

Operation: Colombia

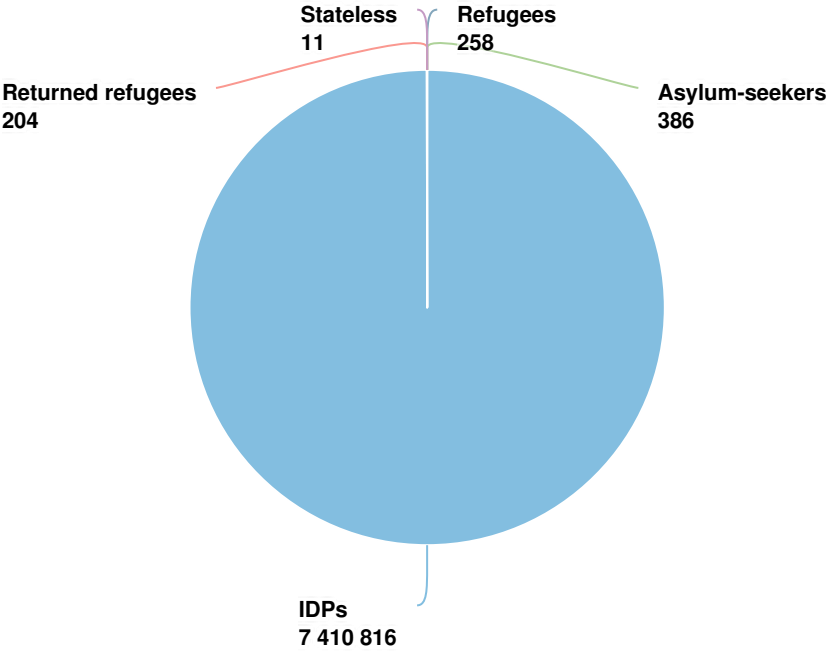


Latest update of camps and office locations **21 Nov 2016.**

People of Concern

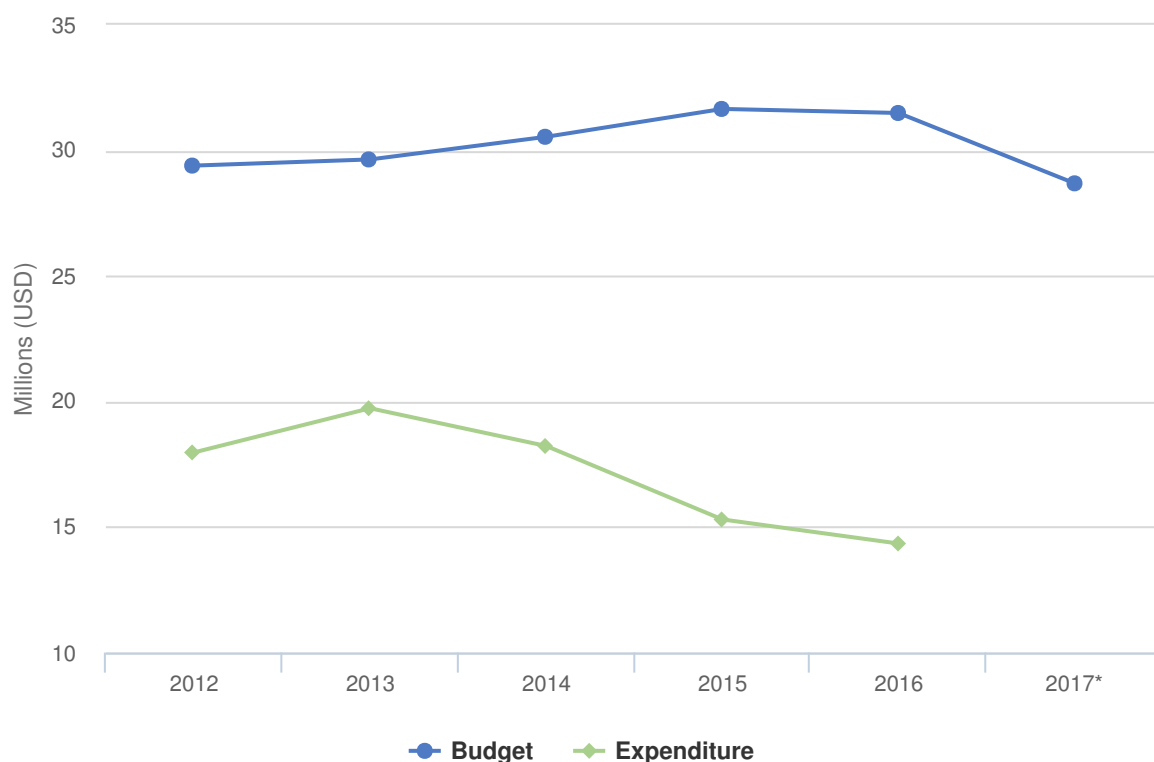
INCREASE IN
7% **2016**

2016	7,411,675
2015	6,941,212
2014	6,044,552



■ Refugees ■ Asylum-seekers ■ IDPs ■ Returned refugees ■ Stateless

Budgets and Expenditure for Colombia



Working environment

The Colombian Government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) signed a peace agreement in November 2016 after four years of negotiations. The agreement specifically mentions UNHCR as one of the agencies expected to contribute to its implementation in the area of victims' rights. A United Nations Special Political Mission is currently monitoring the demobilization and disarmament process.

