

UNHCR in 2017

Mission

The High Commissioner for Refugees is mandated by the United Nations to lead and coordinate international action for the worldwide protection of refugees and the resolution of refugee problems. To date (October 2016), 148 States are parties to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and/or to its 1967 Protocol.

UNHCR's primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. In its efforts to achieve this objective, the Office strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, and to return home voluntarily. By assisting refugees to return to their own country or to settle permanently in another country, UNHCR also seeks lasting solutions to their plight.

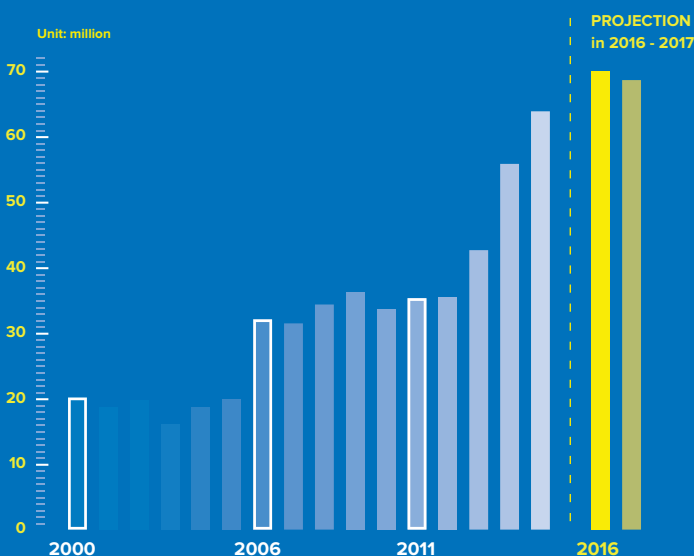
UNHCR's Executive Committee (98 member States as of October 2016) and the UN General Assembly have authorized involvement with other groups. These include former refugees who have returned to their homeland; internally displaced people; and people

who are stateless or whose nationality is disputed. To date (October 2016), 89 States are parties to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and 68 to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

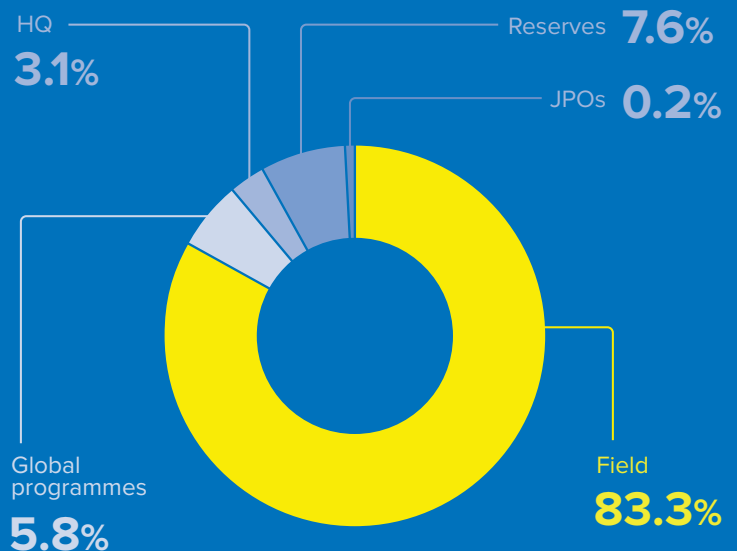
The Office seeks to reduce situations of forced displacement by encouraging States and other institutions to create conditions which are conducive to the protection of human rights and the peaceful resolution of disputes. In all of its activities, it pays particular attention to the needs of children and seeks to promote the equal rights of women and girls.

The Office carries out its work in collaboration with many partners, including governments, regional organizations, international and non-governmental organizations. It is committed to the principle of participation, believing that refugees and others who benefit from the organization's activities should be consulted over decisions which affect their lives.

