Economic Inclusion of Syrian Refugees
Jordan
September 2021

670,364
Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan

311,413
In working age (or 46.5% of the population)

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

Cumulative number of work permits issued:

244,064
Total
258,786

- 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

Agricultural Cooperative facilitates access to work permits

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

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

2016 ‘Supporting Syria & the Region Conference’ London

Refugees in camps allowed to work outside

Regulations restricting home-based businesses

Ministry of Labour issued circular allowing Syrian refugees to move freely between employers & sectors

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

February 2020 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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