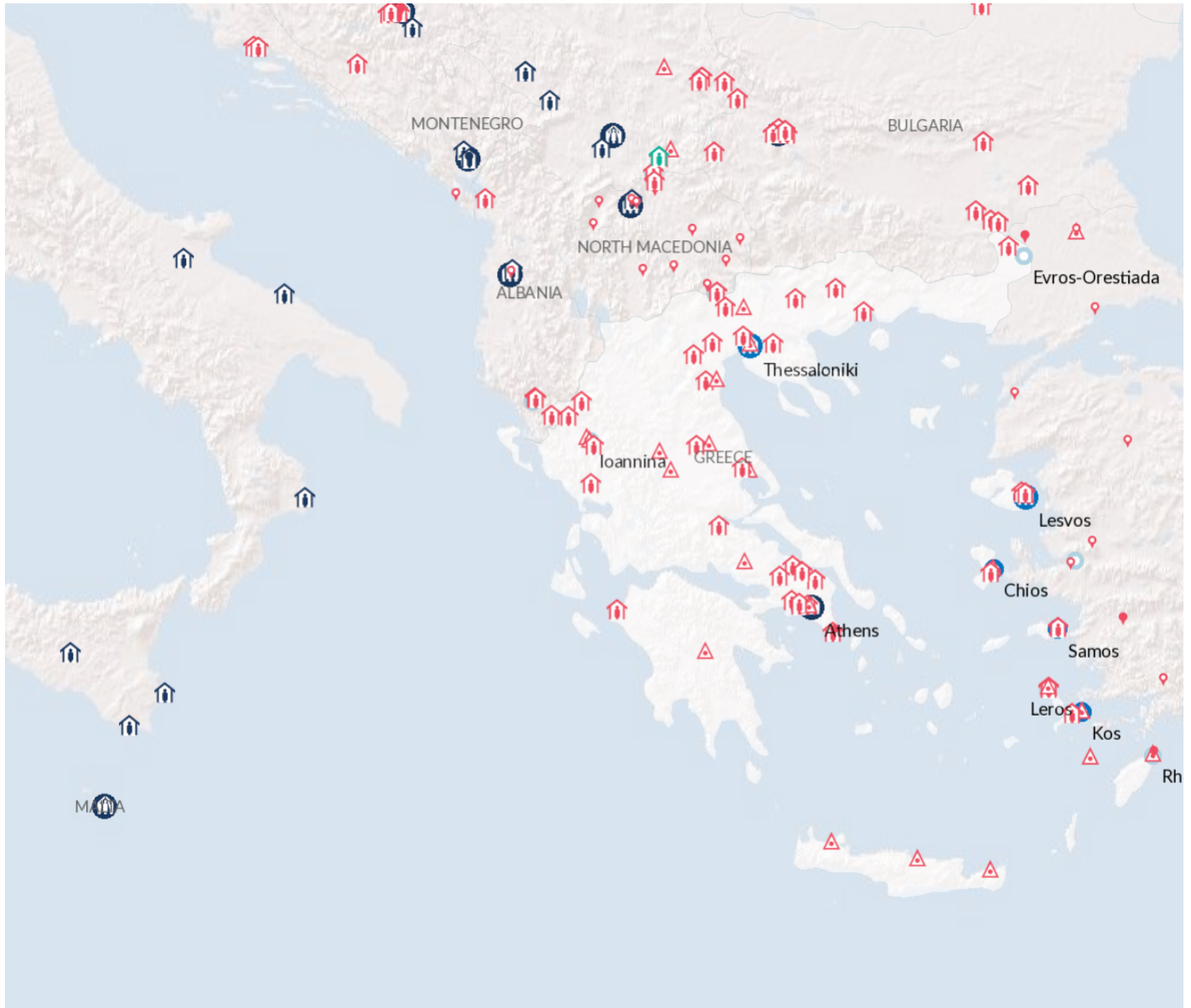


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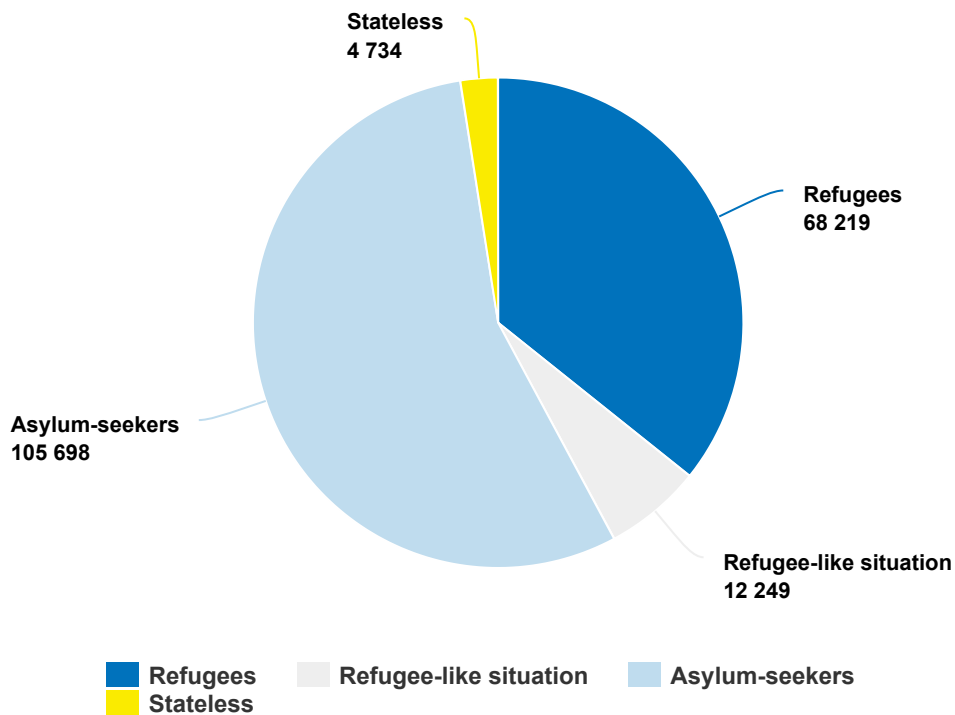


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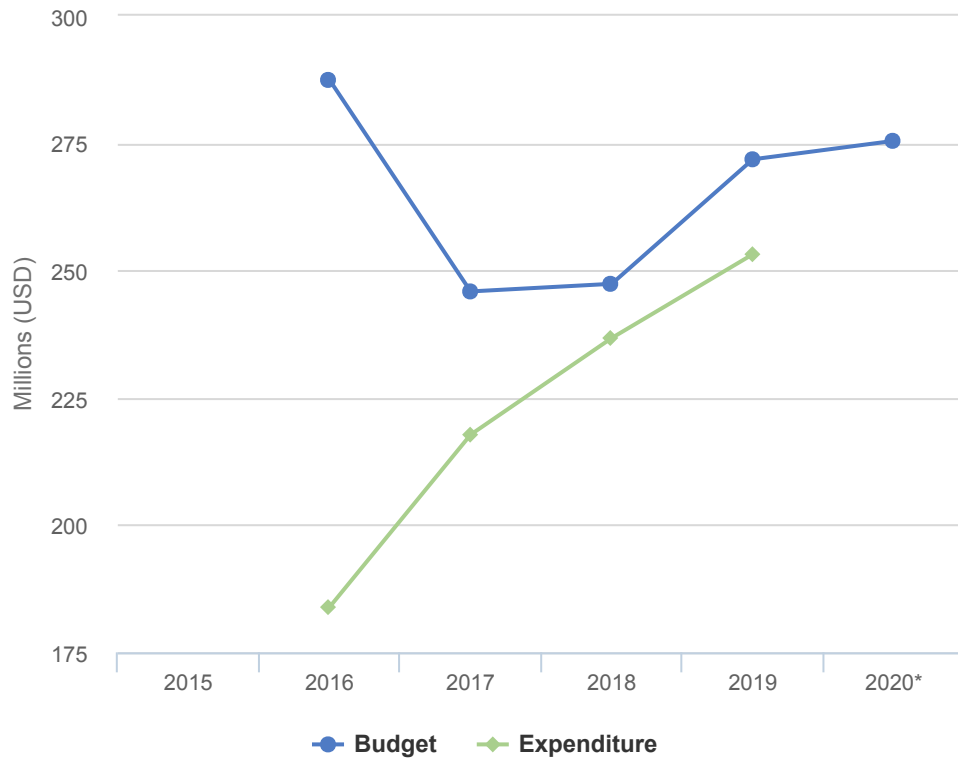
People of Concern

39% INCREASE IN
2019

2019	190,900
2018	137,757
2017	83,418



Budgets and Expenditure for Greece



Operational context

Greece remained one of UNHCR's largest operations in Europe in 2019. The operation focused on providing support to the Greek authorities in addressing asylum and reception needs for the increasing number of asylum-seekers, as well as the effective inclusion of people of concern in national social services and other structures to enhance prospects for self-reliance and socio-economic integration.

