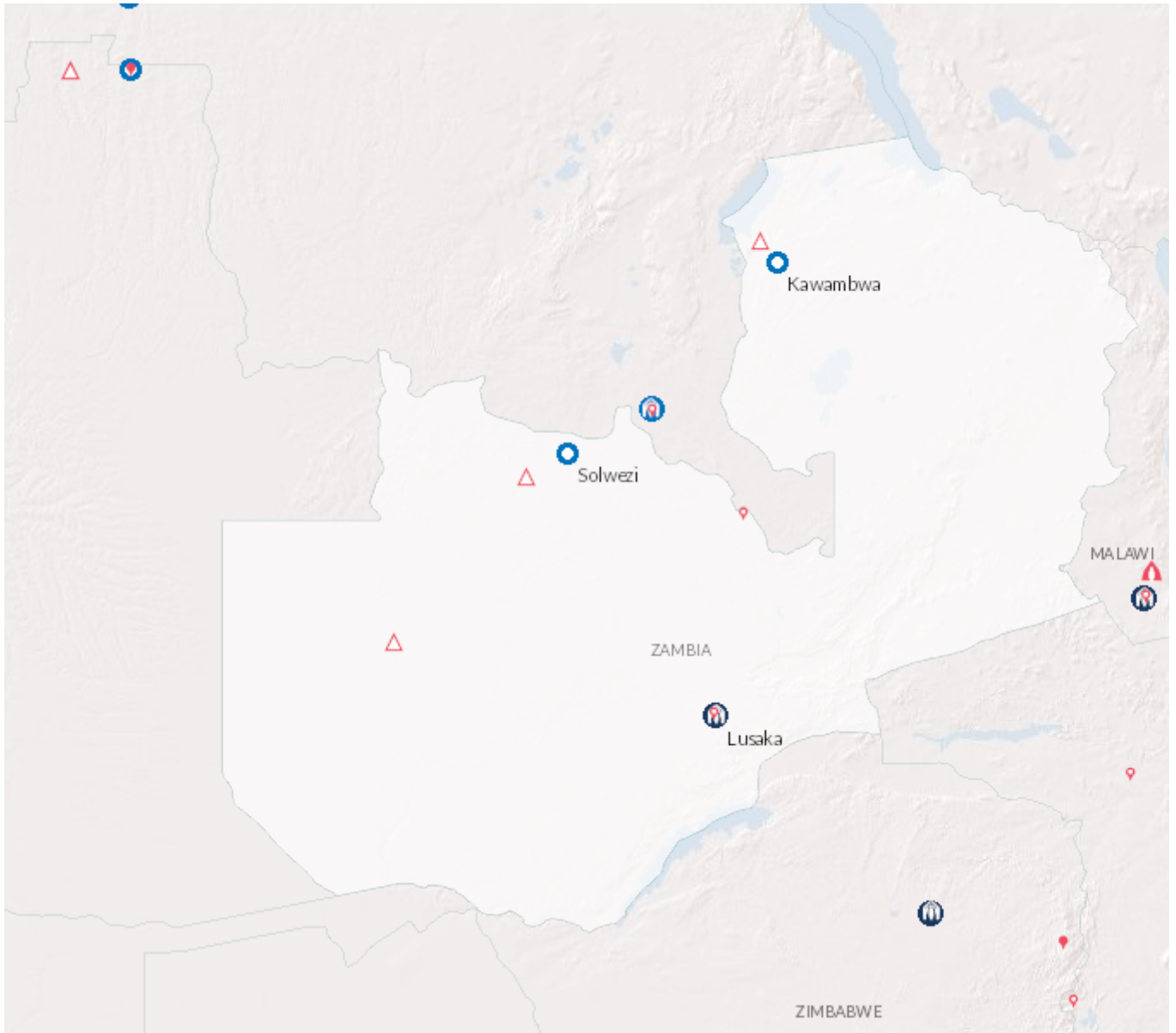


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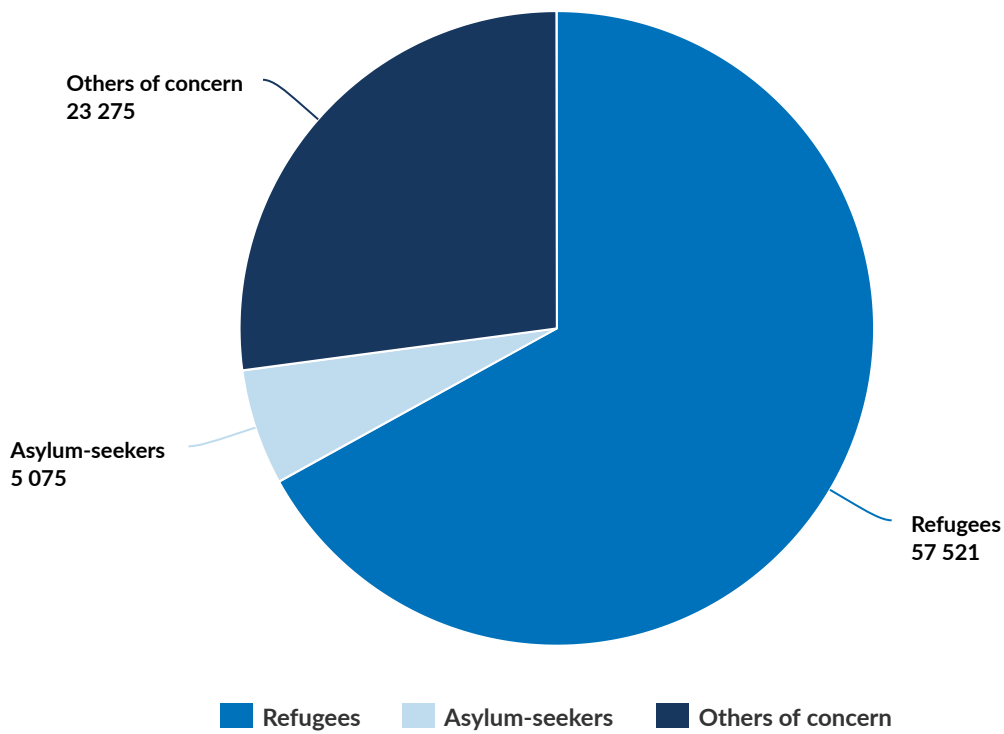


