

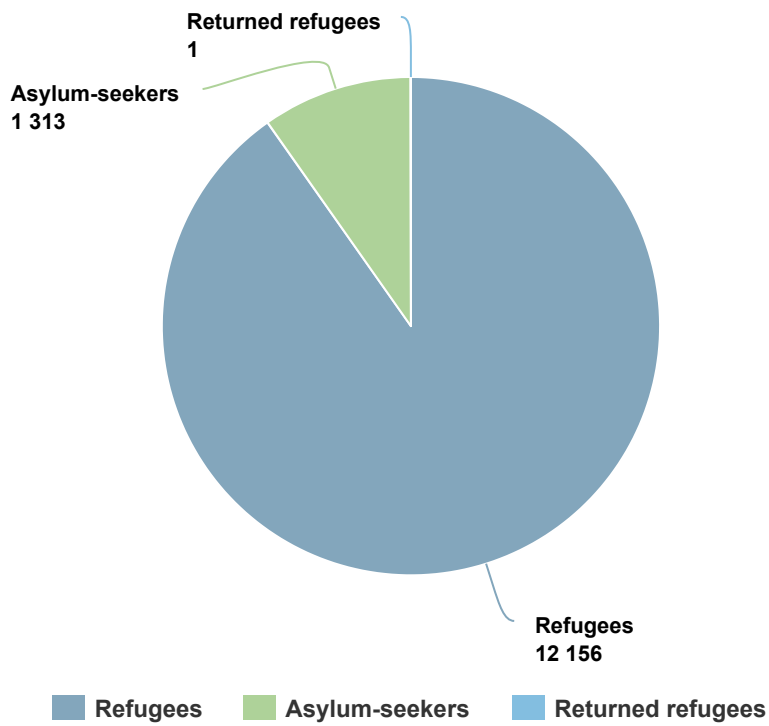
Operation: Ghana



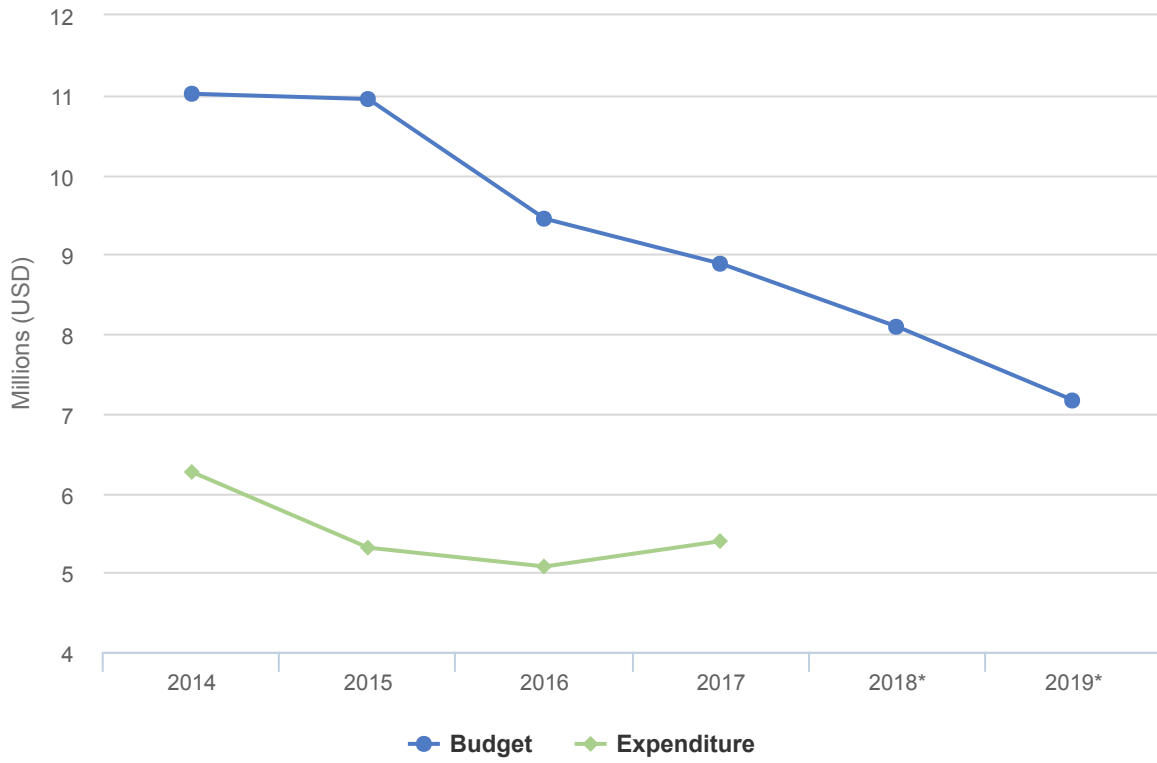
People of Concern

INCREASE IN
2% **2017**

2017	13,470
2016	13,236
2015	19,265



Budgets and Expenditure for Ghana



Working environment

The operational environment in Ghana is expected to remain stable in 2019. The estimated number of people of concern to UNHCR in Ghana in 2019 stands at close to 12,000 people. With positive economic developments in the country, it has increasingly become a country of destination for asylum-seekers in the region,

The United Nations Sustainable Development Partnership (UNSDP) 2018 – 2022 signed with the Ghana Government in July 2018 sets out strategic priorities for the partnership between the UN and the Government of Ghana. It targets support towards the implementation of national development strategies and the achievement of global development, human rights and environment commitments.