In the second half of 2019, Greece experienced a significant rise in new arrivals, particularly by sea, exacerbating already difficult conditions on the islands in and around the island reception and identification centres (RICs), which resulted in the highest levels violence seen within the centres since 2016.

The operation continued to work toward a gradual transition of responsibility for the implementation of large-scale reception programmes (accommodation, services, cash-based interventions, and programmes for unaccompanied and separated children) to the Greek Government.

Population trends

At the end of 2019, Greece hosted approximately 186,200 refugees and asylum-seekers.

2019 saw an increase in new arrivals, with over 74,600 people (80% by sea, 20% by land) compared to the 50,500 that arrived in 2018 (64% by sea, 36% by land). The sharp increase in sea arrivals occurred largely during the second half of 2019. Recognition rates increased from 49% in 2018 to 56% in 2019.

Achievements

- Quality support by UNHCR experts to the Greek Asylum Service was enhanced in 2019 to facilitate the expansion of the Service. This contributed to increased consistency in recognition rates.
- A guardianship programme for vulnerable UASC was established, with best interests procedures fully incorporated. Limited numbers of UASC were relocated under Dublin arrangements or placed in semi-independent living and foster care arrangements.
- Improvements in multisectoral response services for SGBV survivors and new initiatives to mitigate SGBV risks were realized, including the prioritization of survivors for accommodation and direct cash support, strengthened tools for communicating with communities, and the implementation of a community-based psychosocial support initiative.
- The collection of individualized data for solutions (skills, education and intentions) was expanded, with data collected for almost 40% of the population of concern. Together with support for municipal authorities, the data will be used to foster the local integration of refugees.

Unmet needs

- RICs on the islands remained very overcrowded and ill-equipped to provide dignified temporary shelter to the increasing number of new arrivals.
- Despite modest improvements, care and protection services for at-risk or unaccompanied and separated children, SGBV survivors, and highly vulnerable individuals remained inadequate. In large urban centres, homelessness and the growing risk of exploitation and abuse were of concern.
- The inability of families to exit temporary ESTIA accommodations highlighted the lack of integration prospects for people of concern. Lack of Greek language training, labor market orientation, livelihoods planning, skills certification, access to social benefits, finances for self-employment and vocational training remained significant challenges to meaningful local integration.

2019 Expenditure for Greece | 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	Total
Final Budget	271,761,912	50,000	271,811,912
Income from contributions*	251,687,629	0	251,687,629
Other funds available / transfers	5,132,446	32,682	5,165,127
Total funds available	256,820,074	32,682	256,852,756
Expenditure by Objective			
Favourable Protection Environment			
Law and policy	319,086	31,117	350,204
Legal remedies and legal assistance	4,314,283	0	4,314,283
Access to territory	179,195	0	179,195
Public attitudes towards persons of concern	1,967,443	0	1,967,443
Subtotal	6,780,007	31,117	6,811,125
Fair Protection Processes and Documentation			
Reception conditions	100,606,056	0	100,606,056
Identification of statelessness	2,047	0	2,047
Status determination	6,746,973	0	6,746,973
Subtotal	107,355,077	0	107,355,077
Security from Violence and Exploitation			
SGBV prevention and response	2,557,318	0	2,557,318
Non-arbitrary detention	130,574	0	130,574
Child protection	12,060,270	0	12,060,270
Subtotal	14,748,162	0	14,748,162
Basic Needs and Essential Services			
Basic and domestic and hygiene Items	111,198,372	0	111,198,372
Services for persons with specific needs	1,411,061	0	1,411,061
Subtotal	112,609,433	0	112,609,433
Community Empowerment and Self Reliance			
Community mobilization	1,132,489	0	1,132,489
Co-existence with local communities	5,877,333	0	5,877,333
Subtotal	7,009,822	0	7,009,822
Durable Solutions			
Integration	98,797	0	98,797

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Total
Subtotal	98,797	0	98,797
Leadership, Coordination and Partnerships			
Coordination and partnerships	558,706	0	558,706
Subtotal	558,706	0	558,706
Logistics and Operations Support			
Supply chain and logistics	1,095,071	0	1,095,071
Operations management, coordination and support	2,885,144	1,564	2,886,708
Subtotal	3,980,215	1,564	3,981,779
2019 Expenditure Total	253,140,218	32,682	253,172,900

**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.*