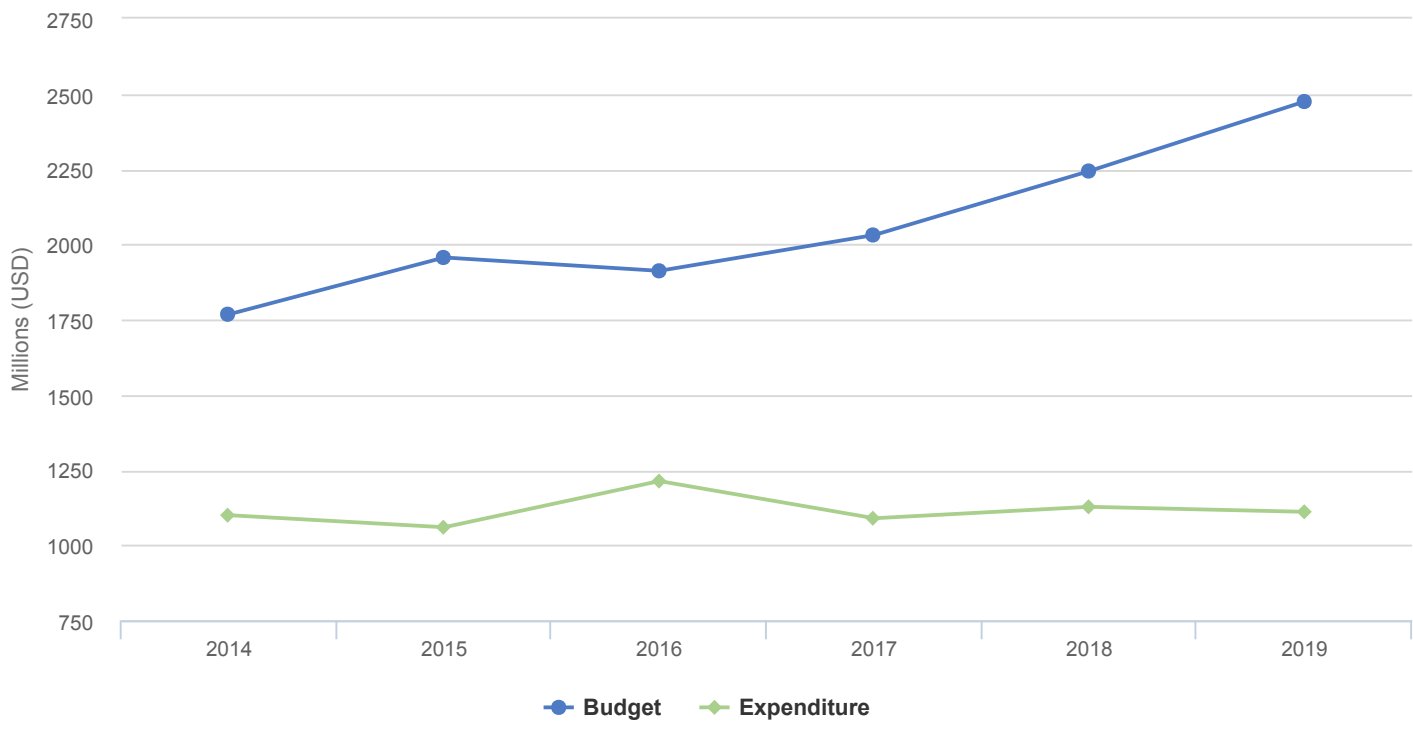
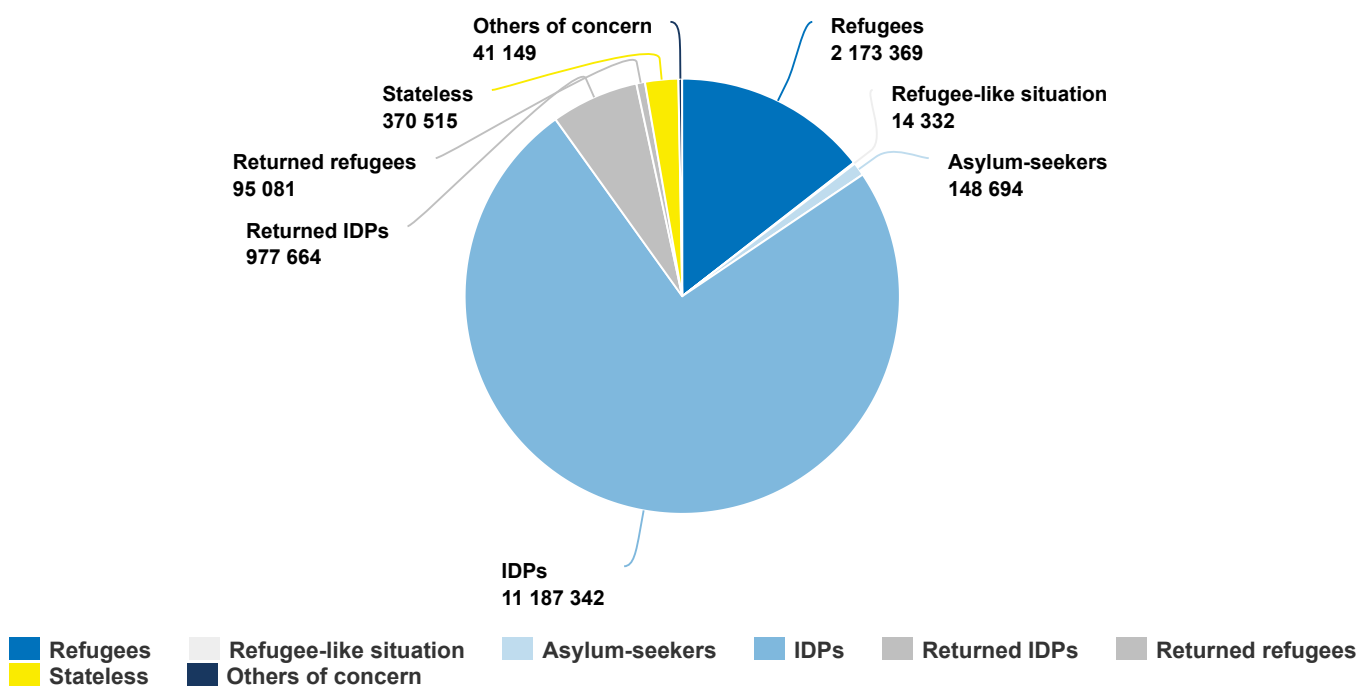




