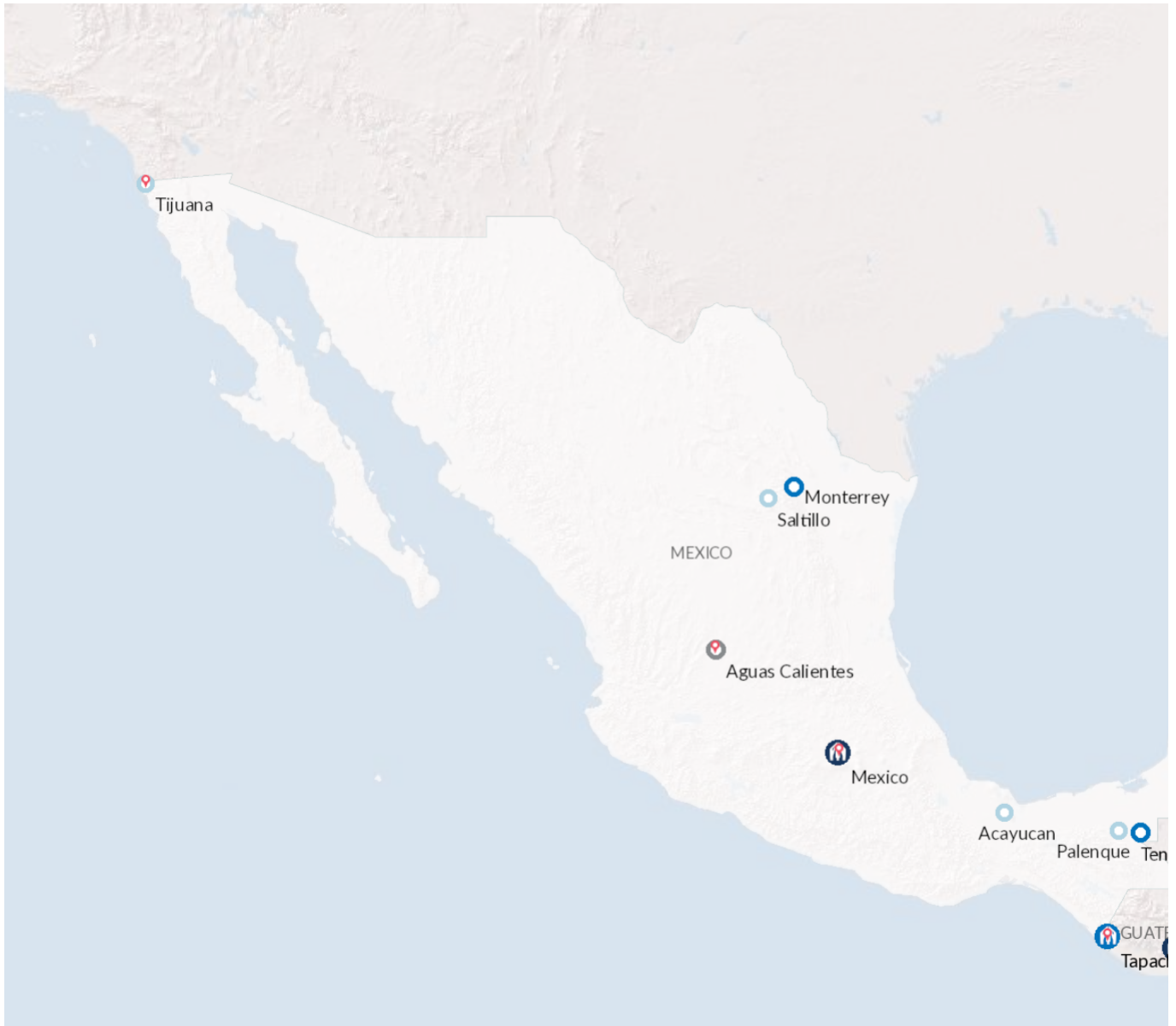




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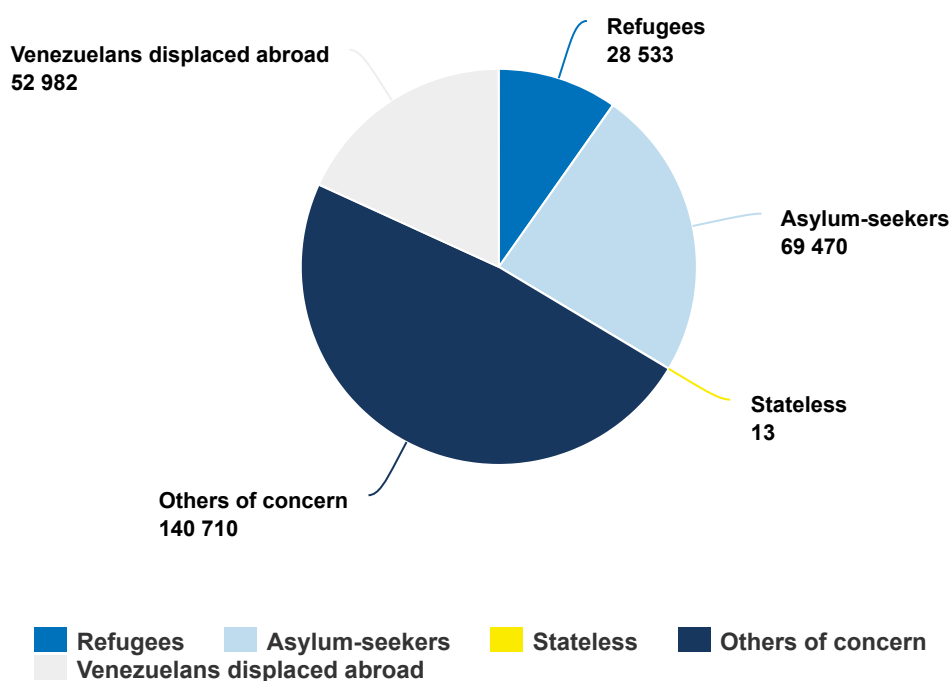


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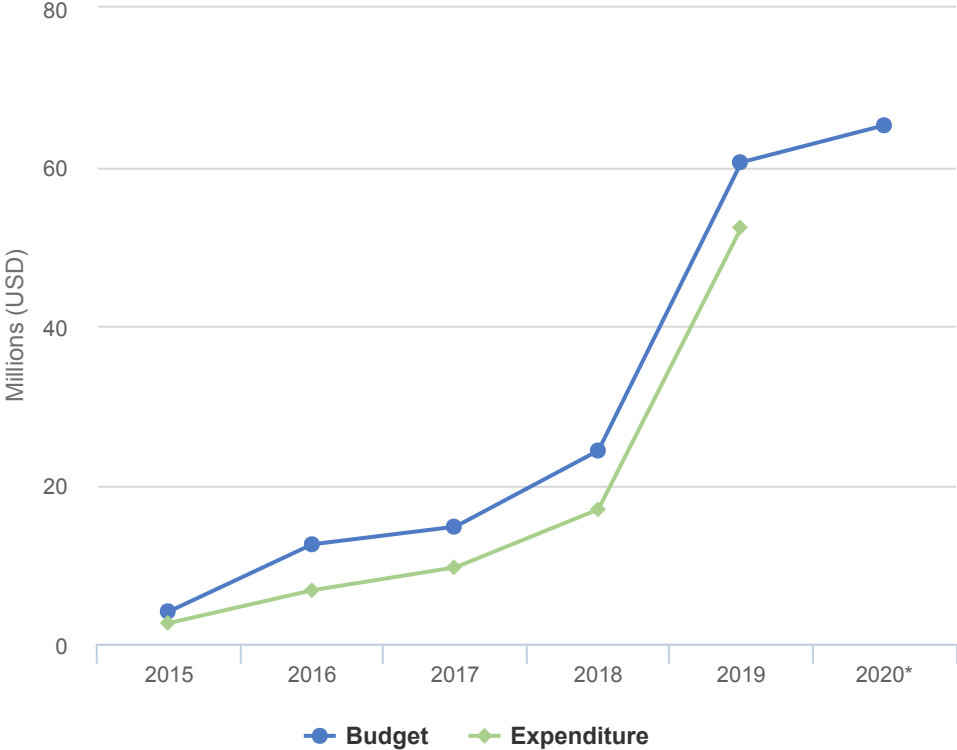
People of Concern

76% INCREASE IN
2019

2019	291,708
2018	165,506
2017	19,398



Budgets and Expenditure for Mexico



Operational context

The initial open and human rights-based migration policy, adopted by President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador when he took office in early 2019, was challenged as a result of regional dynamics and a series of policies from the United States of America aimed at reducing irregular migration. Although Mexico declined to negotiate a safe third country agreement with the United States of America, it nevertheless increased its control over movements of migrants and asylum-seekers by deploying the National Guard, increasing incidents of detention and returns.

