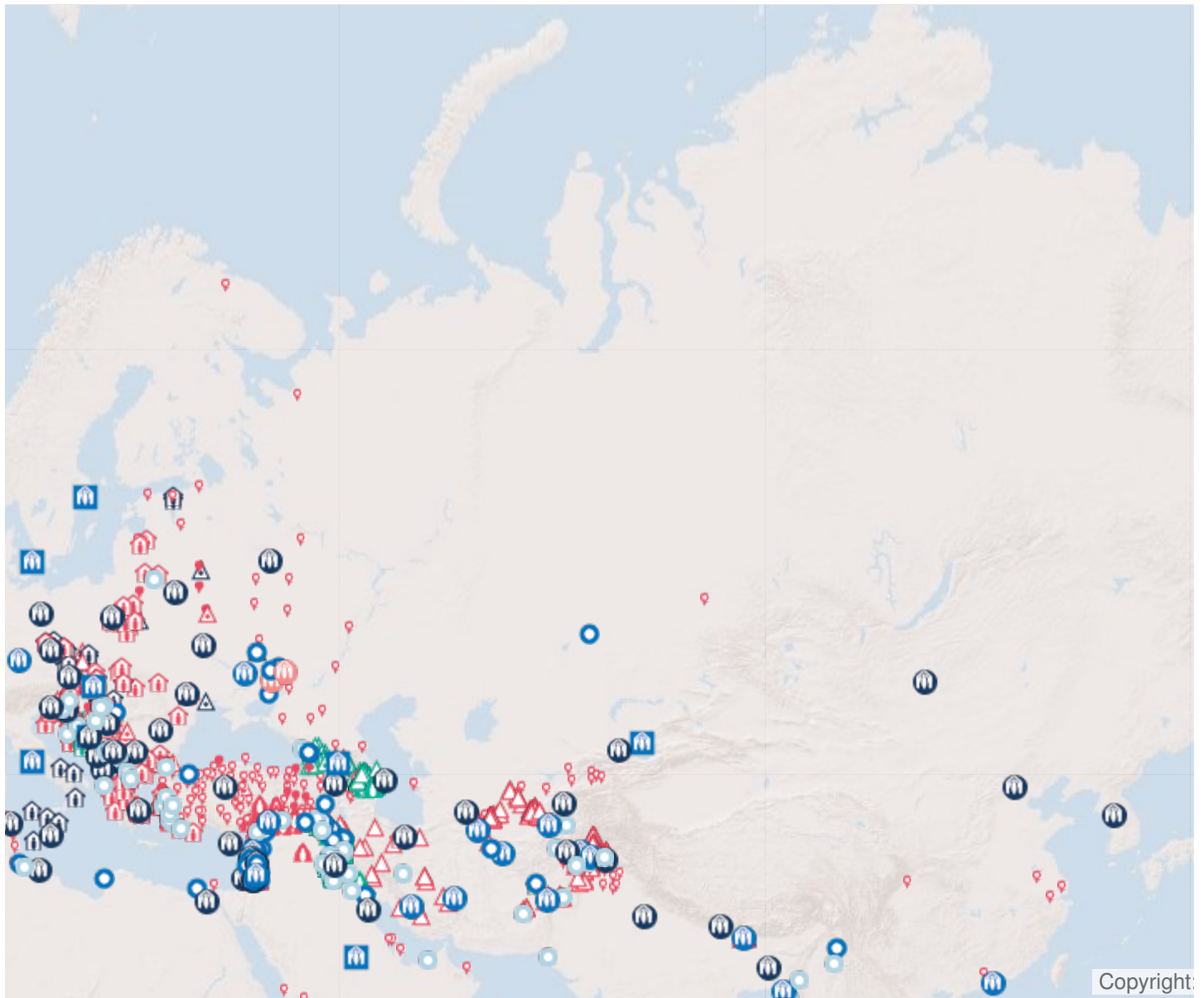


2016 Planning summary

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