# Budgets and Expenditure in Subregion Middle East



# People of Concern - 2019



## Response in 2019

The Middle East region continued to bear some of the most adverse and prolonged humanitarian crises globally, with complex drivers including ongoing hostilities and a lack of political solutions. As a result, emergency assistance remained at the forefront of the operational response in 2019, in tandem with work that focused on preserving protection space and creating conditions for people of concern to voluntarily return in safety and in dignity

**In Iraq**, the overall security and political situation remained stable until October 2019, when mass demonstrations erupted across the central and southern governorates. Regional tensions also escalated towards the end of the year, further compromising efforts towards stability, transition and reconciliation. While 4.6 million people had returned to their communities since the height of the conflict in 2014, some 1.4 million people remained internally displaced in Iraq - more than half of whom had been displaced for at least three years. Despite significant efforts to rebuild the country and revitalize local economies, significant challenges hindered return in 2019. These included security concerns, lack of social cohesion, documentation issues, limited livelihood opportunities, as well as destroyed or damaged housing. Protection risks for IDPs and returnees also remained acute, with many families affected by physical insecurity, limited freedom of movement, confiscation of documents, detention, forced evictions, and increased risk of sexual gender-based violence (SGBV). Meanwhile, some 280,000 Iraqi refugees and asylum-seekers were hosted in neighbouring countries by the end of year.

