Economic Inclusion of Syrian Refugees
Jordan
until end of December 2019

654,692 Syrian Refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan
298,501 In working age (or 45.6% of the population)

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

Cumulative number of work permits issued:
168,517
Total 176,920

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

Issuance of work permits for Syrian Refugees made easier by the government
One year renewable Ministry of Interior card Free of Charge
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

‘Freelance’ work permits in construction through the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions

‘Supporting Syria and the Region Conference’ Brussels I & II 2017 & 2018

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

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