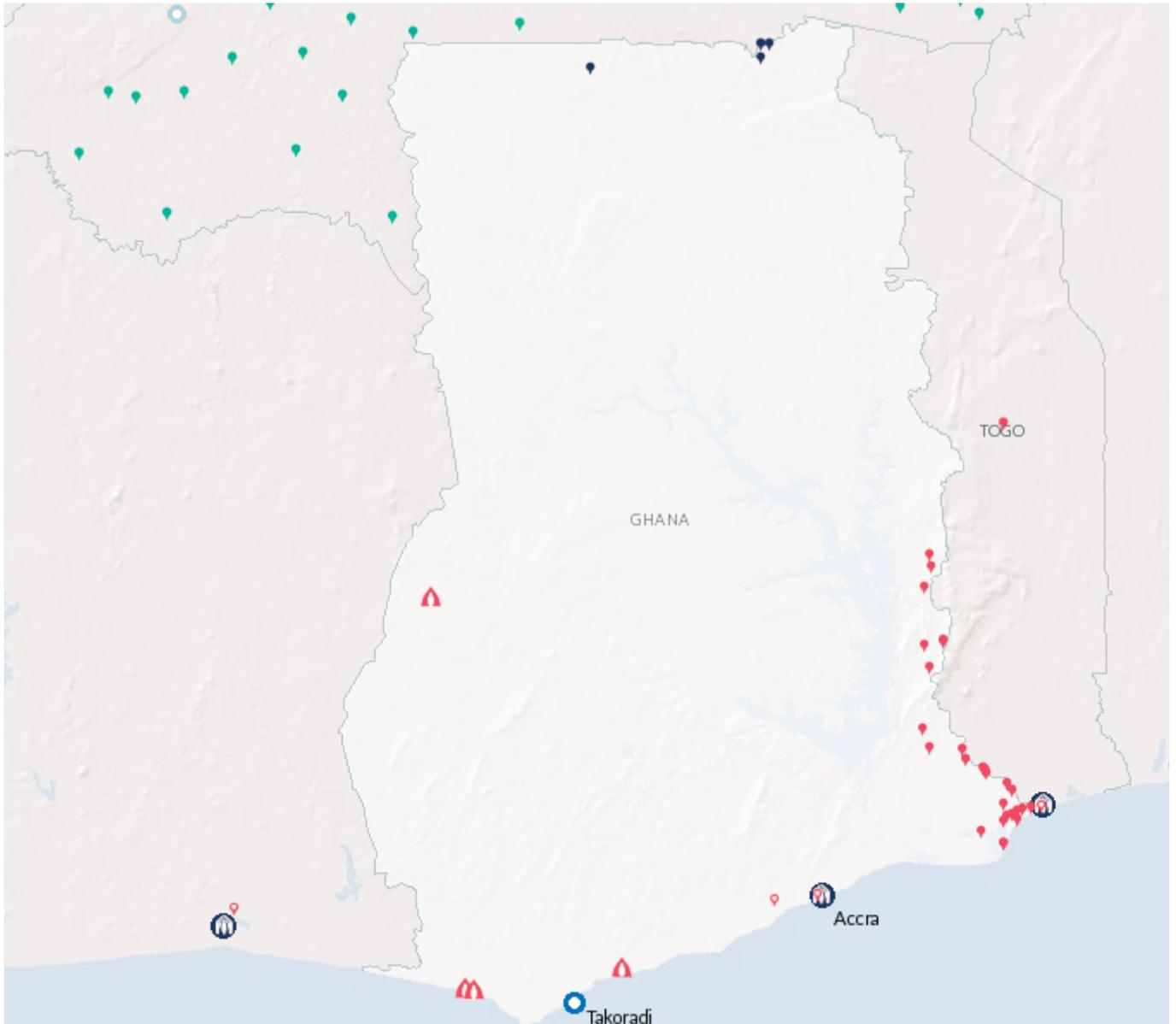


## Operation: Ghana



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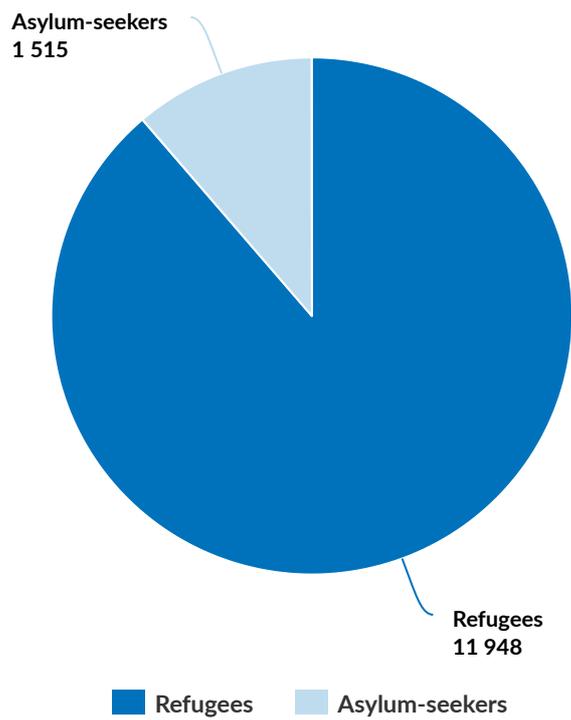
# People of Concern