The **Syria situation** remained one of the largest humanitarian and refugee crisis in the world. With the crisis in its ninth year, more than 6.1 million Syrians remained internally displaced and over 5.5 million Syrian refugees were hosted in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Inside the Syrian Arab Republic (Syria), humanitarian access to areas with IDPs and returnees remained challenging. While internal displacement decreased in 2019 compared to previous years, new large-scale displacements continued to be recorded, particularly in the north-east and north-west of the country. **Despite security and operational challenges, UNHCR and partners reached approximately 1.7 million people inside Syria with protection activities, 1.8 million people with core relief items, and over 520,000 people with emergency and long-term or permanent shelter support.** Under relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions, UNHCR continued to conduct cross-border interventions from Turkey, assisting more than 358,000 people with core relief items and shelter assistance, and reaching over 153,000 people with protection services.

The level and pace of return movements gradually increased over the year. From January to December 2019, UNHCR verified the return of around 95,000 refugees to Syria from neighbouring countries. Surveys conducted by UNHCR to gauge the intention of Syrian refugees indicated that at least three-quarters of the population hoped to return one day. UNHCR maintained a comprehensive approach in pursuing the full range of durable solutions for Syrian refugees. For those who chose to return, the Office provided an array of support, including documentation and counselling, and solutions for unaccompanied or separated children.

UNHCR continued to lead the regional refugee and resilience plan in response to the Syria crisis (3RP), together with UNDP. Built around government-led national plans and cost-effective and innovative programming, the 3RP is carried out through a coalition of over 270 partners. In 2019, 3RP partners, in support of national efforts, reached over 3.3 million Syrian refugees and members host communities with health and nutrition services, enrolled over 1.3 million children in education, provided almost 580,000 households with basic needs assistance (including in-kind support and cash assistance), assisted more than 1.5 million people with food, and provided over 110,000 children with child protection and psycho-social support programmes.

The situation in **Yemen** remained dire for some 24.1 million people, with active conflict and political instability leading to further protracted displacement. Clashes across multiple governorates both in the north and south were recorded throughout the year, with civilians bearing the brunt of the hostilities. The Stockholm Agreement for Hudaydah remained only partially implemented, as both sides reported violations of the ceasefire and de-escalation terms. Blockades and restrictions on humanitarian aid negatively impacted people of concern, while unprecedented rains and flooding drove outbreaks of cholera and diphtheria. Meanwhile, the capacity of communities to host some 279,000 refugees and

asylum-seekers was further stretched, with people of concern from Ethiopia, Eritrea and Somalia facing increasing risk of arbitrary arrest, detention, limited livelihood opportunities and a breakdown in local services. Despite a challenging operational context, UNHCR continued to support solutions for refugees and asylum-seekers through voluntary repatriation, resettlement and complementary pathways, while expanding livelihood opportunities for IDPs through income-generating activities and multipurpose cash assistance.

## Operations in Middle East in 2019

For countries in **the Gulf** (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates), UNHCR continued its advocacy and resource-mobilization activities throughout 2019. The 'Refugee Zakat Fund' was launched with the support of Gulf States as an efficient, Shariah-compliant structure to assist vulnerable refugees and IDPs globally with cash assistance, with some \$40 million raised to assist over 600,000 beneficiaries in its first year. UNHCR meanwhile continued to advocate for the development of national asylum frameworks, providing support and advice to the Governments of Kuwait and Qatar on national legislative measures protecting people of concern.

While the operational environment remained limited in the sub-region, UNHCR continued to provide protection assistance, including registration and legal support; as well as solutions, such as resettlement, although quotas remained insufficient to meet demand. The number of people seeking asylum continued to increase steadily in some countries: Saudi Arabia saw its asylum-seeking population rise by 10%, while the United Arab Emirates recorded a 12% increase from the year prior. In a positive development, the Government of the United Arab Emirates continued to grant renewable visas to Libyans, Syrians, Yemenis and other people from conflict-affected countries residing irregularly. UNHCR continued to engage with the private sector and humanitarian partners to provide asylum-seekers with legal support, medical services, and livelihood and educational opportunities.

