

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

21.11.2019

Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	21.11.2019
Facilitator	Najwan Aldorgham (UNHCR) Khaleel Alnajjar (Mercy Corps)	Meeting Time	9:00–11:00
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Agenda:

1. Updates from MoL and MOPIC on the Syrian refugees work permits
2. 16 days of activism-Economic violence
3. Presentation on “Project Match” followed by discussion/IRC
4. AOB

Updates on work permits figures:

The following data, from the Syrian Refugee Unit Work Permit Progress Report; October 2019:

	Total permits Jan 2016- October 31 2019	Total permits Jan 2019- October 31 2019
Male	156,761	33,226
Female	7,875	2,256
Total	164,636	35,482

Attached also the Work Permits figures as received from MoPIC

16 days of activism-Economic violence

- SGBV SWG, co-led by UNHCR and UNFPA, arranged the 16 days campaign collaborated with the Jordanian National Commission for Women (JNCW) from 25th of November to 10th of December 2019.
- The theme for this year is **Economic violence**.
- The detailed topics are (1) lack of authority in controlling her own expenses, (2) forcing women to take loans to a family member, (3) denial of inheritance, (4) prevention from going out to work or the right to choose her job or study.

Presentation on “Project Match” followed by discussion/IRC

- IRC’s Airbel Impact Lab designed this 2 years R&D project donated by GIZ, DfID, Dutch MOFA. It targets both Jordanians and Syrian jobseekers and export-oriented firms particularly located in Irbid, Zarqa and East Amman.
- The project aims to tackle the high unemployment rate that combine innovative approaches -such as a mobile network, tailored technology- to community outreach, data and technology and informing policy and practice.
- Main constraints in the field were lack of financial base, job searching technique and information, and the gap between job opening and job hunting. For each challenge, unconditional cash, legal and interview technical support, job search planning tool and direct matching interventions were suggested.
- Methodologically, a multi-armed bandit and Thompson algorithm was used for the research.

Next meeting date:

To skip Dec, next meeting is on 16th January 2020

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- TBC