Operation: Djibouti
People of Concern

INCREASE IN
7% 2018

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- **Refugees**: 18,295
- **Asylum-seekers**: 10,483
Budgets and Expenditure for Djibouti
**Working environment**

The promulgation of National Refugee Law in Djibouti in January 2017 ensures a favourable protection environment for refugees and enables them to enjoy fundamental rights, including access to social services and self-reliance. This new legislation paves the way for the socio-economic integration of refugees.

People of concern have been included in the national education system since September 2017. In January 2018, UNHCR and the Ministry of Health agreed to include refugees in the national health system. To enhance this inclusion, UNHCR signed an agreement with the Ministry of Social Affairs in January 2019 for refugees' inclusion in the social protection system (which includes the public health insurance), following a profiling exercise of refugees at household and individual level. This exercise was ongoing in September 2019.

In 2020, UNHCR in Djibouti plans to enhance its relationships with key stakeholders, prioritizing partnerships to address immediate issues and long-term objectives in the refugee response. It will continue to actively engage Government authorities, donors, UN agencies, private sector entities and NGOs to achieve common objectives in line with the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework approach and development priorities.

UNHCR will participate in all UN Country Team coordination meetings and exercises, targeting agency cooperation and collaboration to assist refugees. It will strengthen partnerships with UN agencies to ensure refugees' access to education, health and nutrition, and water and sanitation services. In 2019, the operation signed a long-awaited tripartite agreement with WFP and the Ministry of Social Affairs to extend health insurance coverage to refugees.

**Key priorities**

In 2020, UNHCR will:

- Strengthen the refugee status determination procedure in Djibouti, in coordination with the Government, following the enactment of the national refugee law in December 2017.
- Ensure refugees' access to social services, such as health care, education and employment opportunities, is equal to nationals' access.
- Reinforce the socio-economic integration of refugees in Djibouti, in recognition of their rights and self-reliance.
- Prioritize programmes boosting people of concern's legal protection, education, health and self-reliance