

Livelihood Working Group

Amman, Jordan

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Meeting Location	EMOPS Room UNHCR Khalda	Meeting Date	20.02.2020
Facilitator	Najwan Aldorgham (UNHCR) Khaleel Alnajjar (Mercy Corps)	Meeting Time	9:00–11:00
Minutes Prepared by	Sector co-chairs		

Agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Syrian Refugee Unit Work Permits Progress Report UNHCR Refugee Livelihoods Dashboard Laws, regulations, instructions, governing the Employment, Home-based Businesses, and Trading activities in Jordan AOB 													
Updates on work permits figures: The following data, from the Syrian Refugee Unit Work Permits Monthly Progress Report; January 2020: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Total permits issued Jan 2016- January 31 2020</th> <th>Total permits issued on January 2020</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Male</td> <td>170938</td> <td>2421</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Female</td> <td>8507</td> <td>104</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>179445</td> <td>2525</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Attached also the Work Permits figures as received from MoPIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Permits issuance has been resumed during January, after the Cabinet approval on extending the annual waiver of fees for work permits for Syrians until the end of 2020 		Total permits issued Jan 2016- January 31 2020	Total permits issued on January 2020	Male	170938	2421	Female	8507	104	Total	179445	2525	Access to Syrian Refugee Unit Work Permit Progress Report - Ministry of Labour January 2020 here . Work Permits figures as of 13 Feb 2020 by MoPIC here
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UNHCR Refugee Livelihoods Dashboard, January 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 655216 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan 302854 in working age (18 to 59 yrs.), 22.7% males, 23.5% females 	Economic Inclusion of Syrian Refugees Jordan - January 2020 here												
Laws, regulations, instructions, governing the Employment, Home-based Businesses, and Trading activities in Jordan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Jordanian Labour Law No. 8 of 1996 and its amendments applies to any person who performs work for an employer in return for a wage (Article 2) There is no reference to 'refugees' or 'asylum seekers in the Labour Law. (Article 12) explains that the Minister shall have the authority to issue any instructions that would be important to organize the recruitment of non-Jordanian workers. Accordingly; decisions was issued by the Minister i.e. (Grace period, Flexible work permits, short period work permits, camps work permit...etc.) followed by the comprehensive instruction on the employment of Syrian labour were issued and published in the Official Gazette in Issue No. 5549 Date of 2/12/2018. Ministry of Labour website www.mol.gov.jo. Trading activities in Jordan are governed under the Laws: Trading Law No. 12 of the year 1966, Companies Law No. 22 of 1997 and amendments, Industry and Trading Law No.18 of the year 1998 and its amendments. (and the amended Law No.14 of the year 2016, The Temporary Law for Chambers of Commerce, in addition to another regulations and instructions that organise and regulated such kind of activities.it is worth mentioning that 	Presentation here Closed Professions, Restricted Professions, and Professions of Workers with Specialized Skills for Non-Jordanians. Original here . Unofficial translation here Comprehensive instructions regarding the conditions and procedures for the employment of Syrian workers, original here , translation here Grace period – latest decision here												

<p>there are no specific regulations, instructions to facilitate the business ownerships for Refugees (except Home Based Business). Refugees and Asylum seekers who are willing to register trading business under their names should be treated as non-Jordanian investors under the regulation of investment for non-Jordanians No. 77 of the year 2016. And The Amended regulations No.80 of the year 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Based Businesses activities are governed by the Commercial Law No.12 of 1966, Companies Law No. 22 of 1997and amendments, Law of Professional Licenses for the City of Amman No. 20 for 1985, The Municipalities Law No.13 of the year 2011, in addition to the Instructions of licensing HBB of the year 2017, and a Cabinet Decision allowing Syrians to register and operate HBBs. Accordingly; the Ministry of Industry and Trade does register HBBs for Syrians with a full ownership. Please visit: https://www.amman.jo/site_doc/HBBsBook.pdf 	<p>Cabinet Decision allowing Syrians to register and operate HBBs here</p>
<p>Next meeting date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 19th March 2020, 9:00-11:00, at UNHCR <p>Next Meeting Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TBC: As there were many questions regarding the Home-Based Businesses, it was suggested that for the next meeting, the group invites BluMont, to have a discussion session under this regard. 	