64 Million People of concern




\$7.310 Billion Global Budget



Key figures for 2017 in the field


- AFRICA
- MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA
- EUROPE
- ASIA & PACIFIC
- AMERICAS

 UNHCR Staff / Unit: 100


ASIA & THE PACIFIC

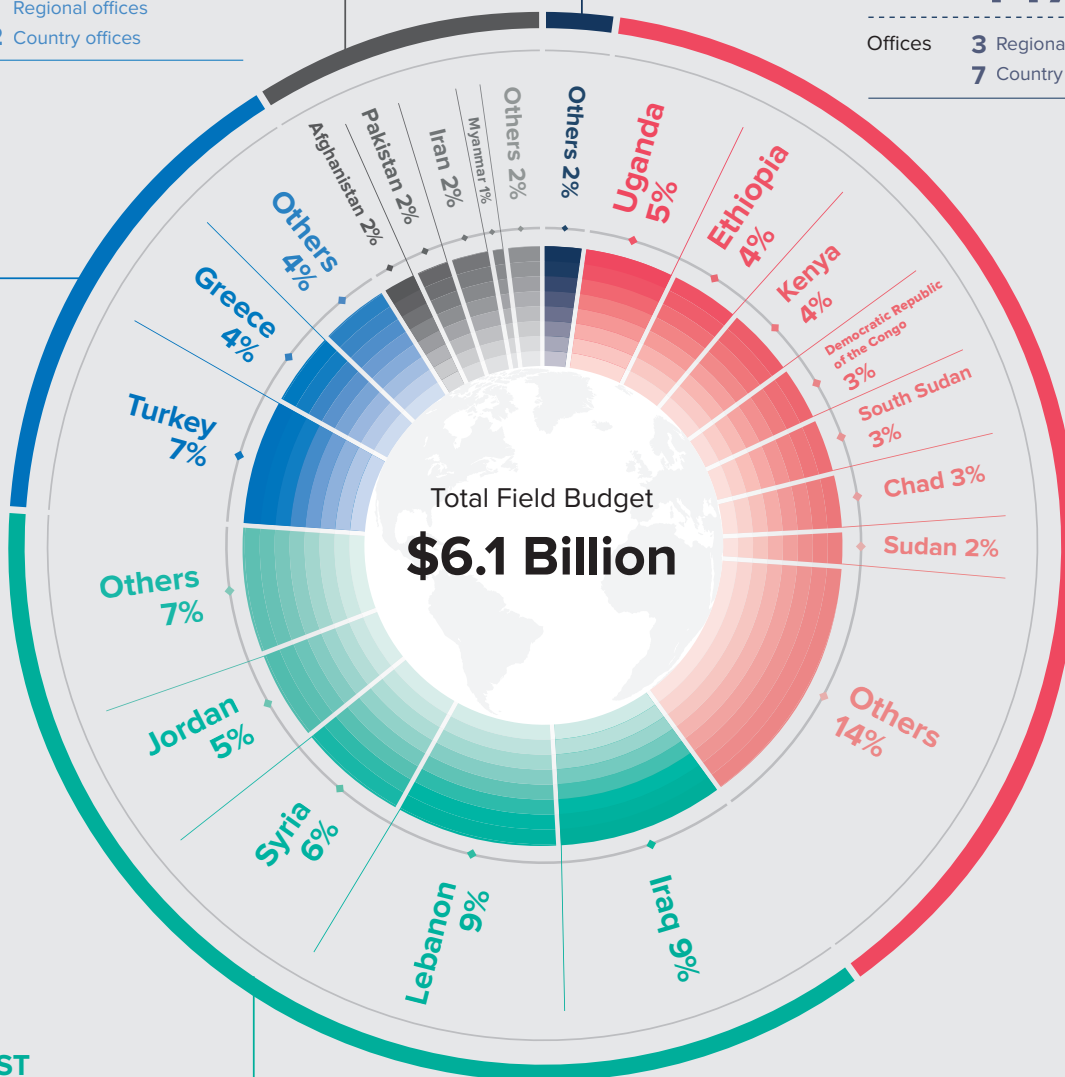
Budget **9%** | Staff **1,238**  | Office **3** Regional offices
18 Country offices

AMERICAS


Budget **2%**
Staff **447** 
Offices **3** Regional offices
7 Country offices

EUROPE


Budget **15%**
Staff **1,237** 
Offices **6** Regional offices
22 Country offices



MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

Budget **36%**
Staff **2,029** 
Offices **1** Regional office
11 Country offices

AFRICA

Budget **38%**
Staff **5,365** 
Offices **3** Regional offices
31 Country offices