### MEDIA MONITORING SNAPSHOT: FOREIGN CHILDREN IN NORTH EAST SYRIA

October, 2021

#### **Key Figures**



42,108<sup>1</sup> Foreign nationals in north east Syria (30,972 Iraqi nationals, 11,136 others (est.))



7,831 Children from around 60 countries (est.)

19,191 Children from Iraq (est.)

33% Children below 5 years 77% Children below 12 years

#### Summary of Repatriation Media monitoring 2017-2021



**70** Repatriations 3 in 2017, 1 in 2018, 29 in 2019, 18 in 2020 and 19 in 2021.



**28** Countries 17 countries in 2021 France, Kazakhstan, Russia, Uzbekistan, Netherlands, Belgium, Finland, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Albania, USA, Palestinian Authority, South Africa, Sweden, UK, Denmark and Germany.

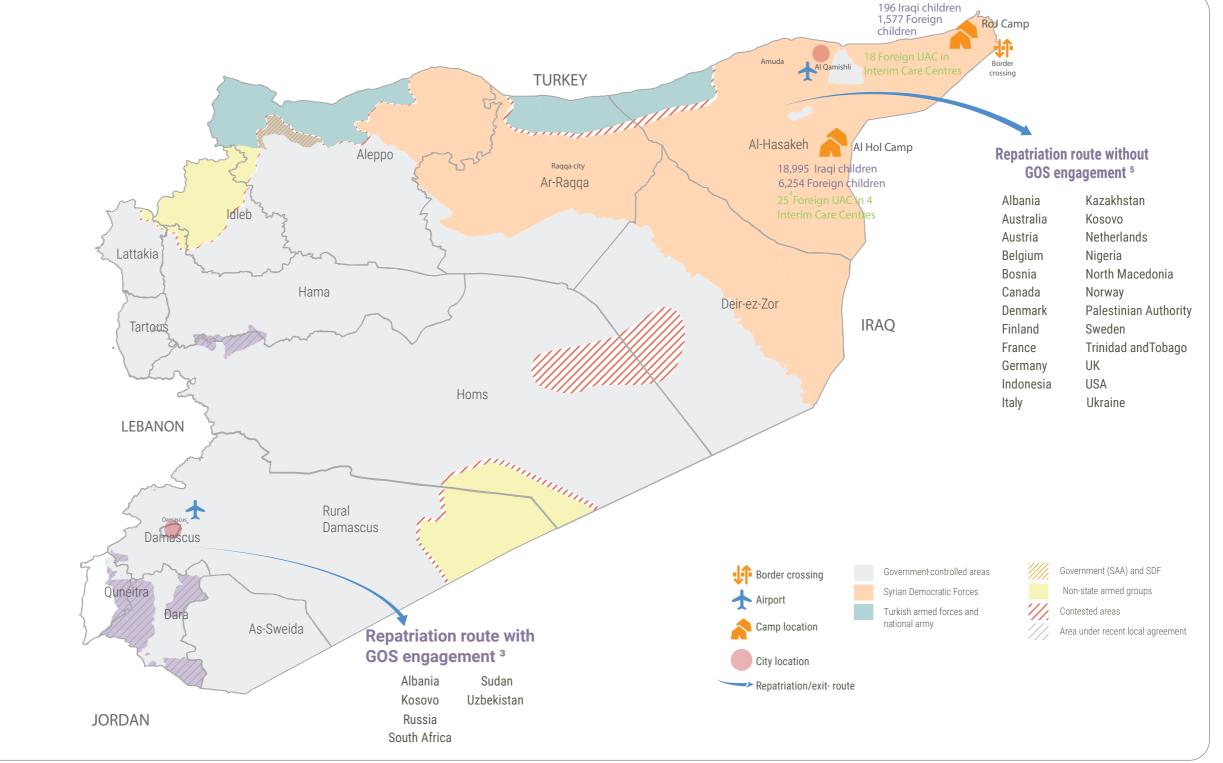


**1,225** Children Almost 56% in 2019



3. Route refers to repatriations with engagement of GoS.

**79%** Repatriations to Uzbekistan, Kosovo, Kazakhstan and Russia.



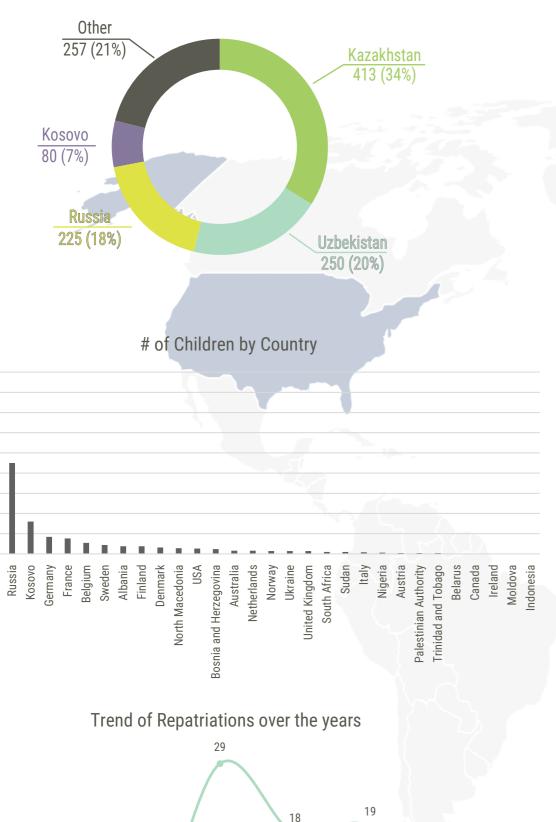
<sup>1.</sup> Estimated population based on camp data only. Excludes individuals (adults and children) in other locations, e.g. prisons/detention facilities 2. Calculation includes both children from Iraq and other countries.

<sup>4.</sup> Total number includes Iraqi children.

<sup>5.</sup> Route refers to repatriations without engagement of GoS, including land and air travel modes. Population camp data as of 22 October 2019, NES Emergency Update UNHCR Syria.

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# Overview of Repatriations (Media Monitoring) 2017-2021

Country	# of repatriations	Children
Albania	3	19
Australia	1	8
Austria	1	2
Belgium	3	17
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	12
Canada	\$1	7
Denmark	3	16
Finland	3	10
France	5	35
Germany	4	42
Indonesia	1	0
Italy	1	4
Kazakhstan	5	413
Kosovo	3	80
