

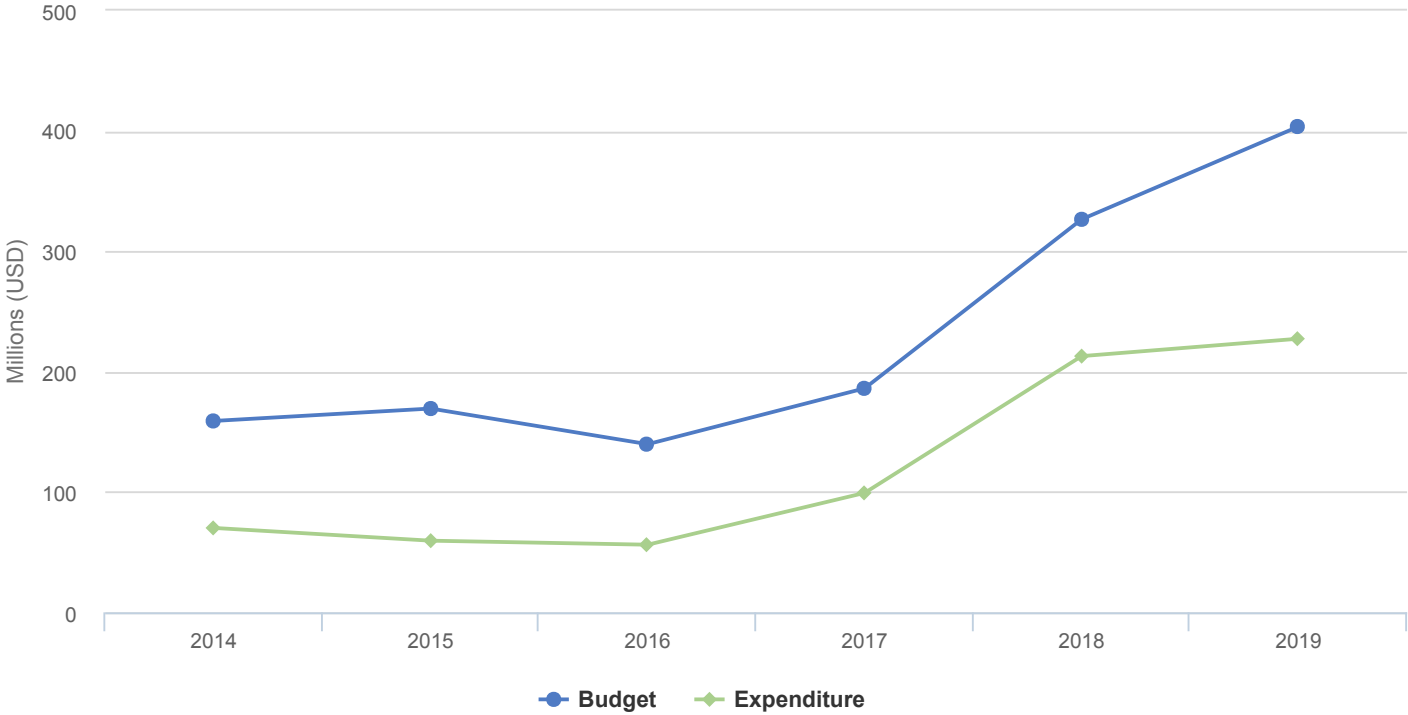
Subregion: South East Asia

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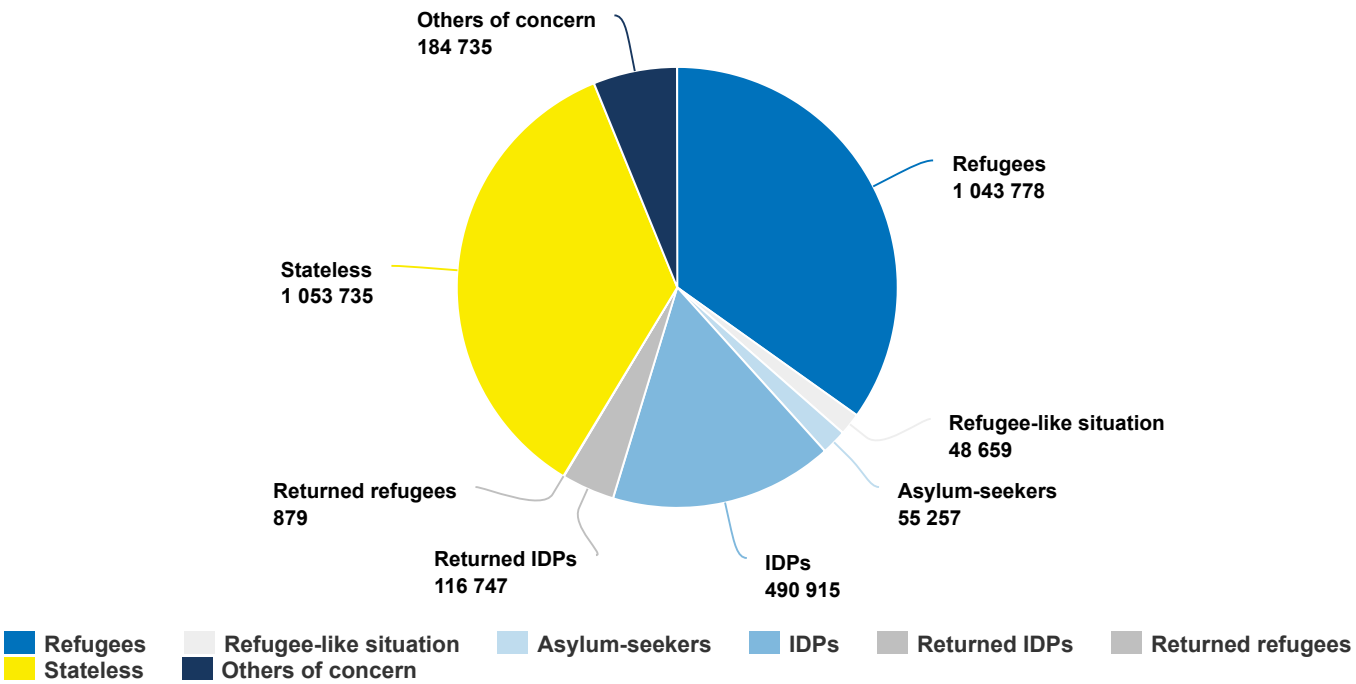


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Budgets and Expenditure in Subregion South East Asia



People of Concern - 2019



Response in 2019

Durable solutions remained an elusive goal in the region. Protracted conflicts prevented sustainable return, while the gap between resettlement spaces and identified needs continued to grow.

Refugees and asylum-seekers from Myanmar remained the largest population of concern at the end of 2019, with some 1.1 million people across the sub-region (855,000 in Bangladesh, 154,000 in Malaysia and 93,000 in Thailand). Moreover, some 600,000 stateless persons and 300,000 IDPs — many of whom were also stateless — were of concern to UNHCR in Myanmar. The vast majority of these refugees and stateless persons were Rohingya (with the exception of those in Thailand), whose right to freedom of movement, as well as access to livelihoods and education, remained limited in 2019. UNHCR and the Government of Bangladesh completed the registration of all Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh in 2019, issuing them individual documentation and establishing a tool to help exercise their right to return to Myanmar. In Myanmar, UNHCR continued to advocate for the rights and status of Rohingya who remained in Rakhine State, while working with UNDP to conduct needs assessments and implement quick impact projects to improve conditions in the northern townships of the state. UNHCR also facilitated the voluntary return of nearly 900 Karen and Karenni refugees from Thailand to Myanmar, while working with the respective governments to enable a dignified, sustainable and comprehensive end to the decades-long encampment of the remaining 93,200 refugees in Thailand.

In the absence of durable solutions, UNHCR focused its engagement with countries in South-East Asia on comprehensive protection and resilience, such as expanded legal pathways and enhanced access to education and livelihoods. Notable progress was made on alternatives to the detention of children in Thailand, with the release of children and their mothers from the main immigration detention centre by the end of 2019. The Malaysian Government was finalizing plans to grant refugees the right to work in certain sectors; and in Indonesia, refugee children began to enrol in public schools.

