**Economic Empowerment working group**

**Amman, Jordan**

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| **Meeting Location** | **UNHCR Jordan**  | **Meeting Date** | **16 Feb 2023** |
| **Facilitators** | **Najwan ALDORGHAM (UNHCR)****Hazar Badran (Care Jordan)** | **Meeting Time** | **14:00–16:00** |
| **Minutes Prepared by** | **UNHCR**  |

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| **Agenda:** * Trade for Employment (T4E),
* Industrial Investors Association (EAIIA) and Irbid Chamber of Industry (ICI)
* Economic Empowerment Sector reporting status
* Economic Empowerment working group TORs – review and discussion
* Economic Empowerment Sector strategy – open discussion
* Group calendar and JRP members WhatsApp group
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| **Work permits figures**The latest report covers figures of work permits issued to Syrians until the Dec 31, 2022

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|   | Total permits Jan 2016- Jan 31 2023 | Total permits Jan 1, 2023- Jan 31 2023 | Percentage Jan 2016- Jan 31 2023 | Percentage Jan 1, 2023- Jan 31 2023 |
| Male | 315,753 | 3,495 | 91.66% | 84.40% |
| Female | 28,718 | 646 | 8.34% | 15.60% |
| Total  | 344,471 | 4,141 | 100% | 100% |

The report is uploaded to the [Livelihoods Working Group portal](https://data.unhcr.org/en/working-group/49#:~:text=The%20group%20aims%20at%20strengthening,continuously%20applying%20a%20coherent%20selection)  | Syrian Refugee Unit Work Permit Progress Report – as of 31st Jan 2023 [here](https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/99536) |
| **Trade for Employment (T4E),**The project focuses on building capacities and strengthening the structures of Jordanian institutions and companies, while assisting the private sector with shaping general conditions that are conducive to trade. The project also seeks to improve availability and quality of demand-driven trade related services. It also aims at improving the recruitment of personnel in trade-oriented businesses. | Presentation [here](https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/99535) |
| **Industrial Investors Association (EAIIA)** EAIIA seeks to be the regional industrial associations' leader in Jordan and to move forward making EA an industrial economic gathering which has a meaningful and influential development role and strives to build an integrated regional development model. The Employment Promotion Unit (EPU) aims at enhancing the array of services to their member companies as well as job seekers living in nearby areas, including increasing awareness, providing capacity-building intervention, and job matching services.  | Presentation [here](https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/99533) |
| **Irbid Chamber of Industry (ICI)**Irbid Chamber of Industry (ICI) it's a non-profit organization, it represents Big, Small, and Medium Sized Companies (SMEs) as well as large exporting companies from different industrial sectors (Garments, Food, Chemical, Electrical ….) covering three governorates Irbid, Jerash, and Ajloun. | Presentation [here](https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/99534) |
| **Economic Empowerment Sector reporting status**ActivityInfo: - All 25 EE partners reported on ActivityInfo.- There are 43 empty entries which means that the percentage of the lack of reporting is 14%, while 86% reported on ActivityInfo.- Partners were asked to enter (0) entries if they did not reach out to any beneficiaries and not to leave empty entries.For JFT: IACU reached out to partners from all sectors to update their 2022 financial planning. The JFT data is shared with donors and used for advocacy, therefore there is a need to improve data quality and minimize discrepancies.  |  |
| **Economic Empowerment working group TORs – review and discussion**Under review. |  |
| **Economic Empowerment Sector strategy**Under review. |  |
| **Group calendar and JRP members WhatsApp group** The current WhatsApp group will be deleted, please fill out this [form](https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/6t6j7lMu) if you wish to be added to the new group. |  |
| **Next meeting date: March 16, 2023**From 13:00 to 15:00 |