



Refugee registers interest in the return programme and receives counselling



Repatriation interview and assessment conducted, including referrals to partners, if needed



Refugee approaches Return Space to confirm voluntariness and issued Repatriation Form. Case is closed and data is shared with UNHCR Syria



Refugee redeems return cash grant through OMT



Refugee self-organizes **OR** IOM provides transportation to Syria through official crossing points

HIGHLIGHTS

294,912

Syrian individuals inactivated in 2025 from UNHCR's records in Lebanon

277,621

Syrian individuals spontaneously returning to Syria (confirmed or presumed)

17,291

Individuals underwent VolRep assessments, across 3,514 assessments conducted

118,764

Total number of individuals (22,103 cases) who expressed interest in return programme

Since January 2025, **294,912 Syrian individuals known to UNHCR have been inactivated** from UNHCR's database due to both confirmed and presumed returns to Syria. Among these, 94% spontaneously returned to Syria - including 23% who returned under duress in late 2024 and remained in Syria; 19% who were identified by General Security (GSO) without Repatriation Forms and crossed through official crossing points benefiting from administrative facilities for return by the GSO. An additional **6% of total inactivated cases were facilitated at departure by UNHCR** under one of the voluntary repatriation programmes.

Since July, **118,764 Syrian individuals (22,103 cases) have expressed interest** in the UNHCR-facilitated VolRep program – 36% from Bekaa, Baalbek and Hermel, 34% from North and Akkar, 23% from Beirut and Mount Lebanon and 7% from South and El Nabatieh. This figure now only reflects active and pending cases of interest, excluding cases who had previously expressed interest and since been facilitated with voluntary repatriation or otherwise inactivated due to prolonged absence.

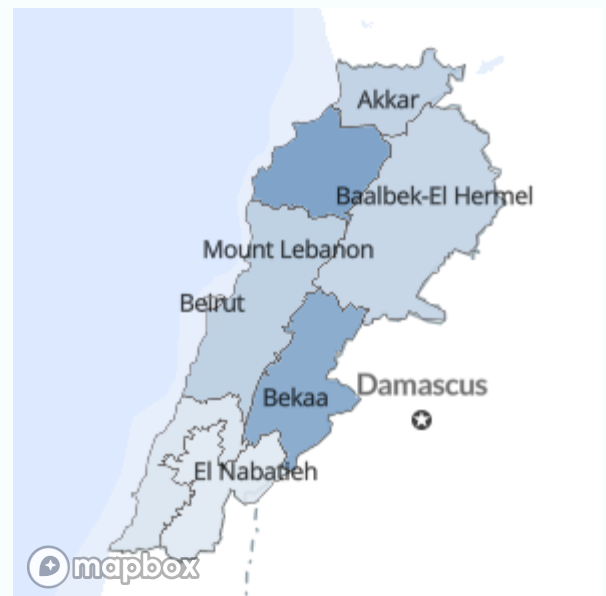
By the end of September, a total of **17,291 Syrian individuals (3,514 cases) known to UNHCR underwent the facilitated VolRep programmes**, including completing voluntariness assessments, issuance of Repatriation Forms and provision of a return cash grant of USD 100 per returning individual. This represents a **175% increase in processing** for facilitated VolRep compared to the previous month. **98% of those who were facilitated with VolRep self-organized their transport** back to Syria, while 2% were provided organized transportation by IOM and UNHCR.

Among those assessed for facilitated VolRep, **83% are returning to their areas of origin in Syria** - 35% returned to Homs, 17% to Idlib, 11% to Damascus and Rural Damascus, 10% to Aleppo and 10% to Deir Ez-zour. Only 36% of those originally from Damascus intend to return there, with 19% instead decided to return to Rural Damascus and 13% to Deir Ez-zour. **26% of refugees self-organize their return through Arida crossing point**, 24% through Qaa and 21% through Masnaa crossing point.

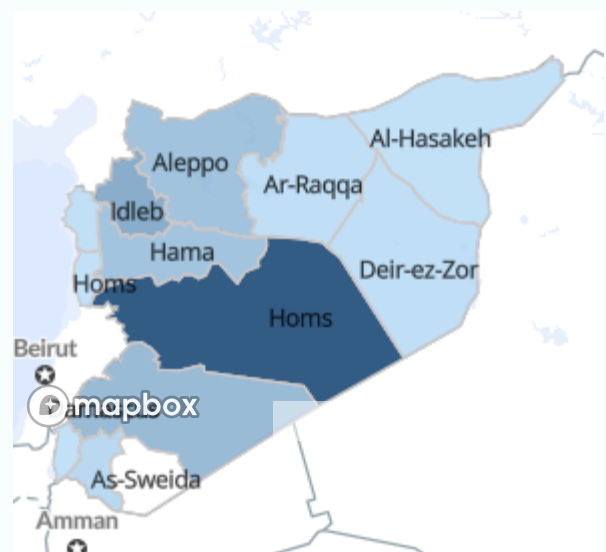
Furthermore, **52% of those assessed for facilitated VolRep are women and girls** and **59% are children**. 27% of the returning individuals have a protection need, in particular **13% with a serious medical condition** and **5% with disabilities**. Importantly, **84% return in complete families**. Among the 16% remaining behind, 98% are adult men staying for livelihood purposes.

Since July, UNHCR and IOM have also processed the **organized return of over 351 Syrian individuals** through Masnaa border to Rural Damascus, Damascus Homs, Hama and Idlib. A **schedule of 10 further organized returns** for the remainder of the year has also been announced.

Area of Residence in Lebanon



Intended Area of Return in Syria



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