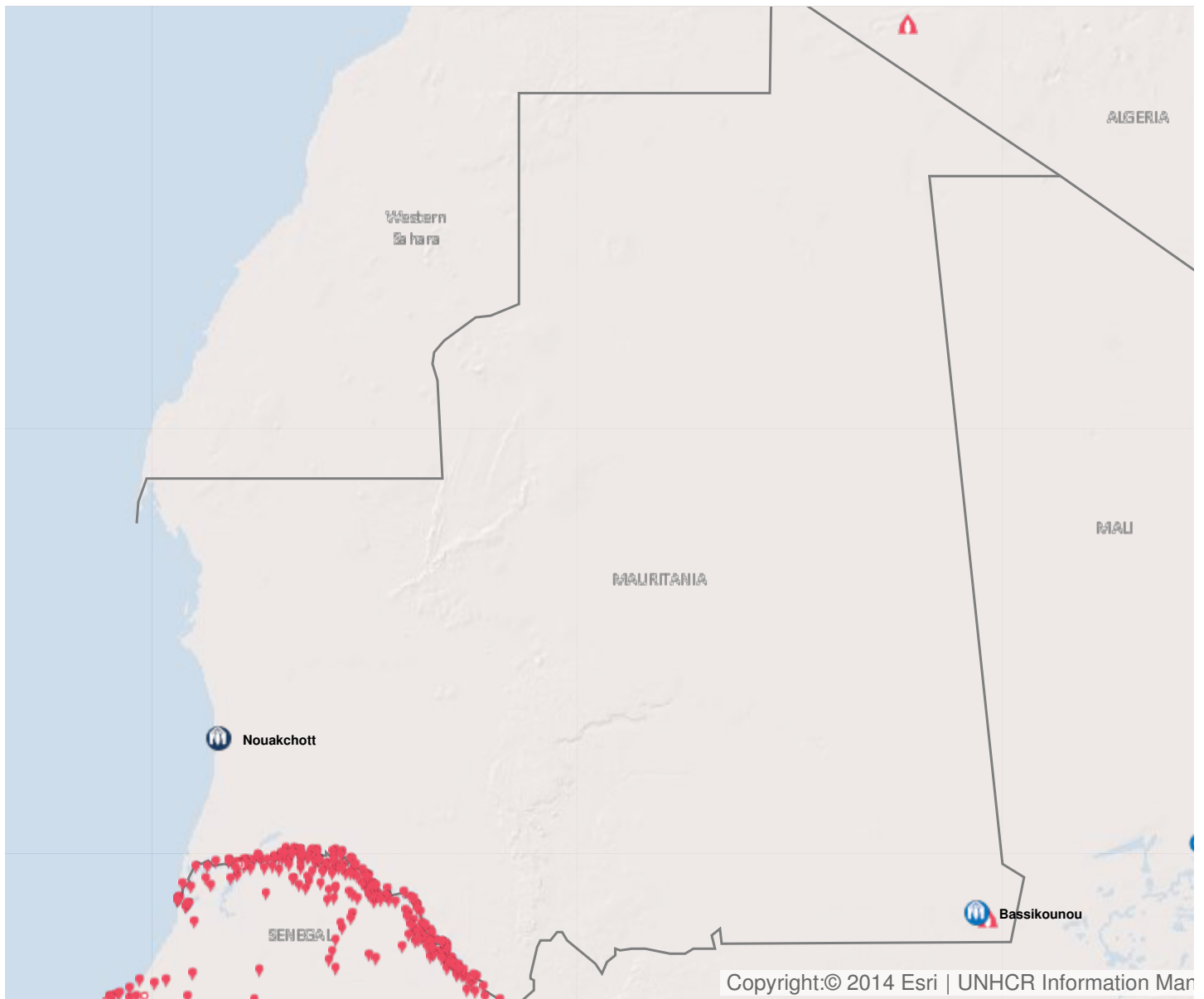


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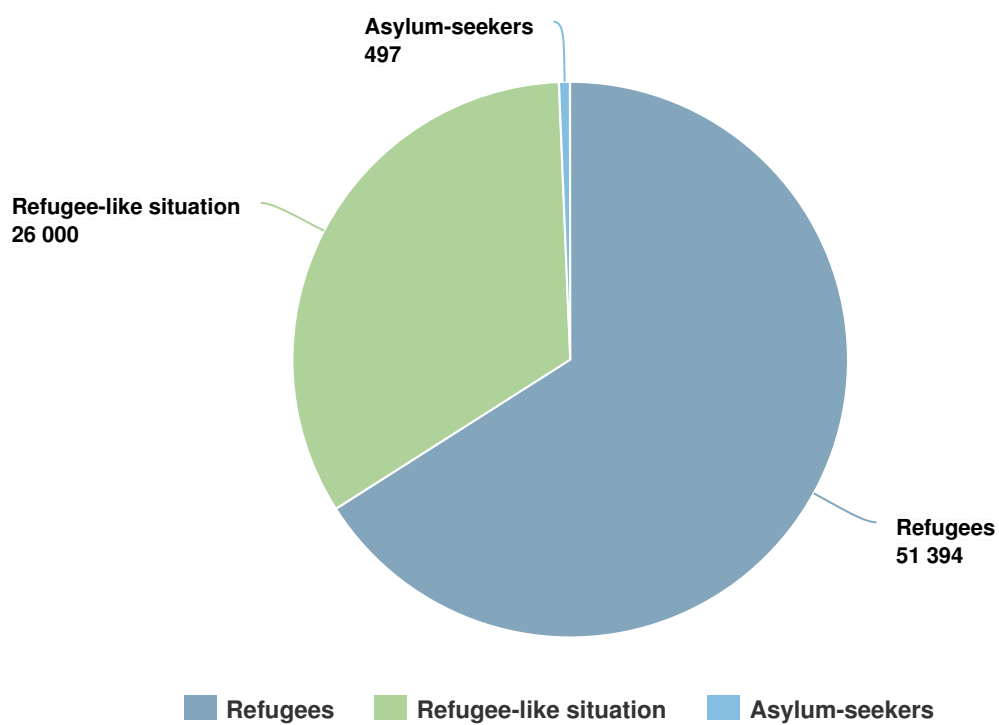


