

Economic Inclusion of Syrian Refugees Jordan until end of December 2019



WORK PERMITS AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION OF SYRIAN REFUGEES IN JORDAN



654,692
Syrian Refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan



298,501
In working age
(or 45.6% of the population)



22.4%

Men mostly work in agriculture & construction



23.2%

Women prefer home-based activities

Cumulative number of work permits issued:

168,517



8,403

- Syrian Refugees' work is regulated by Jordanian Labour Law as it applies to migrant workers
- Syrian Refugees can work in the occupations open to foreigners; many sectors of work are not available to them including health, teaching, engineering and technical professions
- Syrian Refugees can register and operate a business



Zaatari Office for Employment
26,666 Work Permit



Azraq Centre for Employment
11,469 Work Permit



'Supporting Syria & the Region Conference'
London
February 2016

Jobs and economic opportunities
Better trade conditions (including EU rules of origin)
Support programmes - bilateral & concessional funding



Agricultural Cooperative facilitates access to work permits



Ministry of Labour adjusted the skilled occupations open for foreigners in manufacturing



Regulations restricting home-based businesses



Ministry of Labour issued circular allowing Syrian refugees to move freely between employers & sectors

2019
Number of valid work permits was affected due to new Ministry of Labour decision on allowed professions, work permits rectification grace period



Issuance of work permits for Syrian Refugees made easier by the government
One year renewable
Ministry of Interior card
Free of Charge



Refugees in camps allowed to work outside



'Freelance' work permits in construction through the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions



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New decision issued to allow Syrian refugees to register & operate home-based businesses
November 2018