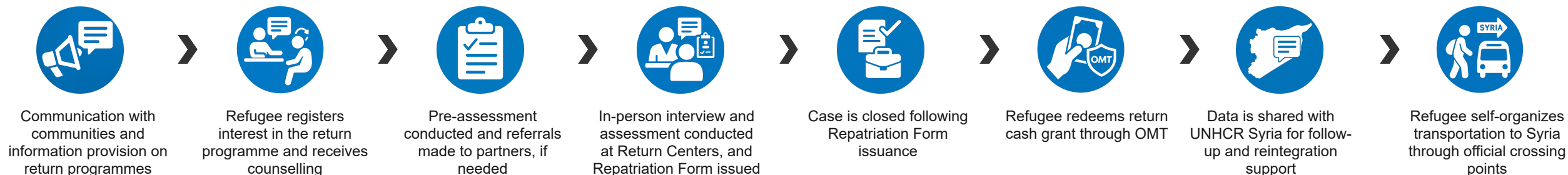


UNHCR-supported Voluntary Repatriation of Syrian refugees Lebanon 2025

31 July 2025



HIGHLIGHTS

168,000

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

71,909*

Total number of individuals (13,478 cases) who expressed interest in return programme

1,643*

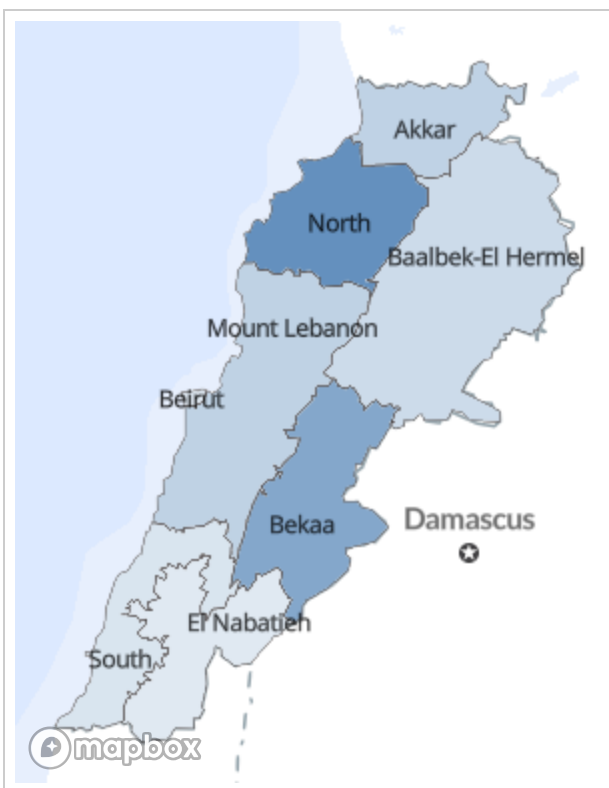
Individuals underwent VolRep assessments, across 321 assessments conducted

1,457*

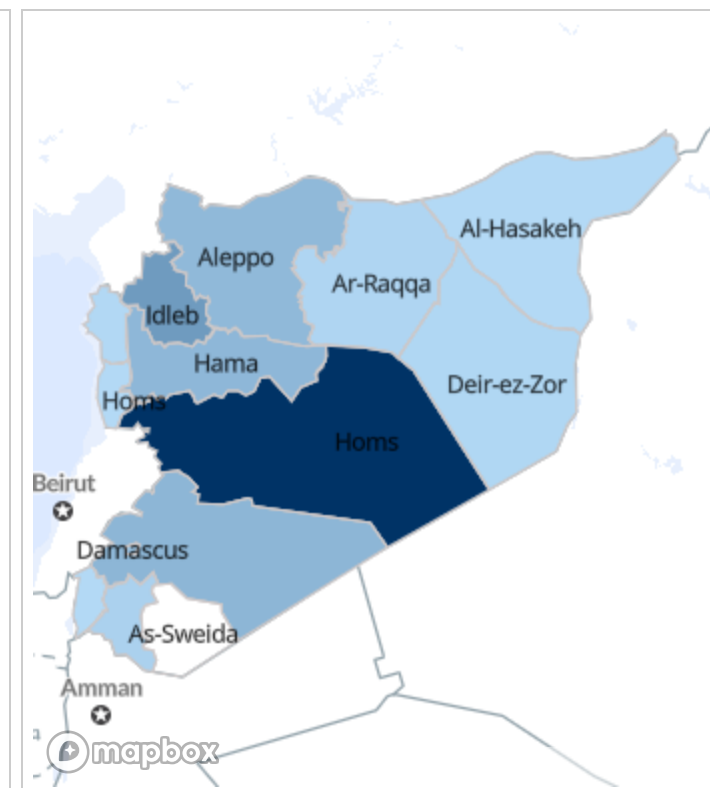
Received return cash grants through 294 disbursements

On 1 July 2025, the General Directorate of General Security issued a circular waiving exit fees, overstay fines, and re-entry bans for all Syrians and Palestinian refugees from Syria returning to Syria. Following this announcement, **UNHCR officially launched** its Self-Organized Voluntary Repatriation Programme. In August, UNHCR and IOM jointly launched the **Organized Voluntary Repatriation Programme**, including transportation support, following the pilot phase. Registration of interest for participation in the organized return is currently ongoing to help plan the next movements. To date, the majority of individuals have opted for self-organized returns, primarily due to the faster timelines and greater flexibility. Since January 2025, **over 168,000 Syrians** known to UNHCR have been inactivated due to verified or presumed return to Syria. In addition, as of July 2025 nearly **13,478 families (71,909 individuals)** have expressed their interest in the facilitated voluntary return programmes and received counselling on the process steps and implications. **43% are from North** and Akkar, 31% from Bekaa, Baalbek and Hermel, and 26% from Beirut, Mount Lebanon and South. The largest proportion of those with registered interest to return **37% intend to return to Homs governorate** in Syria, while 14% to Idlib, 8% to Rural Damascus, 8% of Hama and 8% of Aleppo. 97% of Syrians assessed indicated a preference to self-organize their transport back to Syria, while 3% requested organized transport. **43% indicated Arida** as their intended official crossing point, 29% 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. Finally, the vast majority of families (84%) indicated that they plan to return as complete family units.

Area of Residence in Lebanon



Intended Area of Return in Syria



For more information on the UNHCR-supported voluntary programme, please visit [UNHCRHelp – Voluntary Return page](#).

* The figures presented in the highlights section reflect data collected starting 1 July 2025.