## 2019 Voluntary Contributions to Middle East | USD

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
<b>Middle East overall</b>						
Private donors in Canada	0	0	0	0	325,406	325,406
Private donors in Egypt	0	0	0	0	3,303	3,303
Private donors in Kuwait	0	0	0	0	3,422	3,422
Private donors in Lebanon	0	0	0	0	13,079	13,079
Private donors in Oman	0	0	0	0	1,565	1,565
Private donors in Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0	12,609	12,609
Private donors in the Netherlands	0	0	0	0	33,003	33,003
Private donors in the United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	30,622	30,622
Russian Federation	300,000	0	0	0	0	300,000
United States of America	0	0	0	0	27,450,000	27,450,000
<b>Middle East overall subtotal</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,873,011</b>	<b>28,173,011</b>
<b>Iraq</b>						
Belgium	0	0	0	1,137,656	0	1,137,656
Canada	1,090,426	0	0	0	1,176,692	2,267,117
European Union	0	0	0	3,364,108	0	3,364,108
France	795,455	0	0	0	0	795,455
Germany	15,945,299	0	0	15,114,642	0	31,059,941
Japan	2,822,088	0	0	10,213,626	0	13,035,714
Kuwait	30,000	0	0	0	0	30,000
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	523,013	523,013
Netherlands	171,200	0	0	3,138,062	0	3,309,262
Private donors in Brazil	0	0	0	1,587	0	1,587
Private donors in Canada	0	0	0	0	2,607	2,607
Private donors in China	0	0	0	0	3,931	3,931
Private donors in Egypt	0	0	0	0	1,250	1,250

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Private donors in Italy	0	0	0	1,430	0	1,430
Private donors in Kuwait	0	0	0	0	6,393	6,393
Private donors in Lebanon	0	0	0	0	26,344	26,344
Private donors in Liechtenstein	0	0	0	200,200	0	200,200
Private donors in Oman	0	0	0	0	1,258	1,258
Private donors in Qatar	0	0	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Private donors in Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0	6,492	6,492
Private donors in Thailand	0	0	0	0	113	113
Private donors in the United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	27,060	20,640	47,700
Private donors in the United States of America	0	0	0	225,150	0	225,150
Republic of Korea	500,000	0	0	0	1,500,000	2,000,000
Sweden	0	0	0	0	1,319,987	1,319,987
Switzerland	502,008	0	0	0	1,006,040	1,508,048
United States of America	35,800,000	0	0	30,650,000	49,500,000	115,950,000
<b><i>Iraq subtotal</i></b>	<b>57,656,475</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66,073,521</b>	<b>55,094,760</b>	<b>178,824,757</b>
<b>Jordan</b>						
Australia	3,776,435	0	0	0	0	3,776,435
Canada	2,279,635	0	0	0	5,263,158	7,542,793
Czech Republic	1,085,541	0	0	0	0	1,085,541
European Union	5,592,841	0	0	0	0	5,592,841
France	1,704,545	0	0	0	0	1,704,545
Germany	62,733,036	0	0	0	0	62,733,036
Ireland	1,706,485	0	0	0	0	1,706,485
Isle of Man	130,775	0	0	0	0	130,775
Italy	2,014,145	0	0	0	0	2,014,145
Japan	3,571,425	0	0	0	0	3,571,425
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	313,808	313,808
Malta	27,778	0	0	0	0	27,778

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Netherlands	5,564,000	0	0	0	0	5,564,000
Norway	7,632,598	0	0	0	0	7,632,598
Organisation of Islamic Cooperation	12,901	0	0	0	0	12,901
Private donors in Canada	84,276	0	0	0	50,782	135,058
Private donors in China	2,121	0	0	0	0	2,121
Private donors in Egypt	12,018	0	0	0	12,377	24,395
Private donors in Germany	0	0	0	0	343,607	343,607
Private donors in Indonesia	322	0	0	0	0	322
Private donors in Italy	341,468	0	0	0	0	341,468
Private donors in Kuwait	605,282	0	0	0	20,797	626,079
Private donors in Lebanon	159,831	0	0	0	154,695	314,525
Private donors in Oman	17,739	0	0	0	9,573	27,312
Private donors in Qatar	0	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
Private donors in Saudi Arabia	85,360	0	0	0	44,466	129,826
Private donors in Switzerland	0	0	0	0	136,026	136,026
Private donors in Thailand	1,218	0	0	0	0	1,218
Private donors in the Netherlands	84,181	0	0	0	13,451	97,632
Private donors in the United Arab Emirates	339,959	0	0	0	286,375	626,334
Private donors in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	512,798	0	0	0	0	512,798
Private donors in the United States of America	211,196	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,211,196
Qatar	5,000,000	0	0	0	0	5,000,000
Republic of Korea	228,057	0	0	0	0	228,057
Saudi Arabia	1,042,806	0	0	0	0	1,042,806
Switzerland	1,004,016	0	0	0	0	1,004,016

