

### UNHCR-supported Voluntary Repatriation of Syrian refugees – Lebanon 2025

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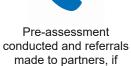
**Process Flow** 





programme and receives

counselling



needed

In-person interview and assessment conducted at Return Centers, and Repatriation Form issued

Case is closed following Repatriation Form issuance

Refugee redeems return cash grant through OMT

Data is shared with UNHCR Syria for follow-up and reintegration support Refugee self-organizes transport OR IOM organizes transport to Syria through official crossing point

## return programmes Key Figures

Communication with

communities and

information provision on



120,503

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

Cases:

3,900

in return programme

Total Registered Interest

Total number of VolRep assessments conducted

103

Total number of return cash grants disbursed

**57** 

Individuals: **17,100** 

596

321

On 1 July 2025, the General Directorate of General Security issued a **circular waiving exit fees** and fines and re-entry ban stamps for all Syrians and Palestinian refugees from Syria returning to Syria. Following this announcement, **UNHCR officially launched** its UNHCR-supported Self-Organized Voluntary Repatriation programme.

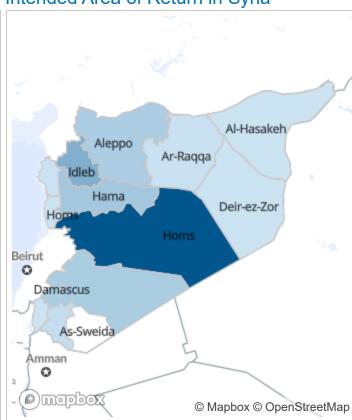
Since January 2025, over 120,000 Syrians known to UNHCR have been inactivated due to verified or presumed return to Syria. In addition, nearly 3,900 families(17,100 individuals) have registered their interest in the facilitated voluntary return programme and received counselling on the process steps and implications. 54% are from North and Akkar, 32% from Bekaa, Baalbek and Hermel, and 15% from Beirut, Mount Lebanon and South. The largest proportion of those with registered interest to return (30%) intend to return to Homs governorate in Syria, while 8% to Idleb.

97% of Syrians assessed indicated a preference to self-organize their transport back to Syria, while 3% requested organized transport to return to Syria. 50% indicated Arida as their intended official crossing point, 24% through Qaa and 21% through Masnaa. While 95% of adults claim to be in possession of a national Syrian ID document to exit Lebanon and enter Syria, one-third of returning Syrian children born in Lebanon do not have birth certificates to facilitate their return, and will be referred for legal assistance. The vast majority of 83% of cases indicated they would be returning in complete families.

#### Area of Residence in Lebanon

# Akkar North Baalbek-El Hermel Mount Lebanon Beirut Damascus Bekaa South (a) mapbox © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

#### Intended Area of Return in Syria



For more information on the UNHCR-supported voluntary programme, please visit <u>UNHCRHelp – Voluntary Return page.</u>