Background

UNHCR has undertaken monitoring of refugees spontaneously returning to Syria since the early stages of the crisis. Spontaneous returns refer to voluntary decisions by refugees to repatriate on their own initiative and after receiving information and counselling. In Jordan, the Government supports refugees with transportation to the border crossing. UNHCR believes that conditions for refugees to return in safety and dignity are not yet in place in Syria. UNHCR is not promoting or facilitating returns at the present time.

March 2018 statistical highlights

A total of 251 refugees spontaneously returned to Syria, a 19% decrease from February. Returns in March account for just 0.04% of the overall registered Syrian refugee population in Jordan of 659,063. The largest group, 43 people, returned from Mafraq. Family reunification continues to be the main reason for return in March in line with previous months.