Latest update of camps and office locations **21 Nov 2016**. By clicking on the icons on the map, additional information is displayed.

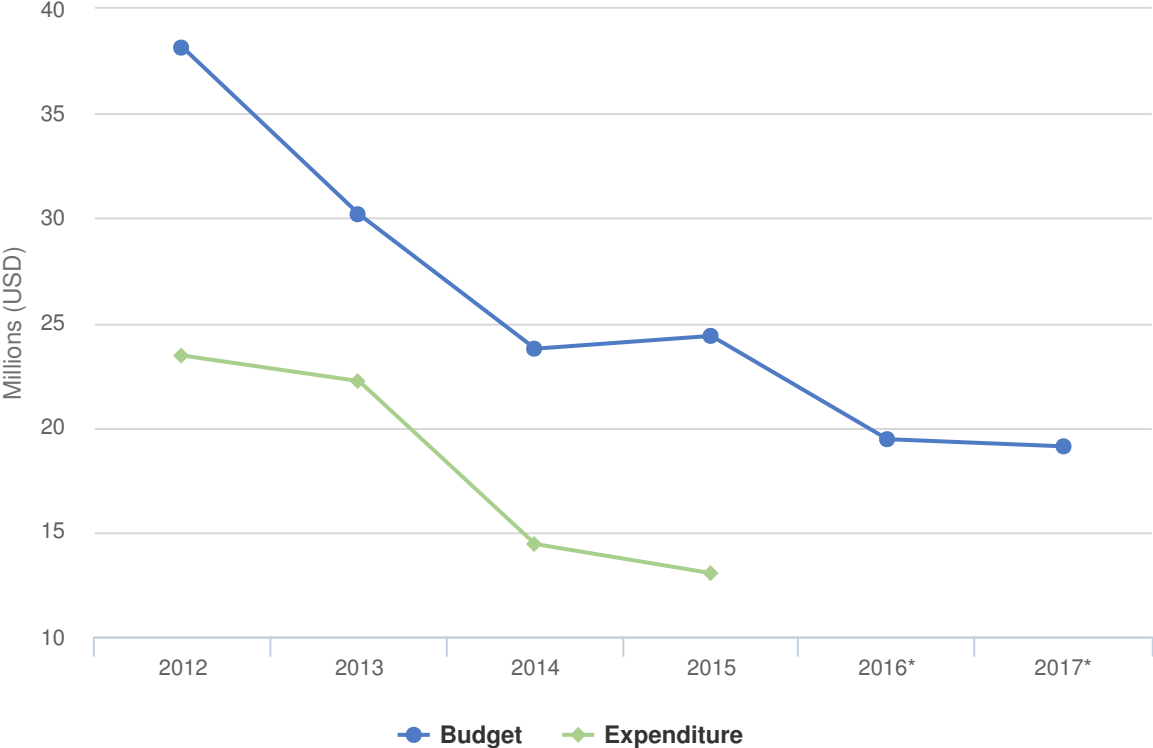
People of Concern

INCREASE IN
2% 2015

2015	77,891
2014	76,048
2013	93,612



Budgets and Expenditure for Mauritania



Working environment

By the end of 2016, some 44,000 refugees and asylum-seekers will be hosted in Mauritania, mainly in Mbera camp, in the south-east of the country, and in urban areas. Most refugees in the camp fled after 2012 from northern Mali, where the security situation remains volatile with regular clashes between armed groups, terrorist attacks and recurrent banditry. In this context, organized voluntary repatriation is not foreseen in the near future.

Since the beginning of the crisis, living conditions in Mbera camp have significantly improved in all sectors, including protection, health, nutrition and water and sanitation. The Government of Mauritania provided a large tract of land in 2012 to host the thousands of refugees from northern Mali. Since then, the host country ensures security inside and outside the camp for refugees and for humanitarian staff. The host population around Mbera camp continues to share its scarce resources, including water and firewood, with the refugee community.

Key Priorities

In 2017, UNHCR's operation will focus on:

- Supporting the Mauritanian authorities in improving its legal framework and practices related to asylum;
- Maintaining essential protection and services for all refugees in Mbera camp;
- Strengthening refugees' self-reliance in Mauritania to gradually reduce their dependency on humanitarian assistance;
- Supporting peaceful coexistence between the refugee and host communities

Lack of funding will severely affect UNHCR's capacity to conduct self-reliance and livelihood support interventions. For example, it will limit the number of funded income-generation schemes as well as the number of vocational training programmes.