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	16,219,512	0	0	0	0	16,219,512
United States of America	81,000,000	0	0	0	0	81,000,000
<b>Jordan subtotal</b>	<b>204,784,298</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,664,114</b>	<b>212,448,412</b>

<b>Lebanon</b>						
Australia	4,389,003	0	0	0	0	4,389,003
Belgium	2,275,313	0	0	0	0	2,275,313
Canada	4,559,271	0	0	0	7,518,797	12,078,068
Denmark	7,326,013	0	0	0	0	7,326,013
European Union	36,264,820	0	0	0	0	36,264,820
France	2,840,909	0	0	0	0	2,840,909
Germany	67,302,850	0	0	0	0	67,302,850
Isle of Man	130,775	0	0	0	0	130,775
Italy	4,630,436	0	0	0	0	4,630,436
Japan	3,571,428	0	0	0	0	3,571,428
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	313,808	313,808
Monaco	238,949	0	0	0	0	238,949
Netherlands	7,092,367	0	0	0	0	7,092,367
Norway	7,334,229	0	0	0	0	7,334,229
Private donors in Canada	4,463	0	0	0	0	4,463
Private donors in China	64	0	0	0	0	64
Private donors in Egypt	12,241	0	0	0	12,377	24,618
Private donors in Germany	0	0	0	0	79,484	79,484
Private donors in Indonesia	1,706	0	0	0	0	1,706
Private donors in Italy	174,018	0	0	0	5,741	179,759
Private donors in Japan	23,063	0	0	0	0	23,063
Private donors in Kuwait	764,248	0	0	0	20,797	785,045
Private donors in Lebanon	169,284	0	0	0	131,331	300,616
Private donors in Oman	7,780	0	0	0	9,573	17,353
Private donors in Qatar	0	0	0	0	15,000	15,000



Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Private donors in Saudi Arabia	174,366	0	0	0	47,337	221,703
Private donors in Spain	11,416	0	0	0	34,247	45,662
Private donors in Switzerland	0	0	0	0	40,040	40,040
Private donors in Thailand	1,410	0	0	0	0	1,410
Private donors in the United Arab Emirates	409,231	0	0	0	93,866	503,097
Private donors in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	36,071	0	0	0	0	36,071
Private donors in the United States of America	0	0	0	0	331,691	331,691
Qatar	6,000,000	0	0	0	0	6,000,000
Republic of Korea	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000
Saudi Arabia	6,373,459	0	0	0	0	6,373,459
Spain	1,693,808	0	0	0	0	1,693,808
Sweden	71,450	0	0	0	0	71,450
Switzerland	158,464	0	0	0	1,506,024	1,664,488
United States of America	134,750,000	0	0	0	1,750,000	136,500,000
<b>Lebanon subtotal</b>	<b>299,792,904</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,910,112</b>	<b>311,703,017</b>
<b>Saudi Arabia Regional Office</b>						
Kuwait	0	0	0	0	39,490	39,490
<b>Saudi Arabia Regional Office subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39,490</b>	<b>39,490</b>
<b>Syrian Arab Republic</b>						
Canada	0	0	0	3,799,392	2,255,639	6,055,031
Common Humanitarian Fund Sudan	0	0	311,820	2,043,268	0	2,355,088
European Union	0	0	0	6,453,829	0	6,453,829
Finland	0	0	0	0	1,112,347	1,112,347

