



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



**655,216**  
Syrian Refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan



**302,854**  
In working age (or 45.2% of the population)



22.7%

Men mostly work in agriculture & construction



23.5%

Women prefer home-based activities

Cumulative number of work permits issued:

170,938



8,507

- 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  
27,051 Work Permit



Azraq Centre for Employment  
11,592 Work Permit



**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**  
Ministry of Labour issued a new list on Closed Professions, Restricted Professions and Professions of Workers with Specialized Skills for non-Jordanians

'Supporting Syria & the Region Conference'  
London  
February 2016



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