In addition to Malaysia's research into statelessness and the status of individual documentation in the eastern part of the country, the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) developed a research report examining the legal and policy framework on identity and nationality for women and children in ASEAN Member States, with UNHCR's support. In collaboration with the Regional Support Office for the Bali Process and Thailand's Ministry of Interior, a Bali Process Civil Registration Assessment Toolkit was piloted in Thailand, prior to roll out in Bali Process Member States. Halfway into the #IBelong campaign, almost 60,000 formerly stateless individuals in Thailand had either acquired nationality or had their nationality confirmed through reformed nationality and civil registration laws and policies.

Operations in South East Asia in 2019

The Philippines

Natural disasters and low intensity conflicts continued to cause recurrent or protracted internal displacement with nearly 702,000 people newly displaced in Mindanao during 2019. While some 49% had returned home by the end of the year, UNHCR remained concerned about their safety and ability to access basic services. The Philippines was host to a small refugee population of some 700 in 2019, along with some 330 asylum-seekers, while there were approximately 130,000 Sama Bajau people and nearly 400 people of Indonesian descent at risk of statelessness.

UNHCR co-led the protection cluster in support of the Government's response to internal displacement and supported capacity-building toward full government leadership. UNHCR also provided limited financial assistance and continued advocacy for education and employment opportunities. UNHCR supported the implementation of the 1954 Convention and the national action plan to end statelessness, helping nearly 8,400 people of Indonesian descent and around 400 Sama Bajas to obtain crucial documentation.

As co-lead of the protection working group, UNHCR continued capacity-building activities in newly created Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), including in emergency preparedness and response to internal displacement. Protection, humanitarian assistance and protection monitoring activities were sustained, and the resolution of housing, land, and property issues was also advanced. Quick impact projects allowed vulnerable communities to meet their urgent needs and, in coordination with the local government, a solutions-oriented IDP profiling exercise was conducted in BARMM.

Viet Nam

Viet Nam had made considerable progress since 2002 in addressing nationality and documentation issues, notably through naturalization, birth registration and determination of nationality for children, as well as issuing of permanent residence permits for eligible migrants. In 2019, Viet Nam developed a strategic plan to address statelessness and started preparations to accede to one or both statelessness conventions.

2019 Voluntary Contributions to South East Asia | USD

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
South East Asia overall					
Private donors in Germany	0	0	0	454,545	454,545
United States of America	0	0	0	7,300,000	7,300,000
South East Asia overall subtotal	0	0	0	7,754,545	7,754,545
Bangladesh					
Australia	0	0	0	10,989,011	10,989,011
Austria	557,414	0	0	0	557,414
Canada	2,813,750	0	0	0	2,813,750
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	890,875	0	0	0	890,875
Denmark	0	0	0	5,155,398	5,155,398
Education Cannot Wait	1,639,226	0	0	0	1,639,226
Estonia	55,006	0	0	0	55,006
European Union	4,654,783	0	0	0	4,654,783
Finland	1,112,347	0	0	0	1,112,347
France	568,182	0	0	0	568,182
Germany	3,355,705	0	0	0	3,355,705
Ireland	1,122,334	0	0	0	1,122,334
Japan	5,667,211	0	0	0	5,667,211
Lithuania	55,556	0	0	0	55,556
Netherlands	2,352,941	0	0	0	2,352,941
Norway	804,968	0	0	0	804,968
Private donors in Australia	87,105	0	0	271,179	358,284
Private donors in China	183,064	0	0	99,955	283,020
Private donors in Denmark	1,221	0	0	0	1,221
Private donors in Egypt	19,961	0	0	258	20,219
Private donors in France	16,392	0	0	0	16,392
Private donors in Germany	363,846	0	0	0	363,846
Private donors in India	2,048	0	0	0	2,048

