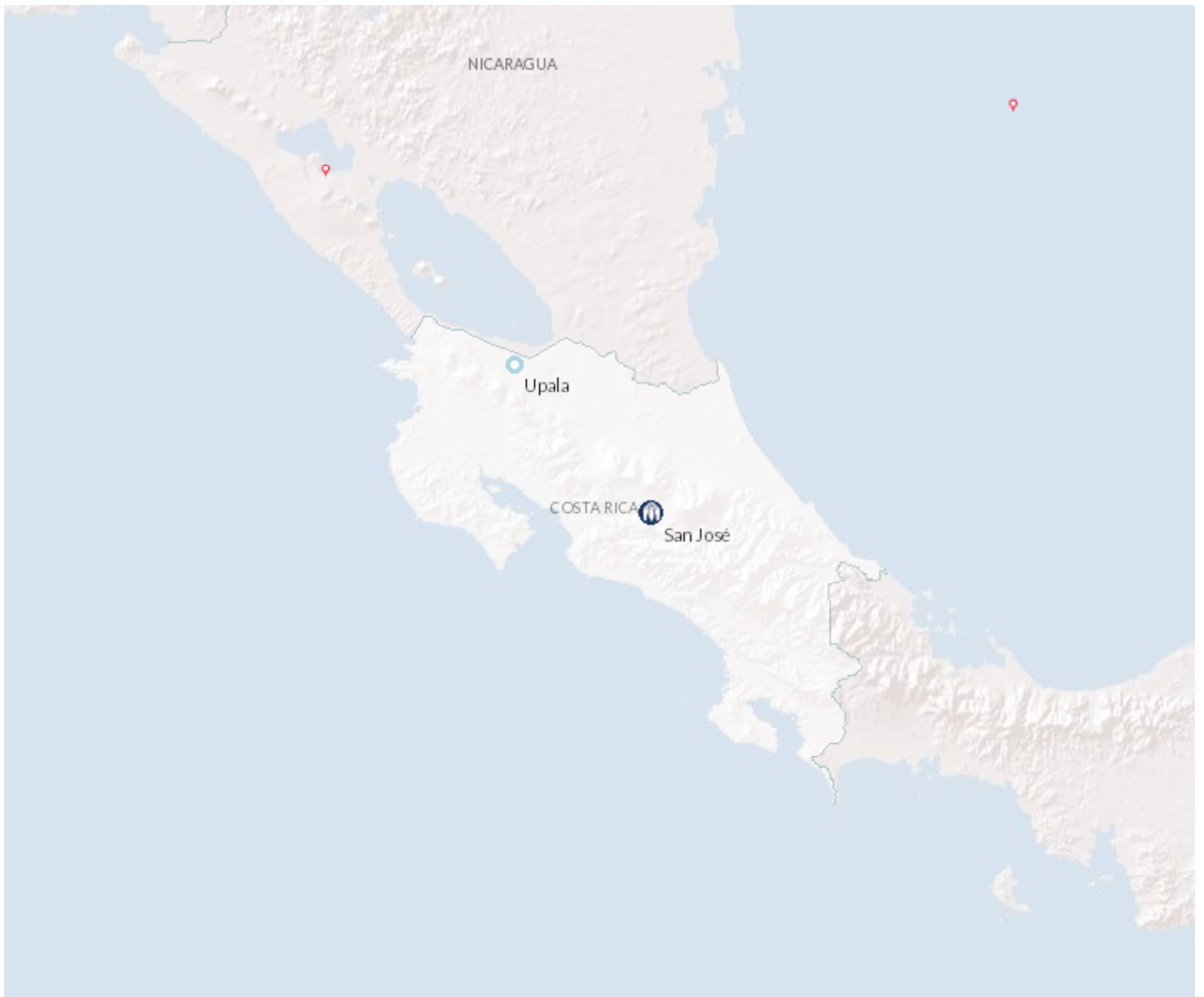


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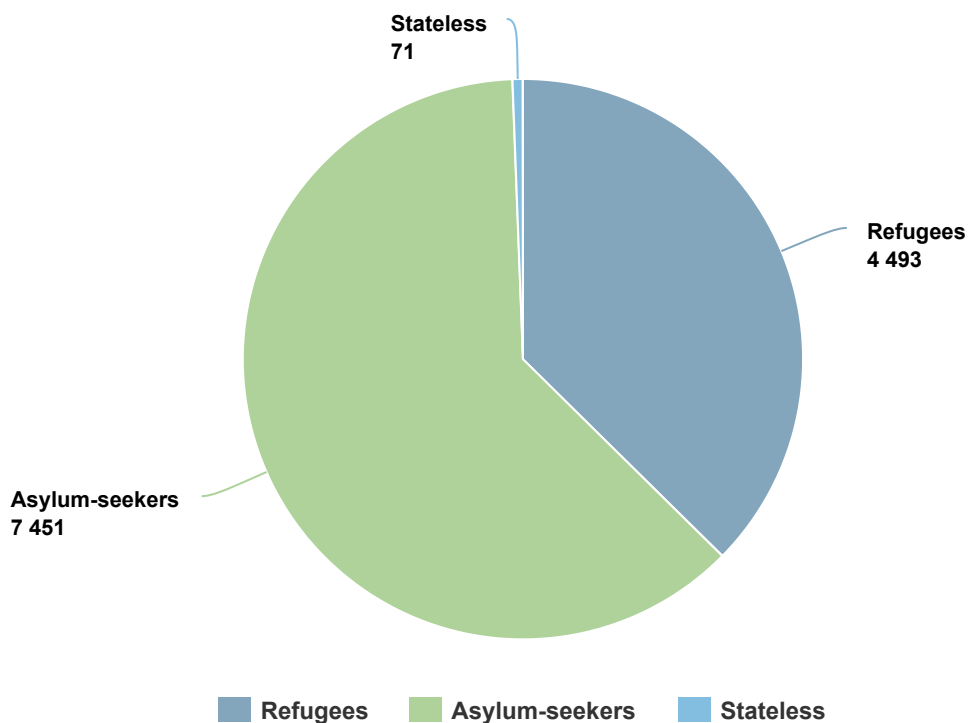
