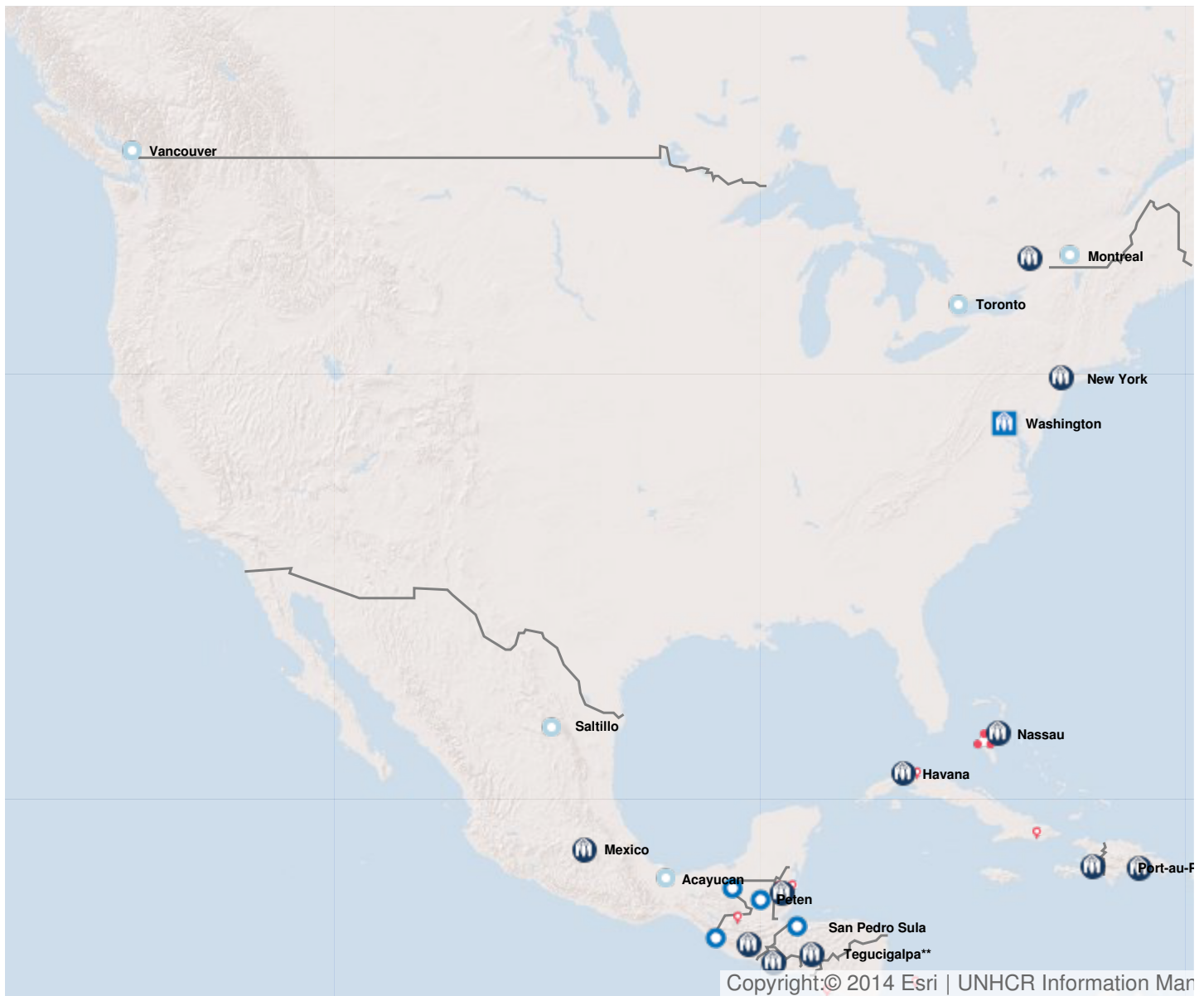


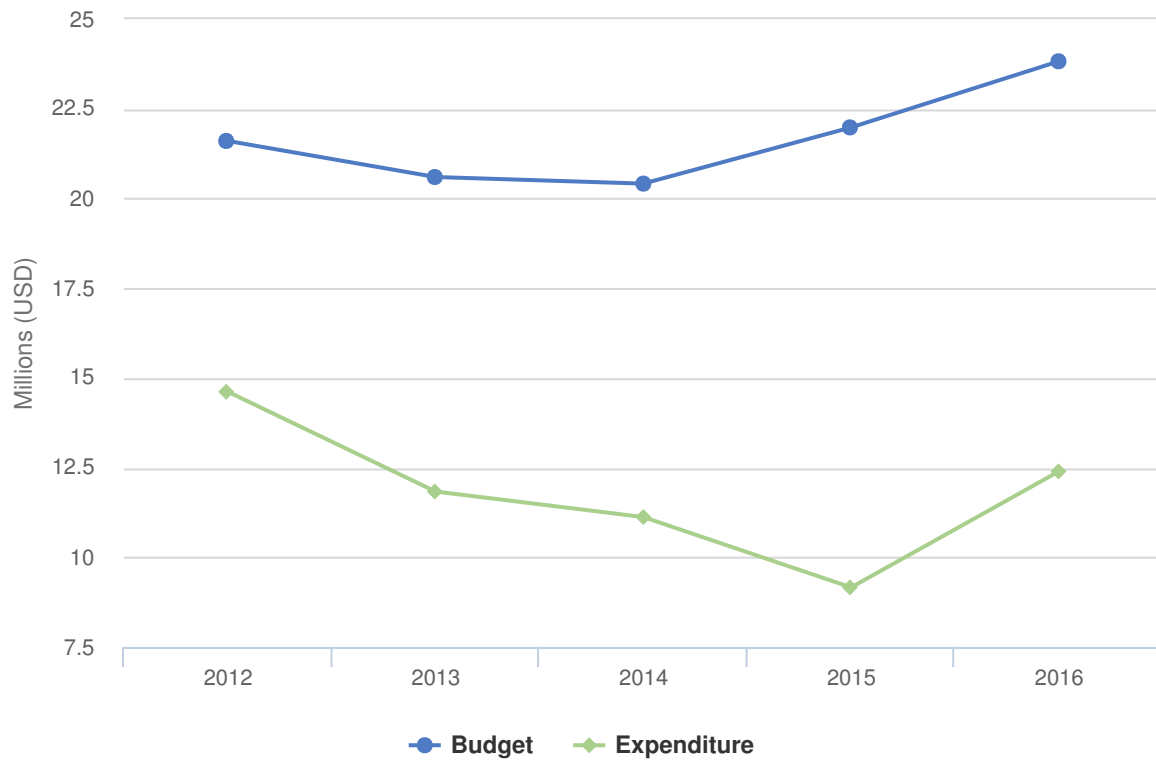
Subregion: North America and the Caribbean

| Antigua and Barbuda | The Bahamas | Barbados | Belize | British overseas territories (Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, Montserrat) | Canada | Dominica | Dominican Republic | Dutch overseas territories in the Caribbean (Aruba, Curaçao, Saint Maarten, Bonaire, Saint Eustatius, Saba) | Grenada | Guyana | Haiti | Jamaica | Saint Kitts and Nevis | Saint Lucia | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | Suriname | Trinidad and Tobago | United States of America | Territories with linkages to the United States (Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands) |

