



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

**335,749**

Syrian individuals inactivated in 2025 from UNHCR's records in Lebanon due to confirmed or presumed return

**303,656**

Syrian individuals spontaneously returning to Syria (confirmed or presumed)

**32,093**

Individuals underwent VolRep assessments, across 6,547 assessments conducted

**112,899**

Total number of active and pending individuals (21,000 cases) who expressed interest in return programme

Since January 2025, **335,749** Syrian individuals known to UNHCR have been inactivated from UNHCR's database due to both confirmed and presumed returns to Syria. Among these, **90%** spontaneously returned to Syria – including 19% who returned under duress in late 2024 and remained in Syria; and 22% 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 **10%** of total inactivated cases were facilitated at departure by UNHCR under one of the voluntary repatriation programmes.

**112,899** Syrian individuals (21,000 cases) have expressed interest and remain in the pipeline for 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 **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; and including those who newly expressed interest in the facilitated programmes.

By the end of October, a total of **32,093** Syrian individuals (6,547 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 an **85% increase in processing** for facilitated VolRep compared to the previous month. **95%** of those who were facilitated with VolRep self-organized their transport back to Syria, while 5% were provided organized transportation by IOM and UNHCR.

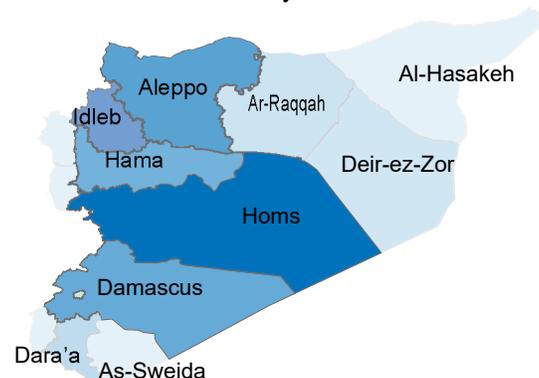
Among those assessed for facilitated VolRep, **83%** are returning to their areas of origin in Syria. 36% returning to Homs, 18% to Idlib, 13% to Damascus and Rural Damascus, 11% to Aleppo and 9% to Hama. 39% of refugees self-organize their return through Arida crossing point, 32% through Qaa and 24% through Masnaa. Furthermore, **52%** of those assessed for facilitated VolRep are women and girls, and 60% are children. **26%** of the returning individuals have a protection need, in particular 13% with a serious medical condition and 5% with disabilities. Importantly, **82%** return in complete families. Among the 18% remaining behind, 92% are adult men staying for livelihood purposes.

Since July, UNHCR and IOM have also facilitated **7 organized return movements of 1,476** Syrian individuals through Arida and Masnaa borders to Rural Damascus, Damascus, Homs, Hama, Idlib and Aleppo. A schedule of 7 further organized return movements for the remainder of the year is also being scheduled.

### Area of Residence in Lebanon



### Intended Area of Return in Syria



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