Despite progress towards peace, violence and forced displacement continued in some regions, mainly due to the presence of other illegal armed actors attempting to broaden their territorial control after FARC's withdrawal.

In addition, the deteriorating situation in Venezuela resulted in a growing number of arrivals in mixed movements, including Colombian returnees and people in need of international protection.

Population trends

- More than 7,083,000 registered internally displaced people (IDPs), displaced since 1985. New displacement has reduced considerably in recent years; some 67,880 people were registered as newly displaced in 2016, although registration and verification continues.
- 258 refugees are registered in Colombia, with nearly half from Cuba and Venezuela. 32 people were recognized as refugees during the year.
- The number of asylum-seekers increased, with 314 new claims in 2016. Venezuelans was the top nationality seeking asylum.
- Voluntary repatriation increased, with some 90 Colombian refugees returning with UNHCR assistance from Venezuela (86) and Ecuador (6). At least 83 other Colombians returned spontaneously.
- Colombia has no significant stateless population at risk, 1 stateless person was granted nationality in 2016.

Achievements and impact

- UNHCR advocated for the protection of IDPs and the prevention of new displacement by intervening in more than 170 communities across 14 departments. Interventions included: the deployment of 11 ombudspersons to isolated areas to help identify the humanitarian situation and protection needs of displaced populations; the implementation of 48 community-based infrastructure projects and 41 community empowerment projects benefiting over 18,000 IDPs and host communities; and capacity building for some 190 community organizations and structures.
- Technical assistance was provided to 151 public institutions on IDP protection, prevention of new displacement, and improving IDPs' access to durable solutions.
- UNHCR drafted a strategy for legalizing informal IDP settlements, established an inter-institutional working group on informal settlements with governmental and other partners, and supported 19 ongoing settlement legalization processes in seven departments, which will benefit some 26,500 people.
- UNHCR and UNDP consolidated lessons learned and public policy recommendations from the jointly implemented Transitional Solutions Initiative (2012-15), which were shared with the Government and donor community in early 2017
- UNHCR advocated for the inclusion of durable solutions for displaced people as a priority in the period following the peace agreement.
- UNHCR led the development of an inter-agency contingency plan for the Venezuela situation and strengthened protection networks along the border, including through provision of training on refugee law for government officials and partners.
- UNHCR provided cash-based assistance to 87 very vulnerable asylum-seekers and refugees to help meet their basic needs.

Unmet needs

- Due to limited resources, it was not possible to advance in the legalization of informal settlements with a high concentration of IDPs beyond the prioritized 19 ongoing cases
- Resource constraints also limited UNHCR's capacity to ensure border monitoring and follow-up of returns, both of Colombian refugees from abroad and of Colombian IDPs to their areas of origin.

2016 Expenditure for Colombia | USD

The following table presents the final budget and funds available by pillar and the final expenditure at the objective-level, as reported at year-end.

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	Total
Final Budget	974,747	30,513,568	31,488,315
Income from contributions*	0	2,499,073	2,499,073
Other funds available / transfers	572,636	11,270,913	11,843,549
Total funds available	572,636	13,769,985	14,342,622
Expenditure by Objective			
Favourable Protection Environment			
International and regional instruments	38,636	0	38,636
Law and policy	47,801	466,209	514,011
Administrative Institutions and Practice	14,256	0	14,256
Legal remedies and legal assistance	0	448,172	448,172
Access to territory	74,127	0	74,127
Public attitudes towards persons of concern	0	594,799	594,799
Subtotal	174,820	1,509,180	1,684,001
Fair Protection Processes and Documentation			
Registration and profiling	32,525	0	32,525
Status determination	116,084	345,268	461,351
Civil status documentation	0	152,921	152,921
Subtotal	148,609	498,188	646,797
Security from Violence and Exploitation			
Protection from effects armed conflict	0	3,407,908	3,407,908
SGBV prevention and response	28,511	858,431	886,943
Child protection	28,511	413,488	441,999
Subtotal	57,022	4,679,827	4,736,850
Basic Needs and Essential Services			
Health	17,477	0	17,477
Basic and domestic and hygiene Items	86,148	0	86,148
Services for persons with specific needs	24,089	0	24,089
Education	19,240	0	19,240

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Subtotal	146,954	0	146,954
Community Empowerment and Self Reliance			
Community mobilization	0	1,310,127	1,310,127
Co-existence with local communities	0	584,174	584,174
Subtotal	0	1,894,301	1,894,301
Durable Solutions			
Solutions strategy	0	995,762	995,762
Voluntary return	0	230,179	230,179
Reintegration	0	497,819	497,819
Integration	45,231	230,179	275,410
Subtotal	45,231	1,953,940	1,999,170
Leadership, Coordination and Partnerships			
Coordination and partnerships	0	1,177,556	1,177,556
Emergency management	0	2,427	2,427
Donor relations	0	920,716	920,716
Subtotal	0	2,100,698	2,100,698
Logistics and Operations Support			
Operations management, coordination and support	0	1,133,722	1,133,722
Subtotal	0	1,133,722	1,133,722
2016 Expenditure Total	572,636	13,769,857	14,342,493

**Income from contributions includes indirect support costs that are recovered from contributions to Pillars 3 and 4, supplementary budgets and the "New or additional activities – mandate-related" (NAM) Reserve. Contributions towards all pillars are included under Pillar 1.*