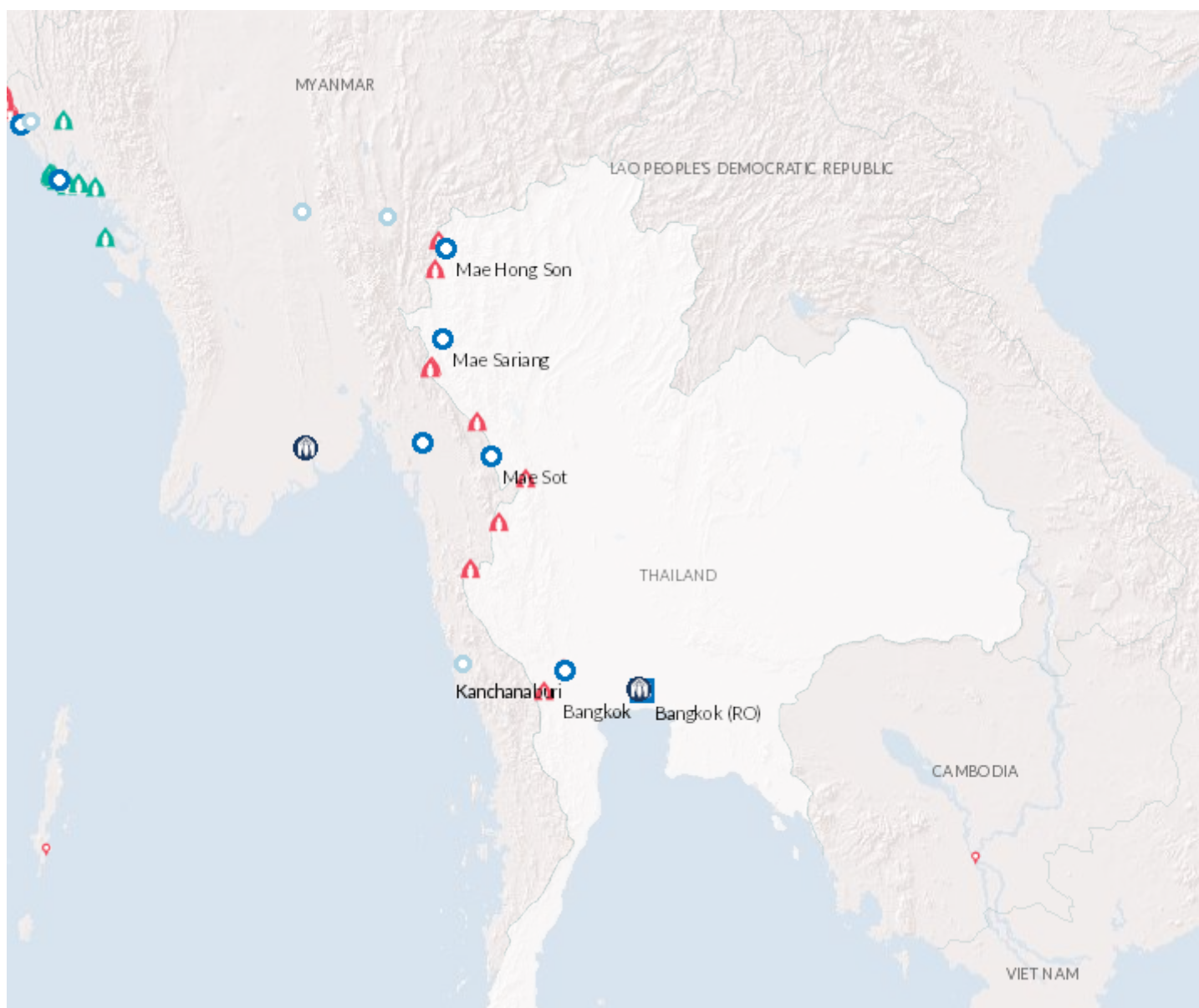


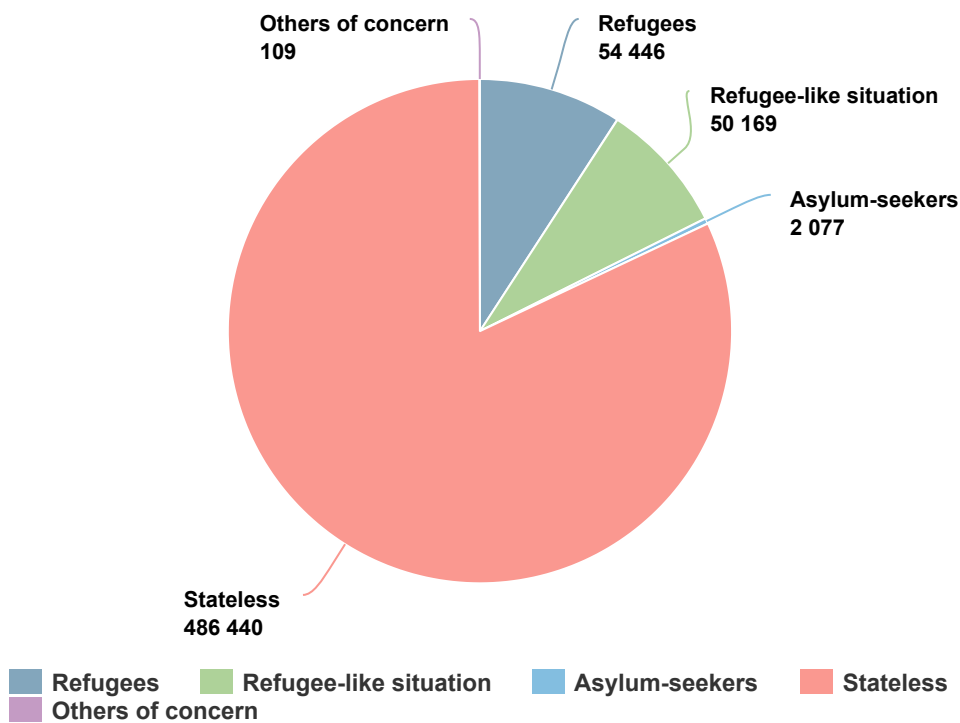
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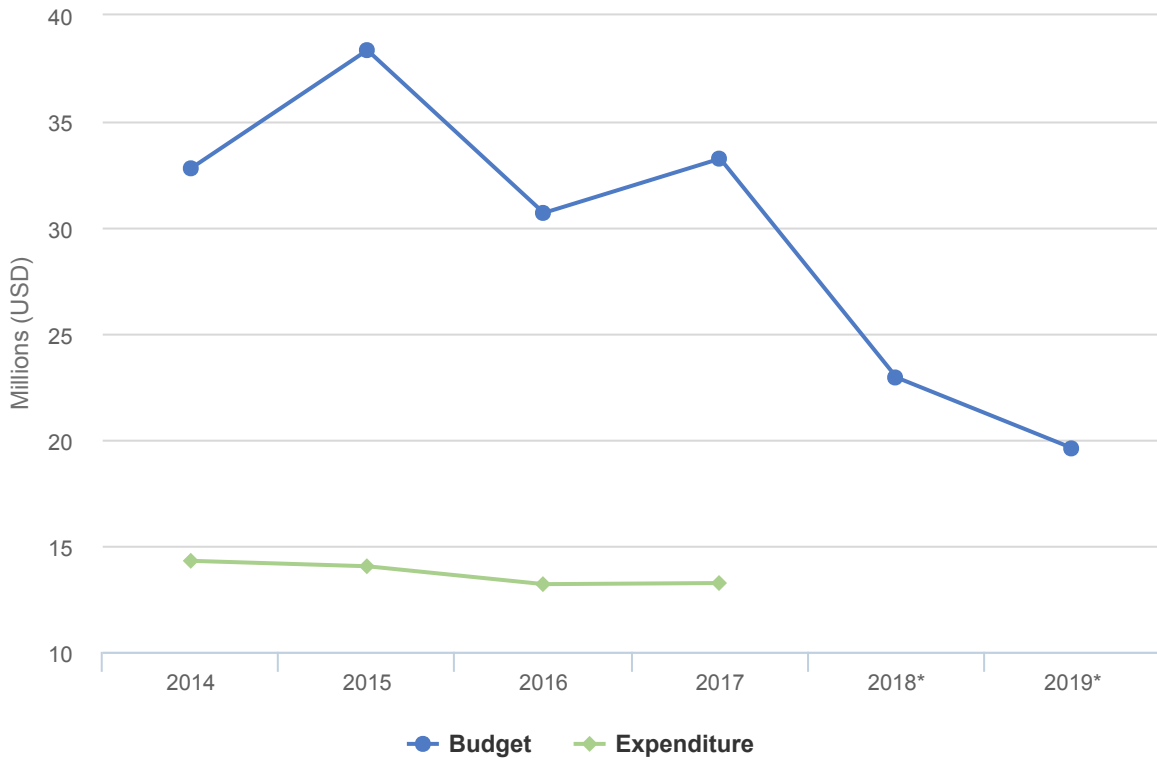
People of Concern

DECREASE IN
1% 2017

2017	593,241
2016	599,459
2015	560,832



Budgets and Expenditure for Thailand



Working environment

Continued stability in parts of southeastern Myanmar as well as the simplification of the voluntary return process, is expected to lead to an increase in the number of facilitated voluntary returns of refugees residing in the nine camps on the border between Myanmar and Thailand.

Concrete developments with respect to key pledges made by the Prime Minister could result in improved protection for people of concern in urban areas.

Sustained political will of the Government to resolve statelessness is expected to result in the reduction in the total number of stateless persons in Thailand.

Key Priorities

In 2019, UNHCR will:

- Continue facilitating voluntary returns if safety and dignity can be assured, and maintain resources to ensure protection is delivered for the most vulnerable refugees in the camps.
 - In the absence of a formal national asylum framework, continue to undertake refugee status determination for urban asylum seekers, while continuing to support the government in its effort to establish a screening mechanism.
 - Continue to work with the government to seek alternatives to detention for persons of concern in line with the Prime Minister's commitment to end the detention of children.
 - Seek ways to support the government in accelerating efforts to identify and resolve statelessness, in line with Thailand's pledges to resolve statelessness by 2024.
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