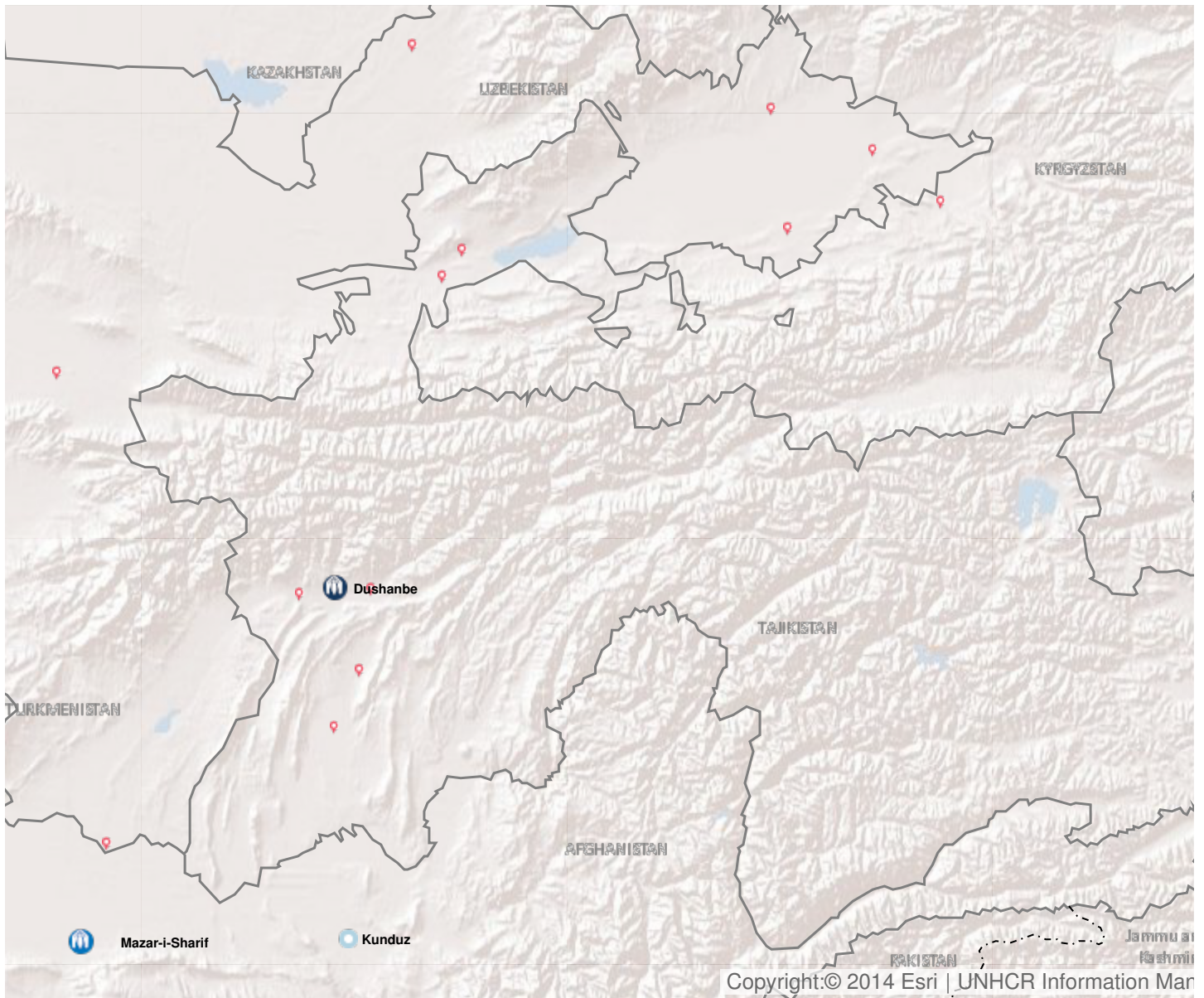


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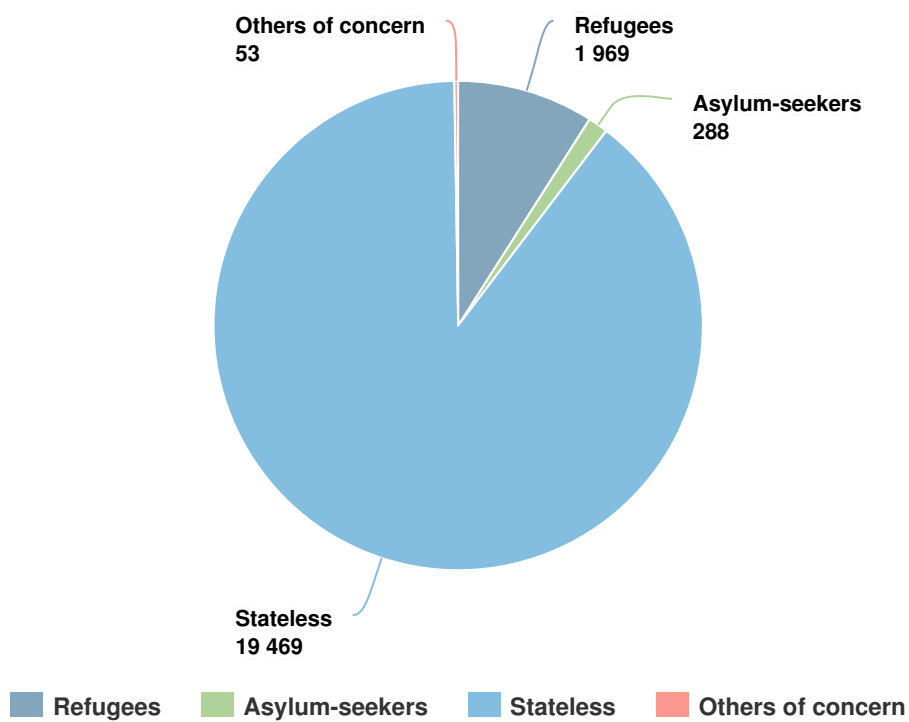


