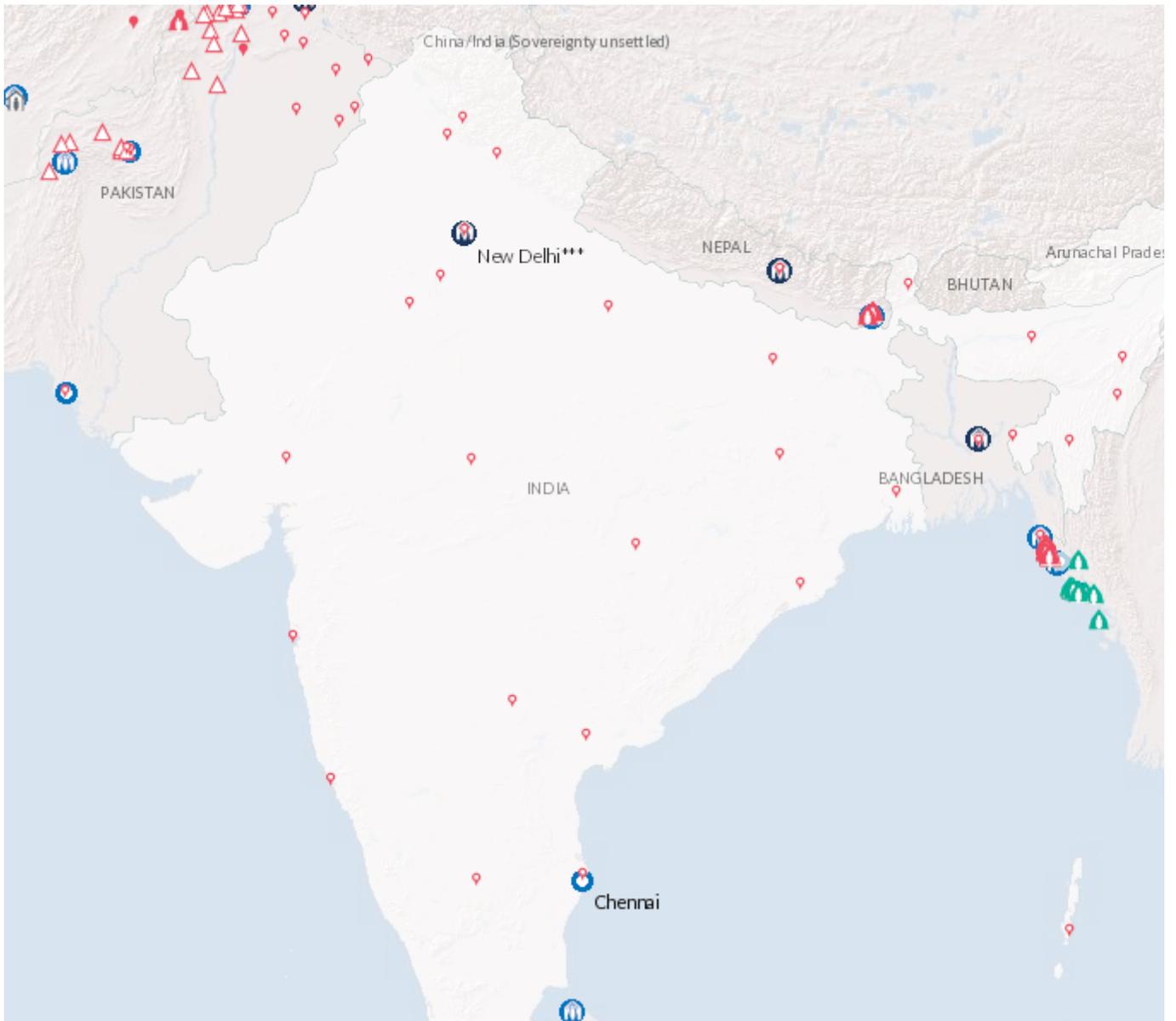


## Operation: India



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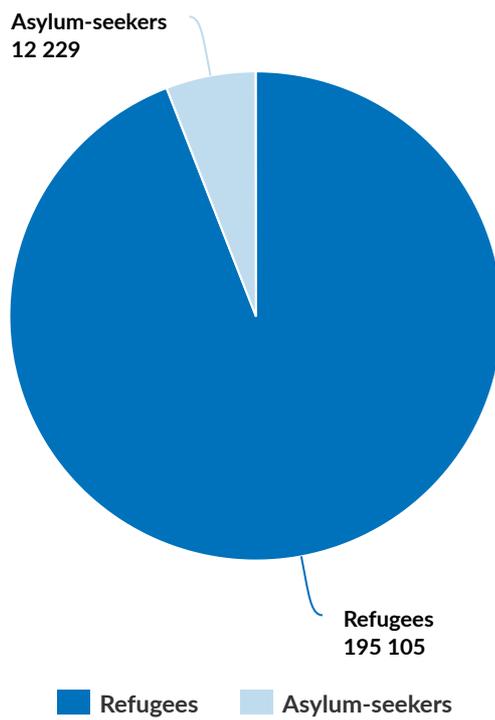
# People of Concern