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
France	0	0	0	0	568,182	568,182
Germany	0	0	0	29,499,960	7,961,035	37,460,994
Iceland	0	0	0	0	216,589	216,589
Japan	0	0	481,500	7,818,500	1,886,041	10,186,041
Norway	0	0	0	9,141,745	0	9,141,745
Private donors in Australia	0	0	0	0	218,684	218,684
Private donors in Canada	0	0	0	0	98,504	98,504
Private donors in Italy	0	0	0	0	54,705	54,705
Private donors in Kuwait	0	0	0	48	0	48
Private donors in Lebanon	0	0	0	622	54	676
Private donors in Oman	0	0	0	24	0	24
Private donors in Qatar	0	0	0	0	995,100	995,100
Private donors in Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	20,244	0	20,244
Private donors in the Netherlands	0	0	0	0	22	22
Private donors in the United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	121,223	653,725	774,948
Private donors in the United States of America	0	0	0	299,543	1,333,145	1,632,688
Russian Federation	0	0	0	500,000	0	500,000
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	57,405	57,405
Spain	0	0	0	78,038	0	78,038
Sweden	0	0	0	2,199,978	0	2,199,978
United States of America	8,500,000	30,566	0	81,319,434	12,150,000	102,000,000
<b><i>Syrian Arab Republic subtotal</i></b>	<b>8,500,000</b>	<b>30,566</b>	<b>793,320</b>	<b>143,295,848</b>	<b>34,561,177</b>	<b>187,180,911</b>
<b>Syrian Regional Refugee Coordination Office</b>						
Common Humanitarian Fund Sudan	0	0	0	98,708	0	98,708
Germany	2,274,599	0	0	0	0	2,274,599

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
United States of America	0	0	0	13,700,000	3,000,000	16,700,000
<b>Syrian Regional Refugee Coordination Office subtotal</b>	<b>2,274,599</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,798,708</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>	<b>19,073,306</b>
<b>Yemen</b>						
Andorra	0	0	0	22,321	0	22,321
Belgium	426,697	0	0	1,917,053	0	2,343,750
Canada	0	0	0	0	1,139,818	1,139,818
Common Humanitarian Fund Sudan	0	0	0	6,183,233	0	6,183,233
European Union	984,682	0	0	5,710,378	0	6,695,060
Finland	0	0	0	0	2,224,694	2,224,694
France	0	0	0	1,136,364	0	1,136,364
Japan	2,774,637	0	0	796,791	0	3,571,428
Kuwait	9,906,542	0	0	25,093,458	0	35,000,000
Private donors in Canada	0	0	0	0	64,801	64,801
Private donors in China	0	0	0	0	3,468	3,468
Private donors in Egypt	0	0	0	122,639	507,770	630,409
Private donors in Indonesia	0	0	0	0	2,284	2,284
Private donors in Kuwait	0	0	0	16,477	59,492	75,969
Private donors in Lebanon	0	0	0	0	124,050	124,050
Private donors in Oman	0	0	0	0	16,151	16,151
Private donors in Qatar	0	0	0	18,335,260	0	18,335,260
Private donors in Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	5,872	26,425	32,297
Private donors in Thailand	0	0	0	0	833	833
Private donors in the Netherlands	0	0	0	0	201	201
Private donors in the United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	107,238	107,238

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Private donors in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	0	0	0	17,143	17,143
Private donors in the United States of America	35,000	0	0	0	0	35,000
Qatar	0	0	0	1,335,000	0	1,335,000
Republic of Korea	0	0	0	500,000	0	500,000
Saudi Arabia	3,000,000	0	0	5,164,001	0	8,164,001
Spain	0	0	0	1,225,759	0	1,225,759
Sweden	0	0	0	0	1,649,984	1,649,984
Switzerland	502,008	0	0	502,008	0	1,004,016
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2,100,160	0	0	2,402,332	0	4,502,492
United States of America	1,326,724	0	0	38,846	39,700,000	41,065,570
<b>Yemen subtotal</b>	<b>21,056,449</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70,507,793</b>	<b>45,644,351</b>	<b>137,208,594</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>594,364,726</b>	<b>30,566</b>	<b>793,320</b>	<b>293,675,870</b>	<b>185,787,015</b>	<b>1,074,651,497</b>

Note: