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749 INTERVIEWS
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# **UNHCR Jordan**

**ASSETS OF REFUGEES IN ZATAARI CAMP: A PROFILE OF SKILLS** 





### Introduction



Formal Employment Opportunities





Need of assessing the skills available among refugees in Zaatari and their willingness towards formal employment opportunities outside the camp



## RefuGIS - The team

The RefuGIS team members were remunerated by IRD through cash for Work for this research project.

Technical knowledge

Dedication

Ability to survey the camp and its inhabitants

Ability to use Kobo, Excel, Access, GIS with ease

Communicate with both with communities and with officers of international organizations

Give feedback on questionnaire design and on what evidence is needed from the point of view of the community



#### SAMPLE DEMOGRAPHICS



- A total of 372 males and 342 females in the working-age (18-59) were interviewed
- The average age of the respondents was 36 years.
- 88% of the respondents reported being be married with 3 to 6 children.



# Training courses overview

18% attended at least one training course in their lives

 English language courses, computer skills, barbering, tailoring, electricity, ... 49% have attended at least one training course in their lives

 Computer English, tailoring, cosmetics,...

Some trainings were attended back in Syria but the majority happened in Zaatari Camp



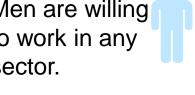
#### **CURRENT SITUATION**

Men consider applying for formal work in the industrial sector outside the camp much more than women

If training is offered; 54% of female and 75% of male respondents would be willing to take up a job outside the camp



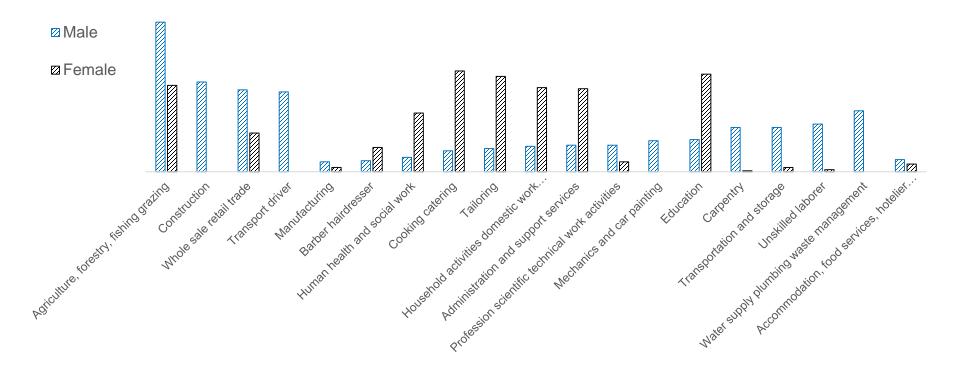
Men are willing to work in any sector.



Women tend to be more selective and definitely prefer the garment and food processing industry



# **Preferences of refugees - Sectors**





### **Preferences of refugees - GEOGRAPHY**



Prefer to work in Governorates close to Zaatari (Mafraq, Irbid, Zarqa, Amman, or Jarash)



Amman could offer more jobs opportunities.



Men were less selective in determining where to work



### **Preferences of refugees – INCENTIVES**

Would work outside the camp only if buses were provided for transportation on a daily basis for women

The provision of bus is a sine qua non condition for all to accept a job offer outside the camp





Women seem nevertheless even more concerned by bussing

Free meals are not an important motivation for refugees especially for males



#### **Preferences of refugees – WORKING CONDITIONS**

It is acceptable to work in manufacturing

(20-22%) are willing to work in factories with minimum wage

Men are ready to work on a night shift while women are not

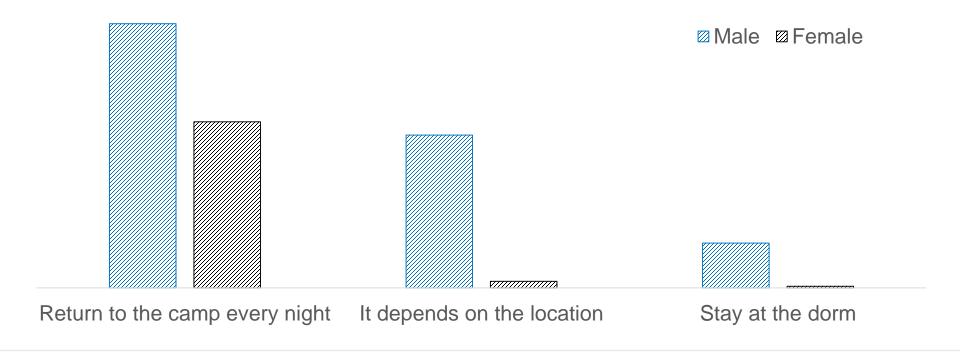
Men would agree to report back to camp on a weekly, biweekly, or monthly basis

