Economic Inclusion of Syrian Refugees
Jordan
June 2021

668,332
Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan

315,011
In working age
(or 47.1% of the population)

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

Cumulative number of work permits issued:

225,921
Total
239,024

Syrian refugees’ work is regulated by Jordanian Labour Law as it applies to non-Jordanian workers
Syrian refugees can work in the occupations open to foreigners; many sectors of work are not available to them until now
Syrian refugees can register and operate a business

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Agricultural Cooperative facilitates access to work permits
‘Freelance’ work permits in construction through the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions

February 2016
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2017 & 2018
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November 2018
New decision issued to allow Syrian refugees to register & operate home-based businesses

2021
Social security registration is mandatory for flexible work permit holders

Ministry of Labour announced the list of occupations allowed to non-Jordanian workers by economic activity and allow issuance of flexible work permits for those occupations

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