The Ministry of Interior is the key policy-maker regarding people of concern to UNHCR in Ghana. UNHCR will continue to work with Ghana Refugee Board (GRB), main interlocutor within the Ministry, to strengthen partnerships with various government stakeholders, as well as with other UN agencies, development partners, civil society and the private sector.

UNHCR's operational focus in Ghana has shifted from emergency assistance to the search for durable solutions. This shift has also brought challenges among the refugee communities such as: discontent on withdrawal of food and other emergency assistance, lack of willingness to engage on durable solutions other than resettlement, and tensions with host communities due to accusations of food theft.

UNHCR continues to work closely and cooperate with the Government of Ghana and neighbouring governments in an effort to ensure a collaborative and consistent approach to asylum across the region. The strategic objectives of the multi-year multi-partner (MYMP) strategy developed in 2016 include voluntary repatriation as the most desirable solution for refugees and local integration for those unable or unwilling to return to their country based on valid protection reasons. Refugees with heightened protection needs and serious medical conditions not treatable in Ghana will be identified for resettlement.

As part of the MYMP approach, UNHCR seeks to leverage the regional framework applicable in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). UNHCR has developed a rights-based solution framework in West Africa for protracted refugees opting for local integration in their asylum countries, supporting long-term residency coupled with the issuance of nationality documents and/or naturalization as appropriate durable solutions. This framework was strengthened by the Abidjan Declaration on the Eradication of Statelessness in February 2015. The Conclusions and Recommendations of the ECOWAS Ministerial Conference on Statelessness emphasize the particular risk of statelessness for protracted refugees, recommending measures to facilitate the (re)acquisition of nationality.

Key priorities

In 2019, UNHCR will focus on:

- civil registration, individual documentation, SGBV response, access to health and education for primary school-aged children, child protection, and durable solutions;
- consolidating the mainstreaming of basic and essential services into the national systems and empowering refugees to be self-sufficient in conjunction with strengthened advocacy to ensure that people of concern are able to access national protection services;

- facilitation of voluntary return of Ivorian refugees, including the provision of better information on conditions in areas of return through go-and-see and come-and-tell visits and on the return package;
- identifying refugees with heightened protection risks and in need of resettlement, and submitting the cases of identified people for resettlement through the regional office;
- achieving an agreement with the Government concerning legal local integration as a durable solution for refugees in protracted situations, particularly, the acquisition of long term residence permits for those opting for it;
- provision of individual documentation, including birth certificates for children born in Ghana, as well as ensuring people of concern have access to basic services and banking;
- advocating for the Government of Ghana to accede to the conventions on Statelessness;
- strengthening SGBV procedures and coordination mechanisms further with the increased involvement of State actors.

2019 Revised Budget for Ghana | USD

The following table presents the revised budget for this operation broken down at the objective level. Resource allocation at the objective level is subject to change during the course of the year as the operational situation evolves and priorities shift. The current budget by pillar, reflected in the bottom line of this table, is updated on a monthly basis and is replaced by the final budget at year-end.

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Total
Favourable Protection Environment		
Law and policy	87,905	87,905
Legal remedies and legal assistance	84,155	84,155
Public attitudes towards persons of concern	79,155	79,155
Subtotal	251,214	251,214
Fair Protection Processes and Documentation		
Identification of statelessness	84,155	84,155
Status determination	69,155	69,155
Individual documentation	62,155	62,155
Civil status documentation	54,155	54,155
Subtotal	269,618	269,618
Security from Violence and Exploitation		
Protection from crime	135,405	135,405
SGBV prevention and response	64,155	64,155
Child protection	69,155	69,155
Subtotal	268,714	268,714
Basic Needs and Essential Services		
Health	189,155	189,155
Nutrition	228,779	228,779
Water	99,155	99,155
Sanitation and hygiene	111,155	111,155
Shelter and infrastructure	274,155	274,155
Basic and domestic and hygiene Items	270,279	270,279
Services for persons with specific needs	117,124	117,124
Education	356,514	356,514
Subtotal	1,646,314	1,646,314
Community Empowerment and Self Reliance		
Community mobilization	64,155	64,155
Co-existence with local communities	199,155	199,155
Self-reliance and livelihoods	886,618	886,618
Subtotal	1,149,927	1,149,927
Durable Solutions		

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Total
Solutions strategy	861,109	861,109
Voluntary return	87,124	87,124
Integration	1,095,975	1,095,975
Resettlement	87,124	87,124
Greater reduction of statelessness	134,155	134,155
Subtotal	2,265,487	2,265,487
Leadership, Coordination and Partnerships		
Coordination and partnerships	82,124	82,124
Subtotal	82,124	82,124
Logistics and Operations Support		
Supply chain and logistics	442,159	442,159
Operations management, coordination and support	783,434	783,434
Subtotal	1,225,593	1,225,593
2019 Revised Budget	7,158,992	7,158,992
Increase / Decrease	0	0
2019 Current Budget	7,158,992	7,158,992