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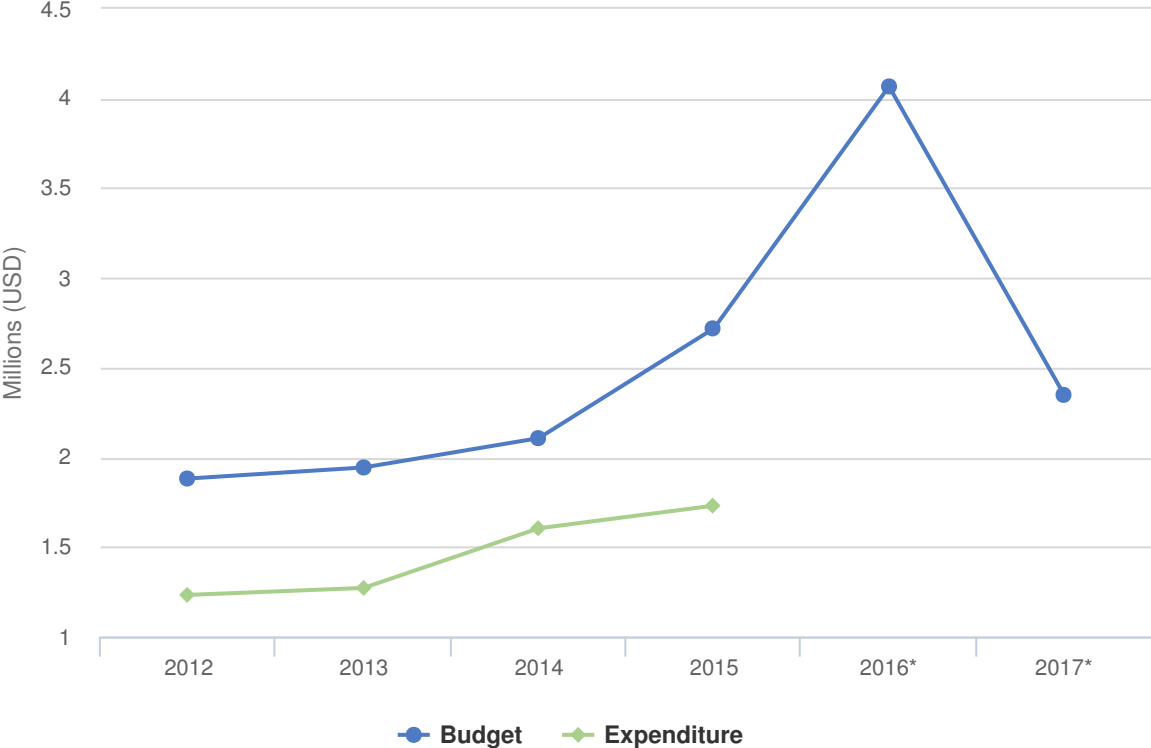
People of Concern

INCREASE IN
507% 2015

2015	21,779
2014	3,590
2013	5,683



Budgets and Expenditure for Tajikistan



Working environment

The Republic of Tajikistan sits at the crossroads between Afghanistan and Central Asia, and the operational context is largely shaped by the region's complex geopolitics. As of September 2016, Tajikistan hosted some 2,500 refugees and 400 asylum-seekers and the total number of people with undetermined nationality registered in three pilot regions rose to 22,850 people, representing a fraction of the stateless population in the country.

In the south of the country, Tajikistan shares a long border with Afghanistan. In recent years, north-eastern Afghanistan has become an epicentre for increased insurgent activity, notably in Kunduz Province where the situation remains highly volatile. In the last seven months of 2016, over 800 new Afghan asylum-seekers arrived in Tajikistan, representing a significant spike in the rate of new arrivals in recent years. In regard to possible population displacement and influx of refugees from Afghanistan, UNHCR is working on an inter-agency contingency plan.

In the north of the country, Tajikistan forms part of the ethnically complex and historically volatile Fergana Valley, sharing an intricate web of borders, often disputed, with Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. While Tajikistan's internal security context remains stable and reasonably safe, the Government's increasing focus on fighting domestic terrorism, often unclearly defined, has impacted the already fragile protection space for refugees and stateless people. Access to territory and sustainable livelihoods for refugees continue to be a challenge. Given the complexity of the statelessness issue and political challenges, addressing it will require UNHCR's engagement for another 2-4 years with sustained resources.

Key priorities

In 2017, UNHCR's operation in Tajikistan will focus on three strategic priorities:

- Strengthening the national asylum system and emergency preparedness, with a focus on Afghanistan;
- Achieving solutions for refugees, with an emphasis on local integration;
- Reducing and preventing statelessness.

UNHCR seeks to strengthen partnerships with the Government on border management and asylum procedures while moving towards phased disengagement in certain sectors, focussing efforts on livelihoods and alternative stay arrangements. In addressing statelessness, prioritized activities will include technical, legal and institution-building support to the Government of Tajikistan to implement existing and new legal provisions (Statelessness Conventions, Constitutional Law, Implementing regulations and Amnesty Law), and the National Action Plan on Addressing Statelessness aiming to achieve solutions for all people at risk of statelessness.

At the country level, the Office will focus on leveraging inter-agency partnerships to mainstream people of concern into existing partners' programmes. Special efforts will be made to exploit inter-agency synergies in the context of National Development Strategy. The Office will also support key NGO partners to mobilise resources independently by advocating for direct donor funding.

Additional funds if secured would primarily be used for small-scale infrastructure projects and community-based initiatives in the context of peaceful coexistence and local integration.
