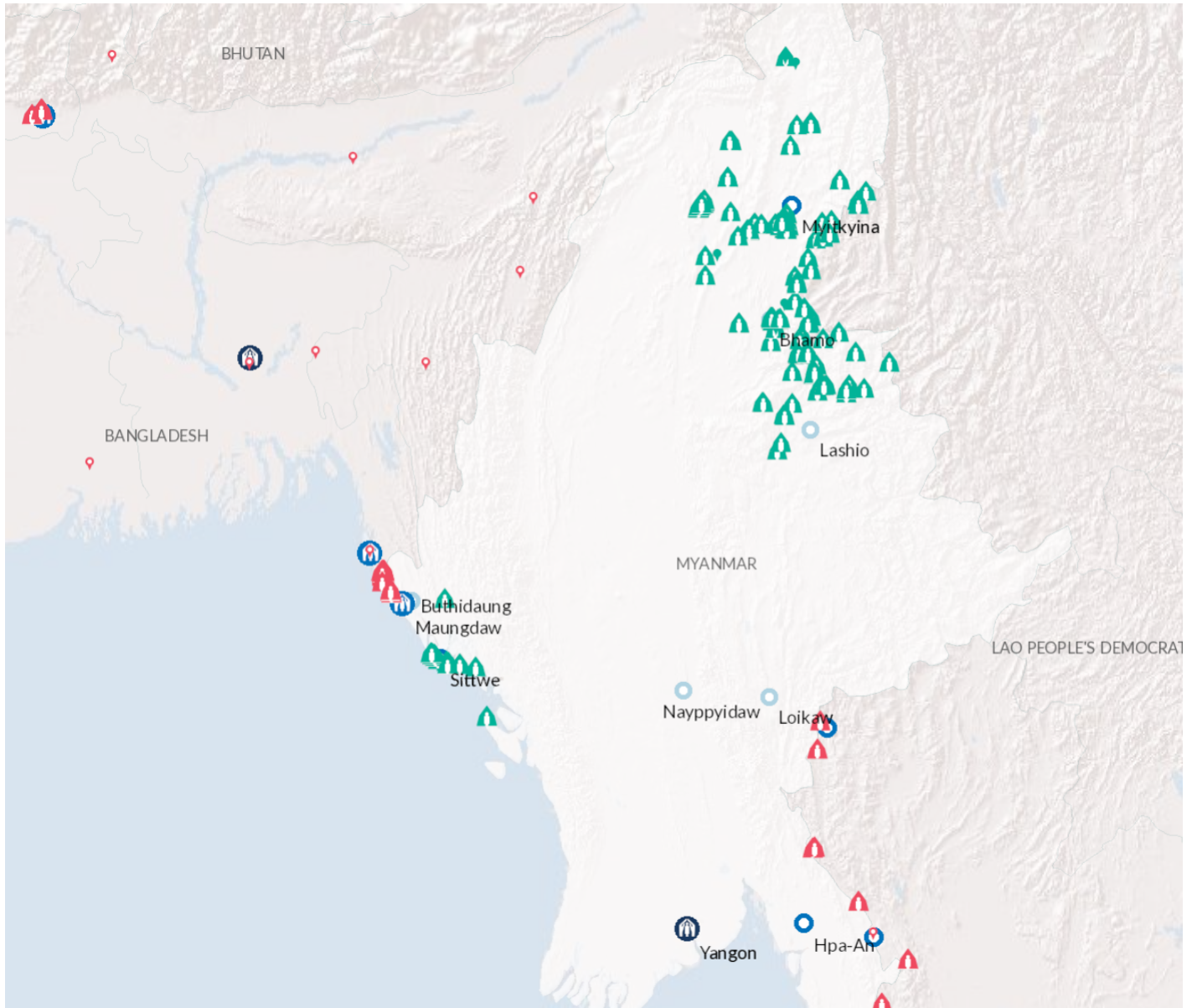


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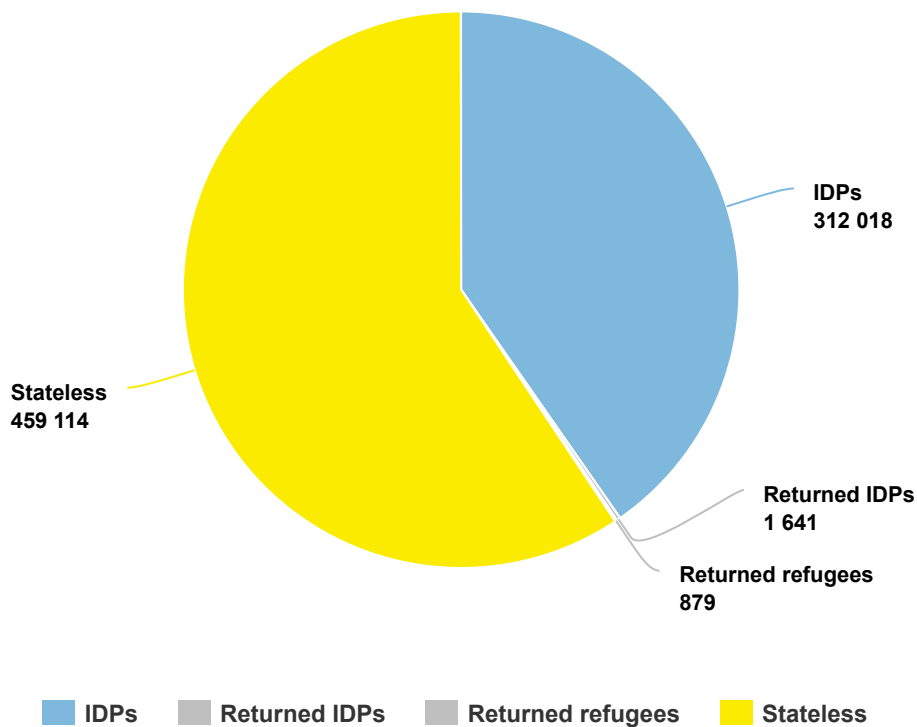


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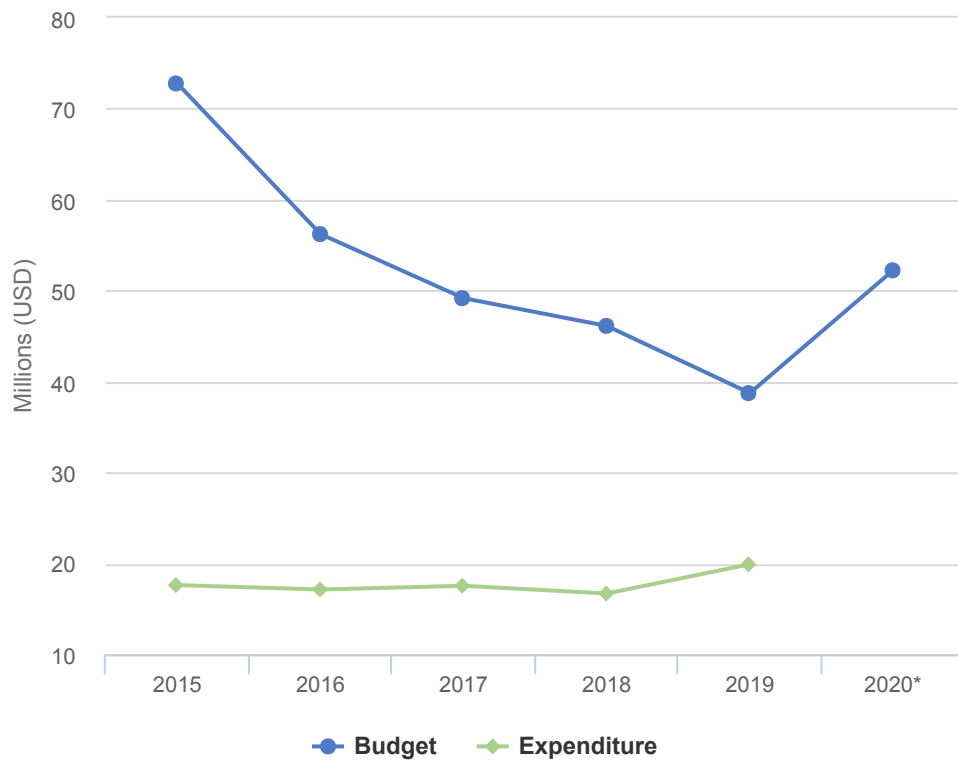
People of Concern

DECREASE IN
11 % 2019

2019	773,652
2018	866,718
2017	849,733



Budgets and Expenditure for Myanmar



Operational context

The protection environment in Myanmar remained challenging in 2019, with few prospects of solutions for people of concern to UNHCR.

Limited progress in addressing the root causes of the crisis in Rakhine State, particularly for some 600,000 stateless Rohingya in Rakhine State and some 1 million Rohingya refugees across the region, was compounded by escalating clashes between the Myanmar Armed Forces and the Arakan Army (an ethnic armed group), displacing an additional 60,000 people in 2019. Despite the Government's commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, little progress was achieved in addressing freedom of movement, access to essential services and statelessness. Some opportunities were presented by the adoption in November of a national strategy for the closure of camps. Its implementation is linked to the broader peace process and will rely heavily on support from the humanitarian community.

Despite the Government's commitment to improve conditions in northern areas of Rakhine State, as demonstrated by its extension of a memorandum of understanding with UNHCR and UNDP, humanitarian access remained time-bound and location-specific. Conditions were not conducive to voluntary or sustainable return of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and elsewhere.

While a slightly improved security environment allowed for small-scale returns of IDPs in Kachin State, clashes in northern Shan State led to new displacement.