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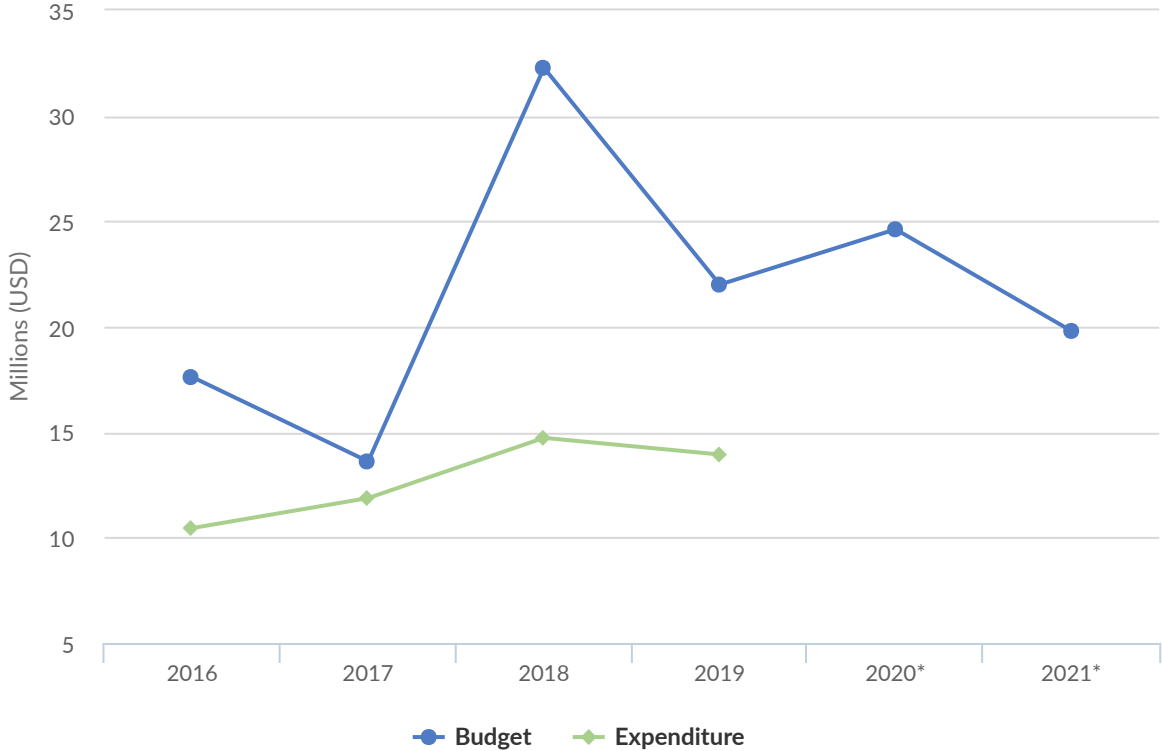
People of Concern