DECREASE IN  
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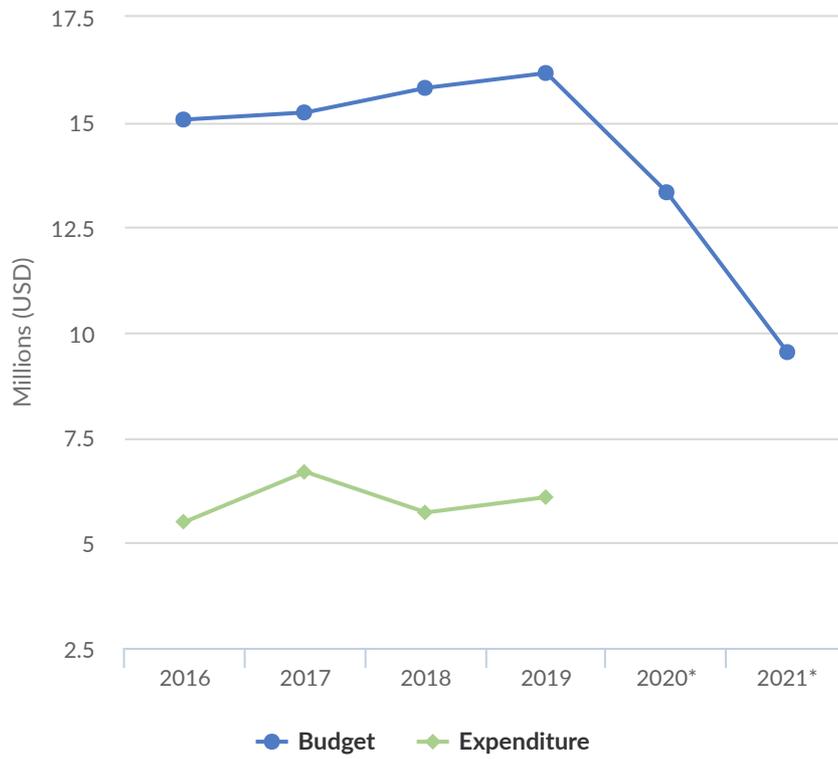
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2019	207,334
2018	207,848
2017	207,665

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# Budgets and Expenditure for India



## Operational environment

In support of the Government's effort to provide protection and assistance to refugees, UNHCR will programme to meet the basic needs of an estimated 36,361 urban refugees and asylum-seekers in 2021. In addition, the Office plans to continue assisting Sri Lankan refugees wishing to voluntarily repatriate home.

India has a long tradition of hosting refugees from the sub-region and beyond. Some refugee groups are protected and assisted by the Government directly, while UNHCR supports the Government to protect and assist others.

The Government and authorities have accepted refugees and asylum-seekers to continue their education in public schools, access basic health facilities, benefit from basic child protection and development services, as well as water, sanitation and hygiene services, among others.

In 2021, UNHCR will continue to collaborate with national institutions for protection and humanitarian action, including supporting their capacity development. It will increasingly work with civil society to promote local solutions and ownership for the process. Significant progress has been made in recent years and UNHCR will continue advocacy and partnership efforts to ensure inclusion for refugees in planning for the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Refugees often face additional disadvantages compared with low-income host communities, such as the inability to access basic financial services, earn a livelihood, and benefit from basic social safety nets. These added disadvantages increase their economic precarity in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and expose them also to protection, safety and health risks.

To achieve protection objectives and the Sustainable Development Goals, UNHCR will work to ensure no one is left behind and will endeavour to reach the 'furthest behind first'.

## Key priorities

In 2021, UNHCR will focus on:

- Supporting the Government to protect urban refugees, build refugees' resilience, achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, and expand access to third country solutions.
  - Working with the Government and UN agencies to strengthen the capacities of the authorities, civil society and communities to ensure the localization of solutions and ownership of the process.
  - Complementing the Government's socio-economic efforts by mobilizing humanitarian and development assistance to refugees and communities hosting them, in collaboration with other UN agencies.
  - Collaborating with a wide range of actors to deliver these key priorities. While its primary partner in India is the Government, UNHCR will also collaborate with UN agencies in India, multi-lateral partners, civil society, private sector, media and academic organizations as well as development actors.
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