Economic Inclusion of Syrian Refugees
Jordan
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655,216
Syrian Refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cumulative number of work permits issued:

170,938
Total
179,445

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

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