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Private donors in Italy	6,400	0	0	0	6,400
Private donors in Japan	90,381	0	0	0	90,381
Private donors in Kenya	31	0	0	0	31
Private donors in Kuwait	216,820	0	0	6,579	223,399
Private donors in Lebanon	267,525	0	0	0	267,525
Private donors in Oman	21,814	0	0	0	21,814
Private donors in Philippines	18,908	0	0	0	18,908
Private donors in Qatar	3,000,000	0	0	22,215,000	25,215,000
Private donors in Saudi Arabia	502,298	0	0	0	502,298
Private donors in Singapore	10,026	0	0	0	10,026
Private donors in South Africa	234	0	0	0	234
Private donors in Spain	32,823	0	0	0	32,823
Private donors in Sweden	17,277	0	0	0	17,277
Private donors in Switzerland	30,313	0	0	0	30,313
Private donors in Thailand	108,347	0	0	0	108,347
Private donors in the United Arab Emirates	297,707	0	0	4,484	302,191
Private donors in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	24,777	0	0	0	24,777
Private donors in the United States of America	2,310,588	0	0	0	2,310,588
Republic of Korea	1,700,000	0	0	0	1,700,000
Saudi Arabia	1,155,671	0	0	0	1,155,671
Spain	6,132	0	0	0	6,132
Sweden	2,563,051	0	0	879,991	3,443,042
Switzerland	3,020,816	0	0	0	3,020,816
UNOPS	516,206	0	0	0	516,206
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	18,292,683	0	0	0	18,292,683
United States of America	81,916,050	0	0	0	81,916,050
Bangladesh subtotal	142,450,811	0	0	39,621,856	182,072,667

Indonesia

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
European Union	17,261	0	0	0	17,261
Private donors in Australia	0	0	0	14,380	14,380
Private donors in Canada	0	0	0	527	527
Private donors in China	0	0	0	9,495	9,495
Private donors in France	0	0	0	5,151	5,151
Private donors in Italy	0	0	0	1,487	1,487
Private donors in Japan	0	0	0	1,229	1,229
Private donors in Kuwait	0	0	0	48	48
Private donors in Lebanon	0	0	0	275	275
Private donors in Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	460	460
Private donors in Singapore	0	0	0	292	292
Private donors in Spain	0	0	0	7,162	7,162
Private donors in Sweden	0	0	0	1,080	1,080
Private donors in Switzerland	0	0	0	587	587
Private donors in Thailand	0	0	0	3,437	3,437
Private donors in the Netherlands	0	0	0	283	283
Private donors in the Republic of Korea	0	0	0	22,300	22,300
Private donors in the United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	6,509	6,509
Private donors in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	0	0	3,925	3,925
Spain	35,655	0	0	0	35,655
United States of America	1,500,000	0	0	1,400,000	2,900,000
Indonesia subtotal	1,552,916	0	0	1,478,627	3,031,543
Malaysia					
European Union	19,795	0	0	0	19,795
Private donors in Malaysia	119,451	0	0	0	119,451
UNAIDS	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
United States of America	2,160,500	0	0	1,500,000	3,660,500
Malaysia subtotal	2,349,746	0	0	1,500,000	3,849,746
Myanmar					

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Australia	0	0	0	713,267	713,267
Canada	0	0	0	379,939	379,939
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	0	40,840	816,624	129,134	986,598
Denmark	0	0	0	2,945,942	2,945,942
European Union	0	935,270	565,556	0	1,500,826
France	0	568,182	0	0	568,182
Germany	0	0	0	1,114,827	1,114,827
Italy	0	1,201,923	0	0	1,201,923
Japan	0	5,474,453	0	0	5,474,453
Switzerland	0	0	0	502,008	502,008
United States of America	0	0	0	10,900,000	10,900,000
Myanmar subtotal	0	8,220,668	1,382,180	16,685,117	26,287,965
Philippines					
Germany	0	21,400	0	0	21,400
Private donors in Philippines	0	0	404,807	0	404,807
United States of America	0	0	0	800,000	800,000
Philippines subtotal	0	21,400	404,807	800,000	1,226,207
Thailand					
Private donors in Thailand	4,919,641	0	0	0	4,919,641
United States of America	1,522,149	0	0	2,500,000	4,022,149
Thailand subtotal	6,441,790	0	0	2,500,000	8,941,790
Thailand Regional Office					
Australia	0	0	0	83,004	83,004
Germany	0	85,600	0	0	85,600
Thailand Regional Office subtotal	0	85,600	0	83,004	168,604
Total	152,795,262	8,327,668	1,786,987	70,423,149	233,333,067

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