



### WORK PERMITS AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION OF SYRIAN REFUGEES IN JORDAN



**654,266**  
Syrian Refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan



**299,168**  
In working age (or 45.7% of the population)



22.5%

Men mostly work in agriculture & construction

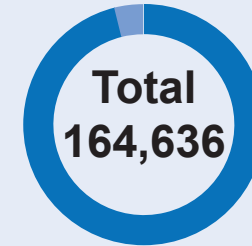


23.2%

Women prefer home-based activities

Cumulative number of work permits issued:

156,761



7,875

- 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  
24,720 Work Permit



Azraq Centre for Employment  
10,966 Work Permit



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London  
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**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