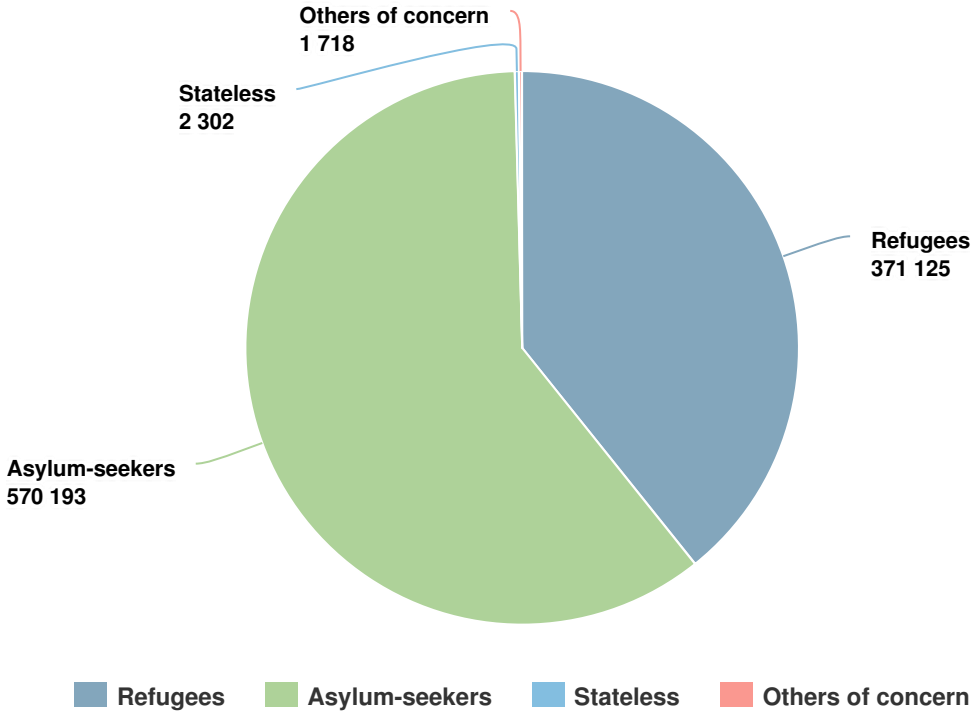


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Budgets and Expenditure in Subregion North America and the Caribbean



People of Concern - 2016



Response in 2016

The year 2016 witnessed increasing pressure on the United States asylum system due to the growing number of asylum-seekers from the Northern Triangle of Central America (NTCA) countries of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, as well as Venezuela and Mexico. This resulted in significant backlogs for refugee status determination. With a view to examine the profound impact on the United States' asylum process caused by the acute influx of asylum seekers, UNHCR led a protection dialogue process, together with the Migration Policy Institute, which resulted in a set of recommendations for the new Administration.

In the Caribbean, the scope, size and complexity of mixed migration is increasingly significant. In 2016, UNHCR and its partners registered more than 5,000 asylum-seekers, an increase of more than 50 per cent compared to 2015. This trend will likely continue and possibly result in a significant gap between RSD processing capacity and demand, affecting UNHCR's ability to assist countries in setting up functioning asylum systems.

UNHCR delivered emergency assistance to thousands of vulnerable people in the Bahamas, Belize and Haiti in response to the devastating effects of hurricanes Earl and Matthew.

The region continues to be confronted with a large stateless population and the associated protection needs. In the Dominican Republic, important steps were taken to issue nationality documents to Dominican-born individuals of foreign descent. UNHCR is working with the authorities and other actors to determine the size of the population that has attained a nationality solution under Law 169-14.

In Canada, the Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (IRCC) initiated a reform of the asylum system, which will allow UNHCR to address remaining issues of concern. UNHCR and Canada Border Services Agency are working together to address outstanding concerns related to detention, including the detention of children.

With UNHCR's support and technical guidance, Canadian and US authorities have worked closely with the Mexican Refugee Commission (COMAR) to provide specialized training to strengthen the asylum system.

Operations

Canada's leadership on refugee matters globally was increasingly evident in 2016. The Government supported UNHCR's work financially and provided resettlement for 46,000 refugees through both private sponsorships and UNHCR referrals - the largest yearly number since Canada's resettlement programme was created in the 1970s.

UNHCR also supported the Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative, led by the Government of Canada, the University of Ottawa, the Radcliffe Foundation, the Open Society Foundations and UNHCR. The Initiative in December 2016 brought together representatives from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Germany, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States to learn about Canada's private sponsorship model and consider how it can be adopted and supported in their countries and others.

2016 Voluntary Contributions to North America and the Caribbean | USD

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Total
United States of America Regional Office			
European Union	0	136,261	136,261
International Organization for Migration	0	62,814	62,814
Private donors in Canada	75	0	75
<i>United States of America Regional Office subtotal</i>	75	199,075	199,151
Total	75	199,075	199,151

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