Economic Inclusion of Syrian Refugees
Jordan
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654,266 Syrian Refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan
299,168 In working age (or 45.7% of the population)

Men mostly work in agriculture & construction
Women prefer home-based activities

Cumulative number of work permits issued:
Total 164,636
156,761

Items:
- 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

Work permits and economic inclusion of Syrian Refugees in Jordan

Jobs and economic opportunities
Better trade conditions (including EU rules of origin)
Support programmes - bilateral & concessional funding

Agriculture
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

New decision issued to allow Syrian refugees to register & operate home-based businesses

2019
Number of valid work permits was affected due to new Ministry of Labour decision on allowed professions, work permits rectification grace period

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