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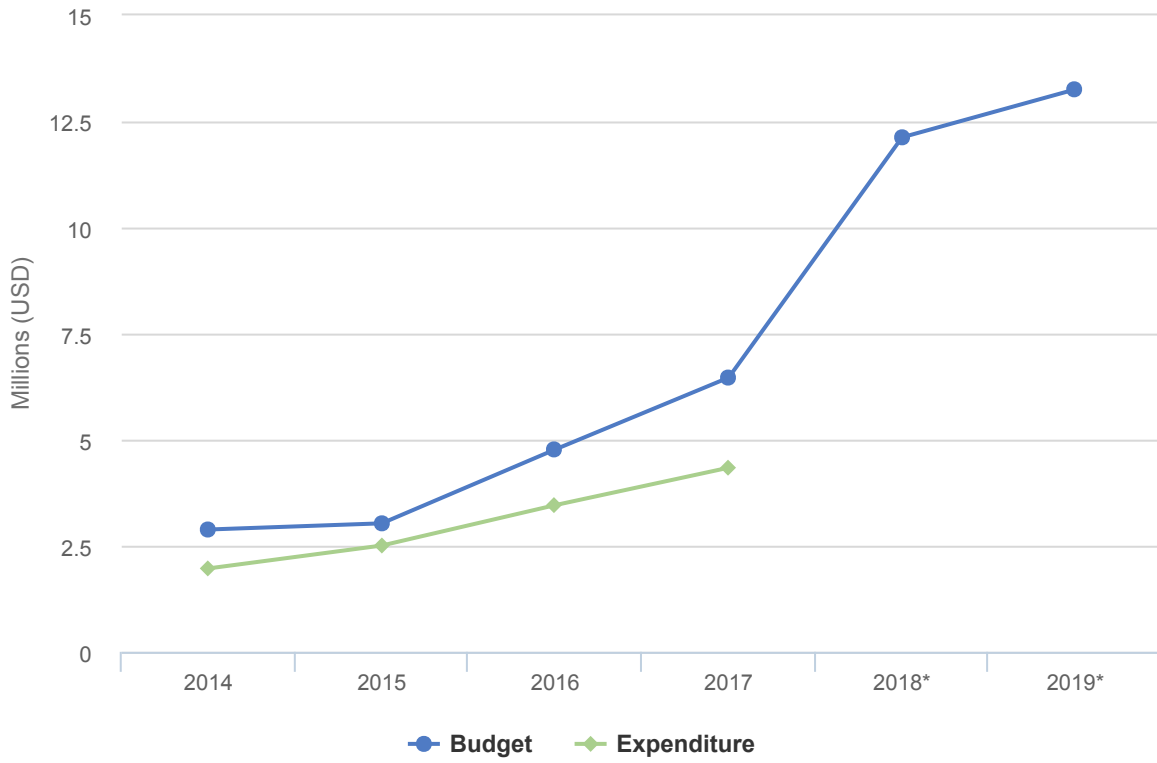
People of Concern