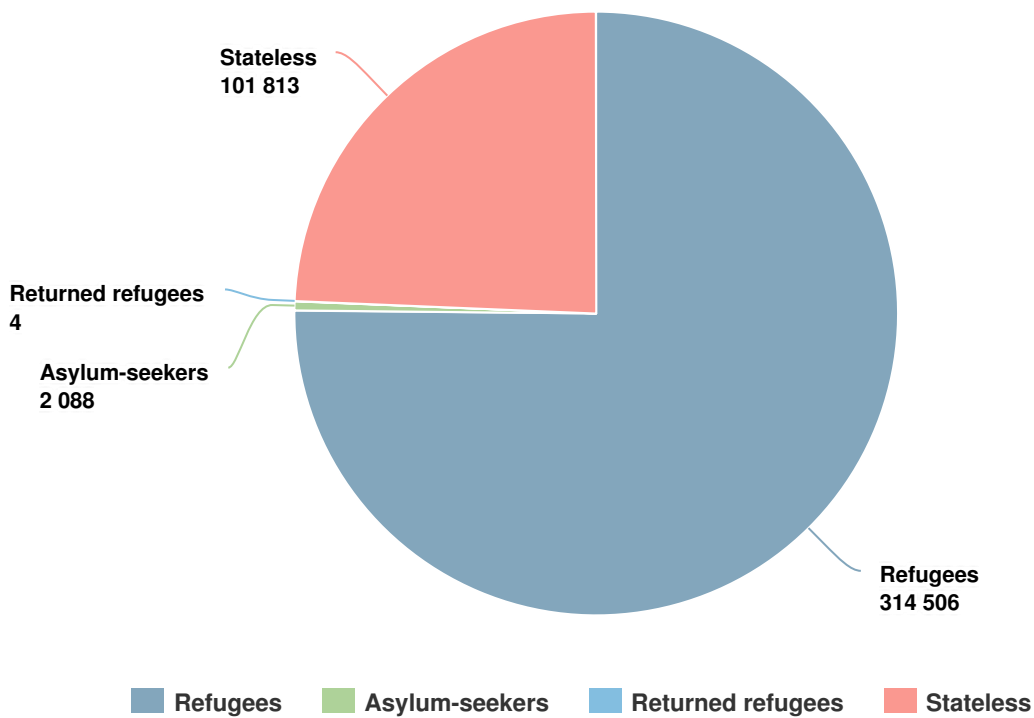


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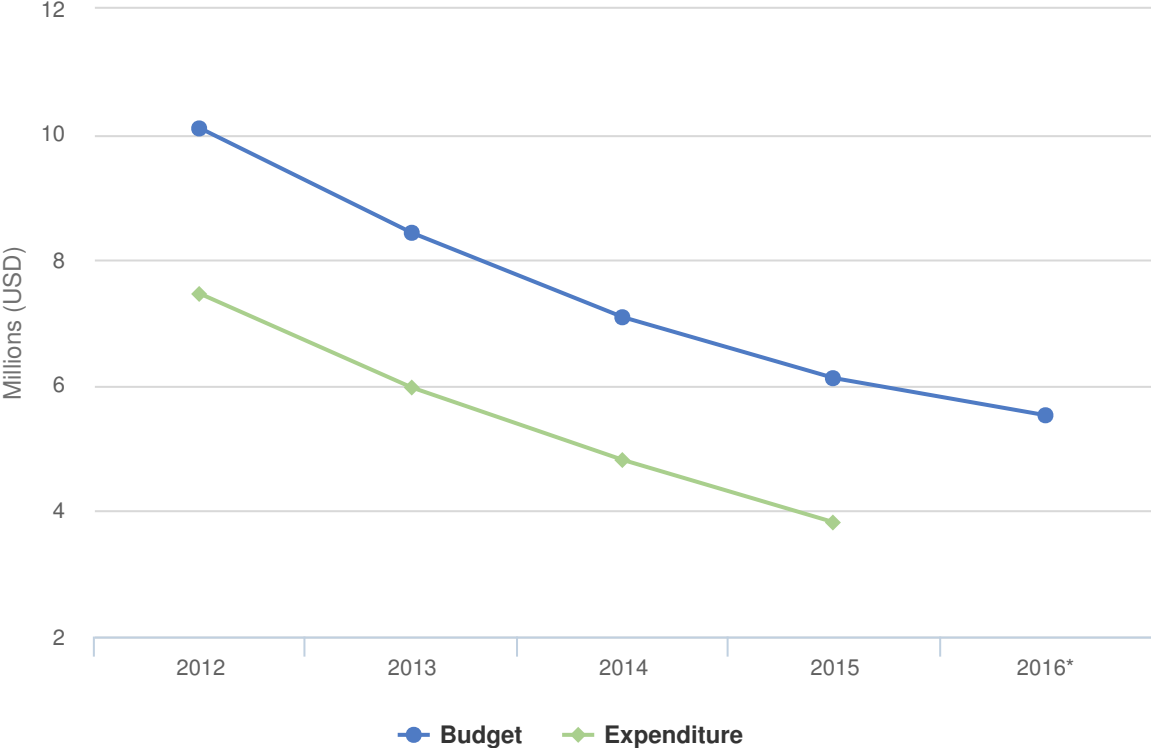
People of Concern

