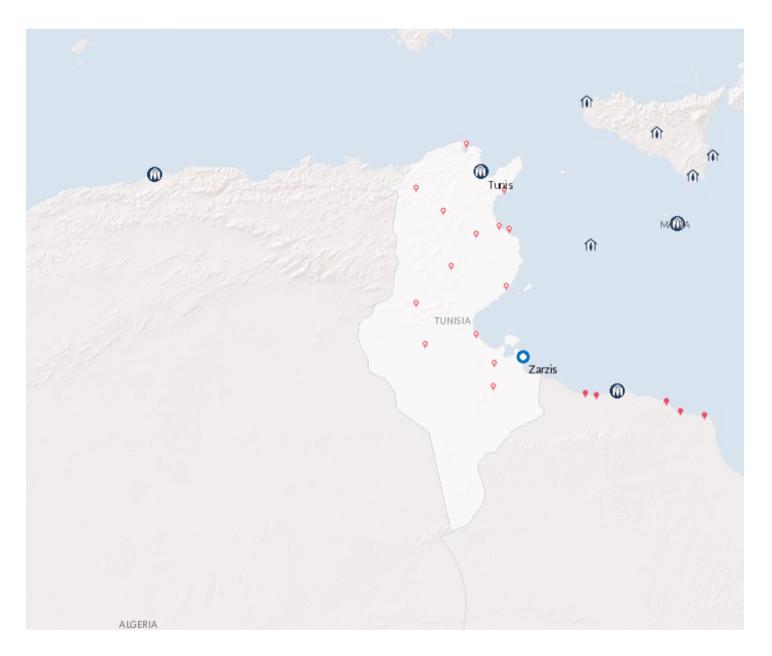
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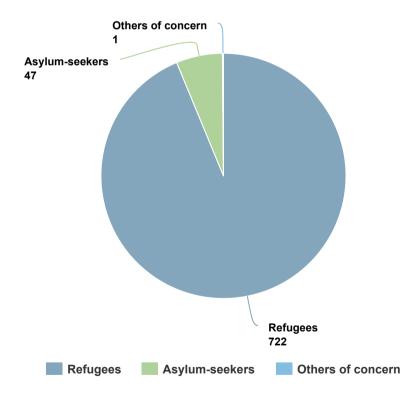
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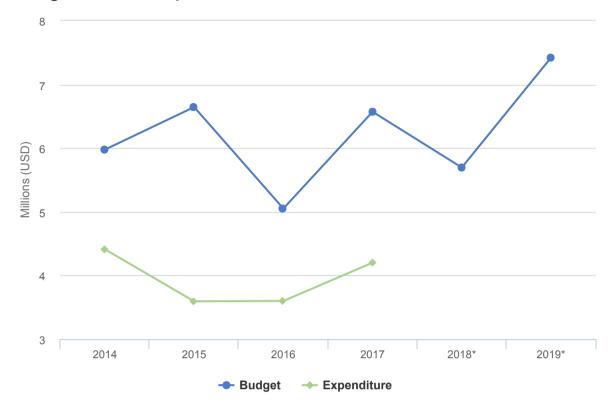


People of Concern

INCREASE IN 12% 2017	
2017	770
2016	685
2015	757







Operational Environment

The number of refugees in Tunisia is estimated to increase to 1,680 people by the end of 2019, with the majority residing in urban areas. The protection environment for refugees and asylum-seekers in Tunisia is generally stable, and UNHCR cooperates with the authorities in favour of people of concern. UNHCR supports refugees' access to education, healthcare and livelihoods opportunities.

The mixed movements in Tunisia by land and sea are expected to continue in 2019, and UNHCR will continue to coordinate its response through the Mixed Migration Working Group. UNHCR will maintain its protection role, providing emergency shelter and psycho-social support to people of concern at a reception centre, and working in close cooperation with Tunisian authorities, IOM, and partner organizations.

To ensure preparedness in case of further deterioration of the situation in Libya and risk of mass influx, UNHCR will periodically update contingency stock and keep updating the contingency plan, and support the preparedness activities of the authorities.

Key priorities

Considering the need for a national protection framework, in 2019, UNHCR will maintain the following key priorities:

- Advocate for adoption of the drafted national asylum law and, through continued capacity-building, support the Tunisian uptake of best practices in the interim.
- Continue profiling, registration and refugee status determination in order to identify people in need of international protection in the context of mixed movements.
- Promote refugee self-reliance through supporting access to livelihoods and to basic services, as well as
 prioritizing direct assistance to the most vulnerable.