Netherlands	2	5
Nigeria	11	3
North Macedonia	4	14
Norway	2	7
Palestinian Authority	1	3 2
Russia	10	225
South Africa	1	5
Sudan	1	5
Sweden	3	21
Trinidad and Tobago	1	2
Ukraine	1	7
UK	3	7
USA	6	13
Uzbekistan	3	250
Total	70	1,225

#### **Exit Route**

Route	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Damascus*	57	0	117	185	145
Other**	-	4	565	46	104

# Repatriation with engagement of GOS

	Country	# of repatriations	Children	
	Albania	3	19	
	Kosovo	1	2	
	Russia	10	225	
	South Africa	1	5	
	Sudan	1	5	
	Uzbekistan	3	250	
	Total	19	506	

# Repatriation without engagement of GOS

Country	# of repatriations	Children	
Australia	1	8	
Austria	1	2	
Belgium	3	17	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	12	
Canada	1	1	
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Finland	3	10	
France	5	35	
Germany	4	42	
Indonesia	1	Unknown	
Italy	1	4	
Kazakhstan	5	413	
Kosovo	2	78	
Netherlands	2	5	
Nigeria	1	3	
North Macedonia	1	14	
Norway	2	7	
Palestinian Authority	1 1	2	
Swedan	3	21	
Trinidad and Tobago	1	2	
UK	3	7	
USA	6	13	
Ukraine	1	7	
Total	52	719	
6 Departure from NEC Compa			

### Repatriation from Turkey<sup>6</sup> Departure from NES Camps

Country	# of repatriations	Children	Country	# of repatriations	Children
Belarus	1	1	Ireland	1	1
Belgium	2	10	Moldova	1	1
Finland	1	9	Netherlands	2	3
France	1	3	Total	10	29
Sweden	1	1	· otal		

2020

2021

2019

2017

<sup>6.</sup> Repatriations only include women and children that left Ain Issa and Al Hol camps and travelled onwards to Turkey, in some instances supported by a third party.

This does not include an accounting of individuals who may have crossed the border legally or irregularly, or foreign nationals who may have been apprehended and deported from within Turkey

<sup>\*.</sup> Repatriation with engagement of GOS. \*\*\*. Repatriation without engagement of GO