TLess than 30% reported a medical condition or a disability that needs special working conditions

Females in general are not willing to stay in dorms even if provided

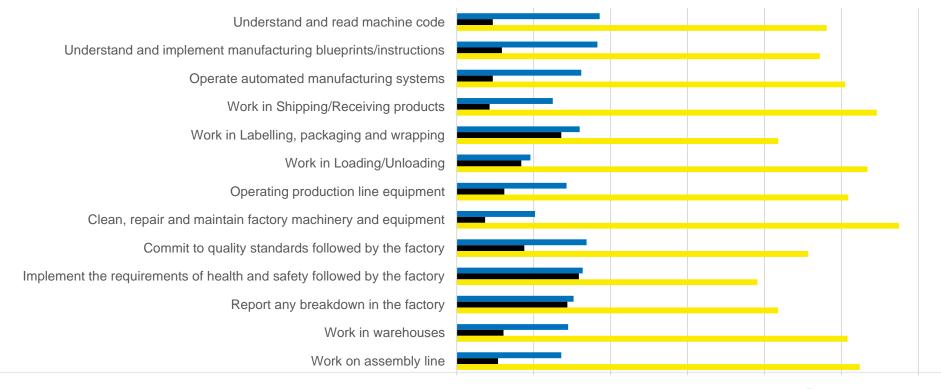


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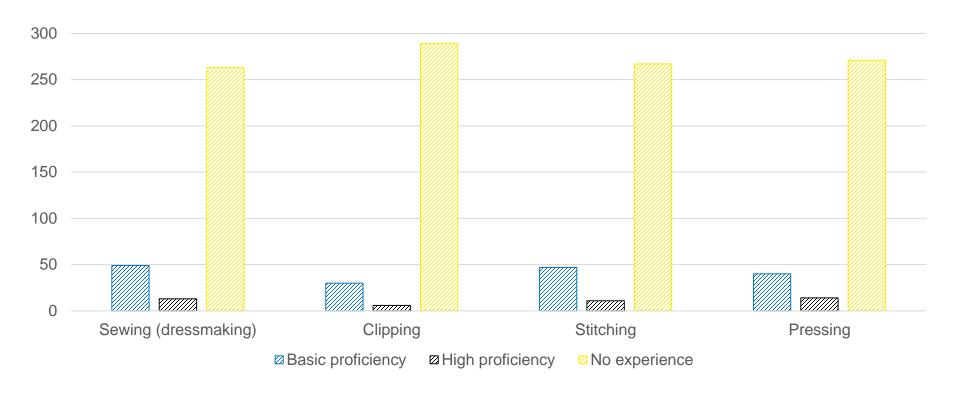


### SKILLS IN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR





#### **FUNCTIONAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS IN GARMENT SECTOR**





#### Some preferred not to work out side the camp in general...

- Don't want to change what they are familiar with
- Personal reasons (especially women)
- Simply because they don't want to work

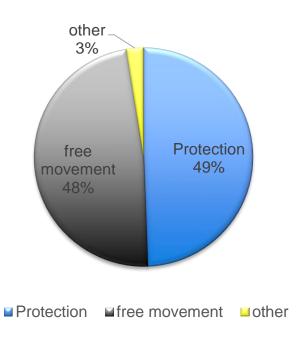
Some preferred not to work out side the camp in industries in specific because...





#### Work permits are generally perceived useful and necessary

70% of the interviewees would like to have work permits





#### Although,

Know about workers' rights and social security in the Jordanian law 7%

Know the procedures to get a work permit and how these contribute to protection purposes and ability to move freely

Was known about the cost and who should pay for the work permit

Did not know to whom they should complain in case of abuse or exploitation in the work place 74%



#### Recommendations

- Other surveys targeting Refugees other sectors ex. construction, carpentry for men and tailoring for women might be organised.
- The same skills mapping assessment should be repeated in Azraq camp.
- more awareness about workers' rights in Jordanian laws, social security work permits and MoL regulations in general.



### Recommendations/2

- Refugees show interest to work even in sectors they don't have experience in and that they are happy to do on the -job training.
- Refugees with special needs and injuries should be matched with jobs that match their needs.
- Most respondents have 3 to 6 children; there is a need for child care facilities and solutions in the camp to allow mothers to go and work.
- The RefuGIS team has proved to be an important resource in the camp, which with adequate guidance, can conduct research and data collection effectively.