INCREASE IN
51% 2017

2017	12,015
2016	7,953
2015	8,705



Budgets and Expenditure for Costa Rica



Plan Overview

Operational Environment

Costa Rica has increasingly become a major asylum destination and transit country for the main refugee situations and people in mixed movements in the Americas. Costa Rica is destination for refugees from Venezuela, the North of Central America, Colombia and most recently Nicaragua. It has also served as transit for Cubans, Haitians, African and Asian nationals going northwards. These growing trends are expected to continue in 2019 and beyond.

As a multi-year multi-partner (MYMP) strategy and CRRF roll-out country, Costa Rica has played a leading strategic role in establishing a protection and integration space to respond to the regional refugee situations. Costa Rica has progressively reviewed its legal and policy framework on refugee protection to modify the the refugee status determination (RSD) system, include the principle of *non-refoulement*, safeguards on unlawful entry, and age, gender and diversity (AGD) approaches, as well as to provide asylum-seekers with the right to work after the third month of their asylum claim date. Protocols have been put in place to ensure protection of unaccompanied and separated children as well as survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, trafficking, and smuggling. Costa Rica's Administrative Migration Tribunal offers asylum-seekers a second instance on appeal for rejected asylum claims.

Refugees and asylum-seekers in Costa Rica are of mixed socio-economic backgrounds, many of whom have special protection needs that require tailored local integration and assistance interventions.

The country's legal framework allows asylum-seekers and refugees to access basic needs and services on equal footing as nationals, i.e. national welfare programmes that benefit vulnerable populations living in extreme poverty, access to public education, scholarships and job placement. Despite favorable legal and policy frameworks, Costa Rica continues to face economic challenges and undergoing fiscal reform. This situation could affect the capacity of the government to maintain a sustained response. International cooperation is of paramount importance.

Key Priorities

In 2019 UNHCR will focus on:

- Maintaining Field Office in Upala in line with UNHCR's protection by presence strategy to ensure admission to the territory, prevention from *refoulement*, effective access to RSD procedures and documentation.
- Providing capacity building support to the Migration Authority and the Administrative Migration Tribunal with the deployment of additional adjudicators, administrative staffing, and the leasing of new premises in San Jose.
- Strengthening the National Social Welfare Institute (IMAS)'s capacity to ensure eligible humanitarian assistance for people of concern.
- Strengthening cash-based interventions to complement other forms of humanitarian assistance to newly arrived eligible asylum-seekers.
- Strengthening livelihood activities nationwide, including vocational training and job placement activities for Nicaraguans.

2019 Revised Budget for Costa Rica | 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		
Legal remedies and legal assistance	646,899	646,899
Access to territory	276,951	276,951
Public attitudes towards persons of concern	249,800	249,800
Subtotal	1,173,650	1,173,650
Fair Protection Processes and Documentation		
Reception conditions	938,508	938,508
Registration and profiling	46,024	46,024
Status determination	807,401	807,401
Individual documentation	198,096	198,096
Subtotal	1,990,029	1,990,029
Security from Violence and Exploitation		
SGBV prevention and response	477,968	477,968
Child protection	237,248	237,248
Subtotal	715,216	715,216
Basic Needs and Essential Services		
Health	481,633	481,633
Services for persons with specific needs	1,962,561	1,962,561
Subtotal	2,444,194	2,444,194
Community Empowerment and Self Reliance		
Community mobilization	86,691	86,691
Co-existence with local communities	329,601	329,601
Self-reliance and livelihoods	1,959,512	1,959,512
Subtotal	2,375,804	2,375,804
Durable Solutions		
Voluntary return	26,172	26,172
Integration	144,325	144,325
Resettlement	17,448	17,448
Subtotal	187,945	187,945
Leadership, Coordination and Partnerships		
Coordination and partnerships	238,477	238,477
Subtotal	238,477	238,477

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Total
Logistics and Operations Support		
Operations management, coordination and support	156,387	156,387
Subtotal	156,387	156,387
2019 Revised Budget	9,281,703	9,281,703
Increase / Decrease	3,976,617	3,976,617
2019 Current Budget	13,258,320	13,258,320