Separately Mexico also acknowledged internal displacement within the country and began adapting its legal and institutional framework to address it.

Mixed movements from countries in the north of Central America, as well as from Cuba, Haiti, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and other countries, towards Mexico continued in 2019, and asylum claims increased considerably.

Despite efforts to support the Government, the capacity of the National Refugee Commission (COMAR) to undertake quality refugee status determination (RSD) remained limited and given the rise in asylum applications in Mexico, the backlog in asylum decisions increased.

Population trends

Some 70,400 individuals applied for asylum in Mexico in 2019, a 137% increase from 2018, with an average of 5,900 applications per month.

Almost 90% of applications were filed by nationals of Honduras (43%); El Salvador (13%); Cuba (12%); the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (11%); and Haiti (8%). Some 43% of applicants were female, and children accounted for 26% of applicants.

Achievements

- UNHCR strengthened its response in border and main receiving areas as a result of expanded operations in Aguascalientes, Ciudad Juárez, Guadalajara, Mexicali, Monterrey, Palenque, Querétaro and Tijuana.
- Registration capacity improved in Tapachula with a new centre serving up to 6,000 people per month. The registration period was reduced from eight weeks to a single day.
- UNHCR support allowed COMAR to expand its presence to Monterrey, Palenque and Tijuana.
- A detailed assessment of 60 shelters was conducted to identify capacities and needs.

Unmet needs

- The operation was funded at 92% by the end of 2019.
- Access to quality legal representation remained a challenge, particularly in detention centers, which in turn limited access to the asylum procedure and disincentivized the filing of claims.
- UNHCR continued to urge the Mexican authorities to adapt and translate UNHCR interventions into public policies.

2019 Expenditure for Mexico | 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	Total
Final Budget	60,565,518	60,565,518
Income from contributions*	55,643,269	55,643,269
Other funds available / transfers	-616,539	-616,539
Total funds available	55,026,730	55,026,730
Expenditure by Objective		
Favourable Protection Environment		
Legal remedies and legal assistance	2,374,920	2,374,920
Access to territory	747,297	747,297
Public attitudes towards persons of concern	1,873,935	1,873,935
Subtotal	4,996,153	4,996,153
Fair Protection Processes and Documentation		
Reception conditions	9,036,348	9,036,348
Registration and profiling	2,903,992	2,903,992
Status determination	1,771,441	1,771,441
Subtotal	13,711,781	13,711,781
Security from Violence and Exploitation		
SGBV prevention and response	603,285	603,285
Non-arbitrary detention	510,733	510,733
Child protection	1,780,854	1,780,854
Subtotal	2,894,872	2,894,872
Basic Needs and Essential Services		
Basic and domestic and hygiene Items	14,351,426	14,351,426
Services for persons with specific needs	944,966	944,966
Education	761,261	761,261
Subtotal	16,057,653	16,057,653
Community Empowerment and Self Reliance		
Community mobilization	917,648	917,648
Co-existence with local communities	1,024,563	1,024,563
Self-reliance and livelihoods	876,631	876,631
Subtotal	2,818,842	2,818,842
Durable Solutions		
Integration	10,087,896	10,087,896
Resettlement	51,207	51,207
Subtotal	10,139,104	10,139,104

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Total
Leadership, Coordination and Partnerships		
Coordination and partnerships	478,384	478,384
Subtotal	478,384	478,384
Logistics and Operations Support		
Operations management, coordination and support	1,273,111	1,273,111
Subtotal	1,273,111	1,273,111
2019 Expenditure Total	52,369,900	52,369,900

**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.*