INCREASE IN  
**2%** 2019

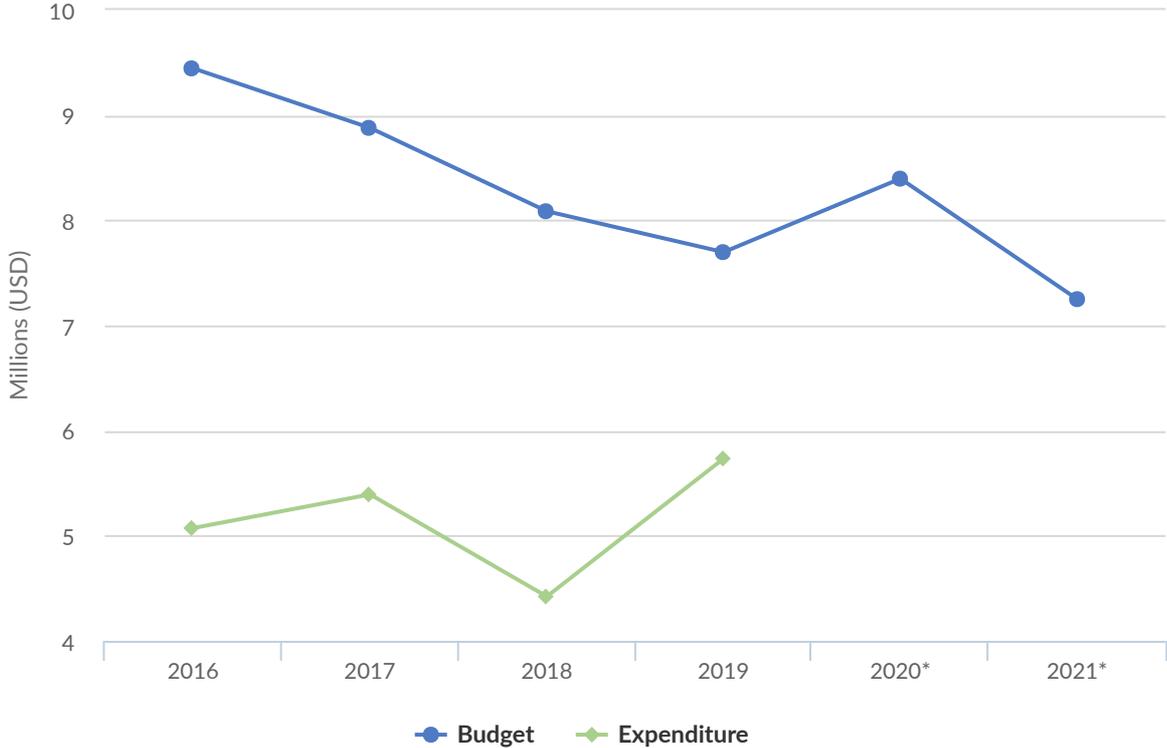
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| 2019 | 13,463 |
| 2018 | 13,216 |
| 2017 | 13,470 |

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# Budgets and Expenditure for Ghana



## Operational environment

The general protection environment in Ghana in 2021 is unpredictable, largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ghana had a successful election and the incumbent President was reelected for another term.

UNHCR joined efforts with the UN Country Team to develop the COVID-19 socio-economic response plan, a framework to harmonize contributions from all UN agencies to rebuild after the pandemic. The document has made provisions to include refugees in the response plan, which will run parallel to the country operation plan and guide the implementation of activities in 2021. UNHCR will continue advocating refugee inclusion in the Sustainable Development Goals.

UNHCR will participate in the inter-agency working group on emergencies, with particular emphasis on the ongoing Côte d'Ivoire situation and the Sahel crisis.

With just a year to end the implementation of the multi-partner protection and solutions strategy, the Office will seek to further engage with the Government to find a durable solution for the refugees who have been in Ghana for a protracted period, particularly the Liberians and Togolese.

UNHCR will also continue to promote voluntary repatriation to Côte d'Ivoire, depending on how the situation evolves in 2021. UNHCR continues to receive small numbers of asylum-seekers following the election in Côte d'Ivoire in October 2020.

Discussions between UNHCR and the Government will also continue on a durable legal status for refugees who have been present in the country for an extended period.

## Key priorities

In 2021, UNHCR will focus on:

- Increasing refugees' access to durable solutions, including by firming up legal pathways for refugees in a protracted situation in Ghana and advocating refugees' local integration, including their effective and equal access to protection, security and justice.
  - Strengthening refugees' livelihood opportunities through, among other things, legal reform and greater economic self-reliance—key factors for effective integration.
  - Advocating a legal and policy framework that will eradicate statelessness.
  - Maintaining and improving the quality, fairness, and efficiency of the asylum system, while reducing the refugee status determination backlog and supporting inter-agency efforts to counter onwards movements by people of concern.
  - Supporting Government efforts to improve the protection environment for people of concern to UNHCR in Ghana, including by continuing to implement its 2017-2021 multi-year, multi-partner strategic planning approach; the Global Refugee Compact and High-Level Segment on Statelessness pledges.
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