Limited access to services and livelihood opportunities, as well as the presence of landmines, remained obstacles to IDP and refugee returns in and to south-east Myanmar. Nonetheless, close to 900 refugees returned from Thailand in 2019, the largest number since UNHCR began facilitating voluntary repatriation from Thailand in 2015.

Population trends

The total estimated population of concern to UNHCR in Myanmar stood at some 773,600 at year end. This figure is comprised of some 600,000 stateless Rohingya in Rakhine State (some 140,000 of whom are IDPs in camps or camp-like conditions) and over 170,000 other IDPs, mostly in Kachin and Rakhine States.

In addition to the 855,000 refugees from Myanmar remaining in Bangladesh, some 154,000 refugees and asylum-seekers from Myanmar remained in Malaysia, while some 93,000 remained in Thailand.

Achievements

- In the northern townships of Rakhine State, UNHCR and UNDP conducted needs assessments in over 100 locations and implemented 45 QIPs benefiting approximately 15,000 individuals. UNHCR also implemented 14 QIPs for IDPs in central Rakhine State, aimed at preserving peaceful coexistence between affected communities.
- In Kachin State, some 7,000 IDPs found small-scale solutions ranging from return to local integration and resettlement, partly through 40 QIPs implemented by UNHCR.
- UNHCR maintained its responsibilities within the inter-agency humanitarian response for IDPs in Rakhine, Kachin and Shan States and assumed both coordination and operational delivery roles in the areas of protection, shelter, non-food items and CCCM, resulting in shelter construction and rehabilitation for 25,000 individuals, CCCM activities in over 150 IDP camps and non-food item support to 30,000 people.

Unmet needs

The underlying protection needs of stateless Rohingya in Rakhine State — freedom of movement, access to services, and a pathway to citizenship — remained unfulfilled. Access and movement restrictions impeded UNHCR's ability to scale up community projects aimed at creating a conducive environment for solutions.

A funding shortfall of \$12.2 million (32%) limited shelter assistance to IDPs, leaving a gap of 3,800 shelter units in Kachin and Shan States and 6,400 families in need of shelter construction or rehabilitation in central Rakhine State. Funding shortfalls also reduced refugee returnee monitoring and peaceful coexistence activities in south-east Myanmar by some 30%.

2019 Expenditure for Myanmar | USD

The following table presents the final budget and funds available by pillar and the final expenditure at the objective-level, as reported at year-end.

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	Total
Final Budget	6,973,421	22,230,162	9,520,417	38,724,000
Income from contributions*	16,685,117	8,220,668	1,382,180	26,287,965
Other funds available / transfers	-10,999,898	6,106,267	4,574,522	-319,108
Total funds available	5,685,219	14,326,935	5,956,703	25,968,857
Expenditure by Objective				
Favourable Protection Environment				
Law and policy	0	1,117,295	0	1,117,295
Legal remedies and legal assistance	0	0	136,154	136,154
Subtotal	0	1,117,295	136,154	1,253,449
Fair Protection Processes and Documentation				
Identification of statelessness	0	433,376	0	433,376
Individual documentation	178,856	0	0	178,856
Subtotal	178,856	433,376	0	612,232
Security from Violence and Exploitation				
Protection from effects of armed conflict	0	706,369	172,859	879,229
Subtotal	0	706,369	172,859	879,229
Basic Needs and Essential Services				
Shelter and infrastructure	0	1,412,788	1,177,195	2,589,983
Basic and domestic and hygiene Items	-11	1,997,489	961,796	2,959,274
Services for persons with specific needs	0	831,377	492,303	1,323,680
Subtotal	-11	4,241,654	2,631,294	6,872,937
Community Empowerment and Self Reliance				
Community mobilization	0	1,072,809	439,422	1,512,231
Co-existence with local communities	408,289	1,622,540	502,280	2,533,109
Subtotal	408,289	2,695,349	941,702	4,045,340
Durable Solutions				
Voluntary return	231,290	693,686	200,565	1,125,540
Reintegration	493,123	0	0	493,123
Subtotal	724,413	693,686	200,565	1,618,663

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	Total
Leadership, Coordination and Partnerships				
Coordination and partnerships	98,743	147,020	236,868	482,631
Camp management and coordination	0	105,797	437,967	543,763
Subtotal	98,743	252,816	674,835	1,026,394
Logistics and Operations Support				
Supply chain and logistics	0	1,106,284	0	1,106,284
Operations management, coordination and support	285,373	1,841,141	365,739	2,492,253
Subtotal	285,373	2,947,425	365,739	3,598,537
2019 Expenditure Total	1,695,663	13,087,970	5,123,148	19,906,780

**Income from contributions includes indirect support costs that are recovered from contributions to Pillars 3 and 4, supplementary budgets and the “New or additional activities – mandate-related” (NAM) Reserve. Contributions towards all pillars are included under Pillar 1.*