

Operation: Liberia

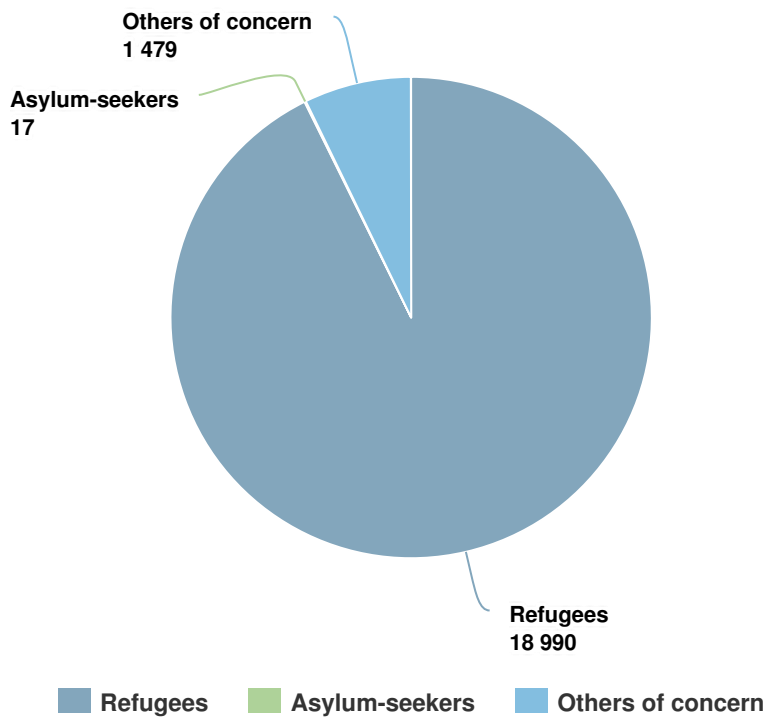


Latest update of camps and office locations **21 Nov 2016**.

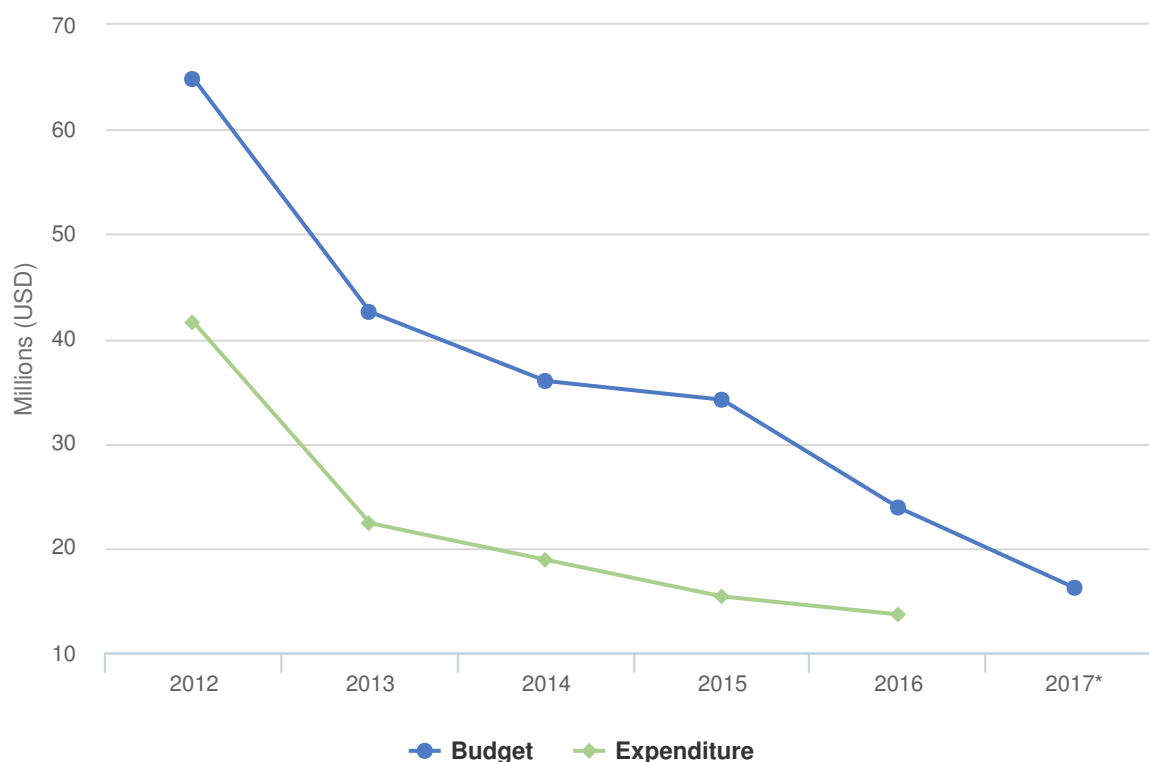
People of Concern

DECREASE IN
46% 2016

2016	20,486
2015	38,058
2014	40,121



Budgets and Expenditure for Liberia



Working environment

On 1 July 2016 the Liberian government officially assumed the security responsibilities of the country from UNMIL, the UN mission based in Liberia since 2003. The United Nations Security Council extended the mandate of UNMIL to 30 March 2018, but with reduced strength.