INCREASE IN
18% 2015

2015	418,411
2014	354,450
2013	189,957



Budgets and Expenditure for Russian Federation



Operational context and population trends

Armed conflict in south-eastern Ukraine continues to trigger a steady movement of people of concern into the Russian Federation. The Russian Government is leading the operational response for Ukrainian arrivals through the Federal Migration Service (FMS), and EMERCOM, the Ministry in charge of emergencies.

According to the latest government figures as of June 30, 2015, since the beginning of the conflict, 342,357 Ukrainians have applied for temporary asylum (TA) and 5,966 for refugee status (RS). In addition, the FMS received over 417,000 applications for other forms of legal stay, including residency permits, the compatriot's return programme and naturalization.

In the first half of 2015, the FMS received 100,001 applications for RS and TA and made 100,664 decisions, taking into consideration applications pending from 2014, including 98,925 for Ukrainians, 845 for Syrians and 425 for Afghans. In total, 97,701 Ukrainians, 333 Syrians and 118 Afghans were granted asylum (either TA or RS).

UNHCR will continue to work with the authorities, aiming to improve access to and quality of the national status determination procedure and promote integration opportunities for recognized refugees and TA holders. In addition, the Office plans to conduct RSD for a limited number of vulnerable cases for third-country resettlement, as well as to facilitate voluntary repatriation.

Although a number of legislative changes helped reduce the number of stateless people in the country, the problem has not been fully resolved. In the absence of official statistics, the 2010 population census referred to 178,000 self-declared stateless individuals. UNHCR will continue awareness raising activities and legal assistance through partner organizations for individuals seeking to regularize their status.

Key priorities in 2016

- Pursue the establishment of cooperation with the Border Guards Service to ensure unhindered access to transit areas for all people of concern;
 - Work with FMS staff to improve reception conditions and temporary accommodation centres (TACs);
 - Train government officials to ensure access to quality RSD procedures and individual documentation;
 - Build partners' capacity to provide quality legal services to asylum-seekers, refugees and stateless people;
 - Train partners to ensure that vulnerable individuals are identified and referred to relevant services and for potential resettlement;
 - Support the Government in developing legislation and integration programmes for recognized refugees;
 - Lobby with the Government for accession to international instruments, as well as legislative amendments to further reduce and prevent statelessness;
 - Lobby with authorities to facilitate naturalization procedures for refugees and stateless people and advocate for their access to social services;
 - Maximize outreach to refugee communities and stateless individuals;
 - Facilitate local integration for recognized refugees and individuals who were granted temporary asylum.
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