INCREASE IN
13% **2019**

2019	85,871
2018	76,027
2017	68,340



Budgets and Expenditure for Zambia



Operational environment

UNHCR anticipates that Zambia will keep its borders open in 2021, allowing asylum-seekers and refugees unrestricted access to the country – with the Government of Zambia continuing to lead on all aspects of reception, registration, refugee status determination, documentation and access to services for refugees and asylum-seekers. Under the coordination of the Office of the Commissioner for Refugees, line ministries will provide services to refugees and host communities. UNHCR also anticipates that the Government will continue promoting the implementation of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework through the provision of land for agricultural purposes to newly-arrived refugees in the settlements.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the country is expected to remain high, with malaria, non-communicable diseases and HIV/AIDS also affecting a large part of the population. In parallel, the Zambian economy, already affected by debt, is likely to impact the inclusion of refugees into national programmes and services.

Despite this, UNHCR will continue to advocate refugee inclusion in national development programmes and social services, and support the Government to formulate, validate and publish its refugee policy which will provide guidance to implement the Refugee Act of 2017. UNHCR will also advocate for accession to the 1961 Convention on Statelessness and support the Government to adopt and implement the national action plan to eradicate statelessness.

UNHCR will provide comprehensive case management training to first responders in response to gender-based violence and strengthen coordination among stakeholders and service providers at all levels. Through the child protection working group coordinated by the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, UNHCR will continue to advocate for the inclusion of refugee children in national systems, as well as in the national education system in order to improve the quality of education across refugee settlements. Currently, most refugee schools are already part of the national Education Management Information System, however, national reports do not include refugee statistics. To this effect UNHCR will work closely with the Ministry of General Education to identify refugee education statistics so they can be reported clearly alongside national statistics. This will further improve the planning and monitoring of education achievements across settlements.

UNHCR will continue to support business start-ups as well as recovery from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. This will be achieved through the inclusion of refugees in value chains, income-generating activities and farming production.

Key priorities

In 2021, UNHCR will focus on:

- Advocating and providing technical support to ease restrictions on encampment, including by promoting freedom of movement and the right to work, both fundamental pre-requisites for the enjoyment of other rights.
 - Preventing and responding to gender-based violence, which is a key protection risk not only for refugees but also for host communities and across the country, as well as targeting children, youths and women to reduce the risk of exploitation and abuse.
 - Supporting refugee self-reliance and fostering socio-economic inclusion.
 - Ensuring access to full-cycle education for school-aged children of concern, increasing their access to higher education and reducing drop-out rates at lower levels, especially for girls.
 - Increasing self-reliance of new arrivals and persons at heightened risk through cash assistance.
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