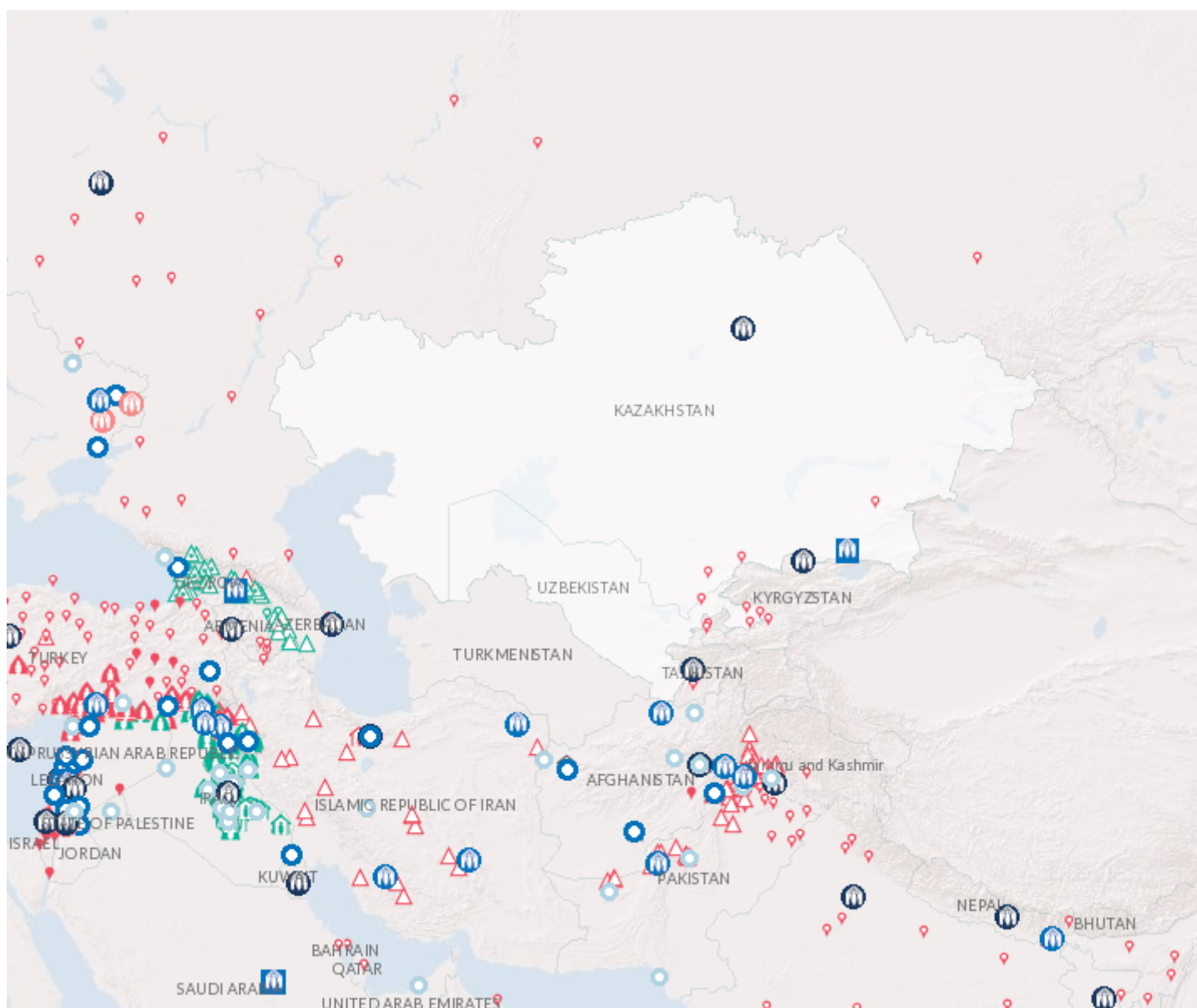


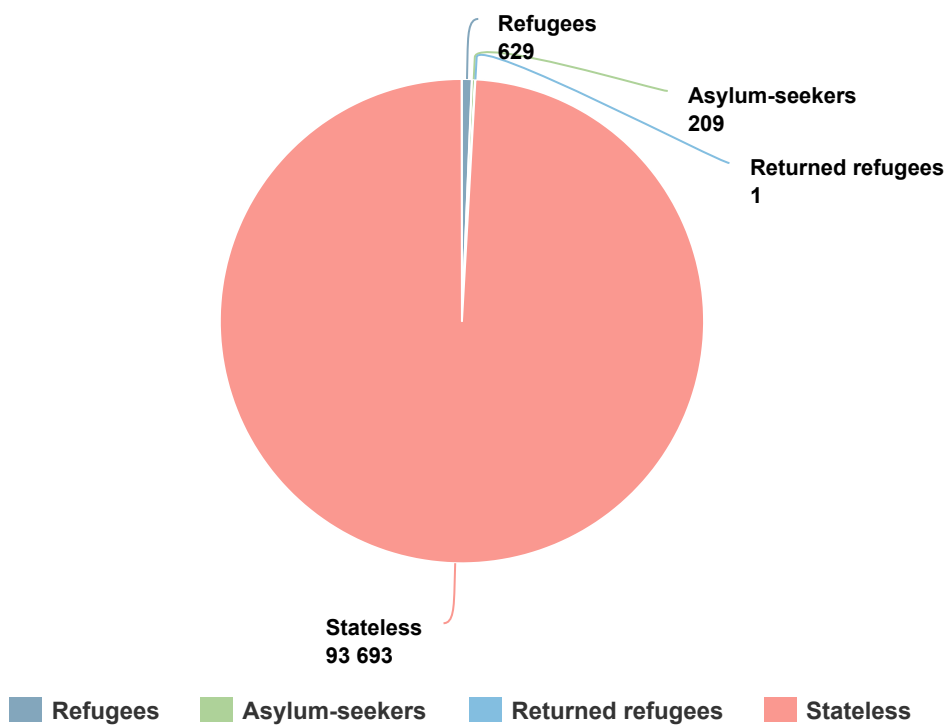
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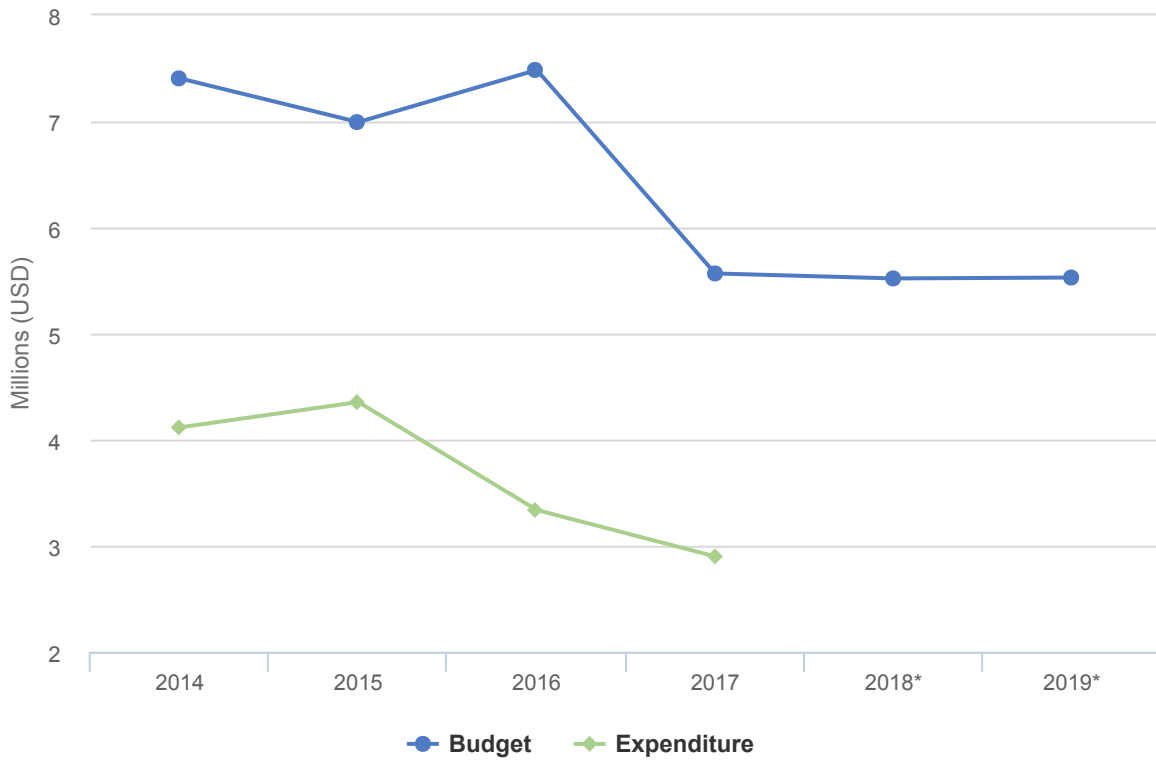
People of Concern

DECREASE IN
1% 2017

2017	94,532
2016	95,795
2015	95,524



Budgets and Expenditure for Kazakhstan Regional Office



Operational Environment

In Kazakhstan, no significant changes in the operational environment for UNHCR are foreseen in 2019, and the political and socio-economic environment is expected to remain stable. The decisions on the asylum cases will continue to be dominated by security and political concerns. UNHCR expects increased engagement of the Government in the eradication and prevention of statelessness. UNHCR will continue promoting the inclusion of refugees and stateless persons in national programmes and policies, including through participation in the working groups on Sustainable Development Goals and UN Partnership Framework for Development. In 2018, Kazakhstan contributed USD 100,000 to UNHCR for activities in the country, its largest contribution yet made to UNHCR in a single year.

UNHCR will continue protection outreach in Kazakhstan through its legal partners in 2019. Partners will provide legal representation to registered asylum-seekers and refugees in the country. UNHCR will engage with State authorities using evidence-based advocacy while promoting improvements in the asylum system through timely and time-bound support, preferably in the form of quality assurance methodologies that will tap into State priorities. Social and humanitarian assistance will be mainstreamed in State-run social assistance structures or by NGO partners using other funding sources to enhance sustainability. The UN Partnership Framework for Development (PFD) for 2016-2020 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) will be an important platform for further reinforcement of interaction and operational partnership with both the Government and UN Agencies. In line with the UNHCR-UNICEF Joint Strategy under the Global Coalition on Every Child's Right to a Nationality, UNHCR and UNICEF will jointly advocate for amendment of national legal framework to include safeguards to prevent statelessness amongst children and ensure that all children are registered at birth regardless of the legal status of their parents.

Key priorities

In 2019, UNHCR will focus on:

- Eradication and prevention of statelessness in partnership with other stakeholders – Government and non-government partners;
 - Achieving sustainable asylum systems through strengthened partnerships with state institutions.
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