The reduction in UNMIL presence, and the lack of support in road maintenance and supply of fuel, created challenges for UNHCR regarding its ongoing repatriation operation.

Lack of infrastructure and economic challenges caused UNHCR's work in Liberia to be very costly in terms of logistics and the quality of goods and services provided.

No progress was made on the passage of the amendment to the 1993 refugee Law, though work begun in May 2016 on the review of the Alien and Nationality Law (ANL) to bring it in line with international standards. The ANL is currently awaiting drafting with the Law Reform commission.

76 per cent of refugees in Liberia resided in camps with full access to multi-sectoral services provided by UNHCR and partners. The remaining 24 per cent of refugees lived within host communities, competing over the same basic needs and services, such as food, water, healthcare, education and electricity, as the host communities. According to the World Bank, more than half of the population of Liberia live below USD 1.25 a day.

Population trends

- At the beginning of 2016, there were some 36,500 people of concern, 36,000 are from Côte d'Ivoire.
- Continuous registration activities carried out during the year resulted in the registration of some 1,430 new

births and re-activation of 500 individuals. A total of 212 deaths were also recorded in 2016.

- The total refugee and asylum seekers population at the end of 2016 was 19,000.

Achievements and impact

- In 2016, some 18,700 refugees repatriated to Côte d'Ivoire through a UNHCR-assisted programme and another 350 Ivorians returned spontaneously. 3 Sierra Leoneans were also repatriated during the reported period, bringing the total number of returns to just over 19,000 by the end of 2016.
- Through a tracing and family reunification program that facilitates the return of unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), the number of UASC decreased to 256 at the end of 2016.
- Some 1,430 new births were recorded and 1,411 infants were provided with certificates. An additional 1,213 late registrations were also carried out, thus bringing the total number of certificates issued in 2016 to around 2,600.
- The local integration process commenced with the Ministry of Education (MOE) accepting a change from Ivorian to Liberian curriculum in all camp-based schools and the subsequent mainstreaming into national education system.
- The daily water supply in Bahn and PTP camps was 24.1 litres per person while for LWC camp it was 25.0 litres per person, bringing it above the minimum standard.

Unmet needs

- Challenges included gaps in psychosocial support, lack of capacity to conduct Best Interests Assessment/Best Interests Determination interviews for all UASC and lack of livelihoods support to vulnerable refugees.
- Support to foster families was reduced due to funding constraints, and as a result, families were reluctant to continue fostering UASC.
- A vulnerability assessment established that about 35 per cent of the camp population were in serious need of food assistance. The non-distribution of supplementary food to children with severe malnutrition exacerbated the problem. A total of 375 children aged between 6 – 59 months were treated for acute malnutrition.
- The proportion of children aged 6 – 59 months suffering from anaemia increased between 2015 and 2016, and supplementary food distribution was needed.
- The sanitation situation was alarming in the first half of the year due to full latrines and the unavailability of resources to decommission and construct new latrines.

2016 Original Budget for Liberia | USD

The following table presents the original budget for this operation broken down at the objective level. Resource allocation at the objective level is subject to change during the course of the year as the operational situation evolves and priorities shift. The current budget by pillar, reflected in the bottom line of this table, is updated on a monthly basis and is replaced by the final budget at year-end.

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Total
Favourable Protection Environment		
Law and policy	214,919	214,919
Legal remedies and legal assistance	141,454	141,454
Access to territory	272,919	272,919
Subtotal	629,292	629,292
Fair Protection Processes and Documentation		
Registration and profiling	307,919	307,919
Status determination	416,919	416,919
Civil status documentation	341,919	341,919
Subtotal	1,066,756	1,066,756
Security from Violence and Exploitation		
SGBV prevention and response	957,878	957,878
Child protection	612,878	612,878
Subtotal	1,570,756	1,570,756
Basic Needs and Essential Services		
Health	4,027,878	4,027,878
Reproductive health and HIV/ Aids response	647,878	647,878
Nutrition	894,837	894,837
Food security	326,919	326,919
Water	315,151	315,151
Sanitation and hygiene	808,837	808,837
Shelter and infrastructure	549,878	549,878
Energy	176,454	176,454
Basic and domestic and hygiene Items	747,878	747,878
Services for persons with specific needs	296,919	296,919
Education	757,878	757,878
Subtotal	9,550,508	9,550,508
Community Empowerment and Self Reliance		
Community mobilization	275,146	275,146

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Total
Co-existence with local communities	355,151	355,151
Natural resources and shared environment	311,919	311,919
Self-reliance and livelihoods	1,688,110	1,688,110
Subtotal	2,630,326	2,630,326
Durable Solutions		
Voluntary return	2,337,878	2,337,878
Integration	774,959	774,959
Resettlement	329,610	329,610
Subtotal	3,442,448	3,442,448
Leadership, Coordination and Partnerships		
Coordination and partnerships	288,878	288,878
Donor relations	357,343	357,343
Subtotal	646,221	646,221
Logistics and Operations Support		
Supply chain and logistics	2,341,029	2,341,029
Operations management, coordination and support	1,983,571	1,983,571
Subtotal	4,324,600	4,324,600
2016 Original Budget	23,860,907	23,860,907
Increase / Decrease	0	0
2016 Final Budget	23,860,907	23,860,907