

Livelihoods Working Group Amman, Jordan

Meeting Location	WebEx; recording link: Livelihoods Working Group-20211021 1007-1	Meeting Date	21 October 2021
Facilitators	Najwan ALDORGHAM (UNHCR)	Meeting Time	13:00–15:00
Minutes Prepared by	UNHCR		

Agenda:

- Work permits figures (10min)
- Updates from the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions on the flexible work permits. Malik Al-Ma'aiteh /GFJTU (10min)
- Refugee Livelihoods Dashboard / UNHCR (10min)
- Weakened by economy, constrained by society. An advocacy brief from the Municipal Businesses project- Bashar Badran & Ghada Salem, Finn Church Aid (FCA) / (30 min)

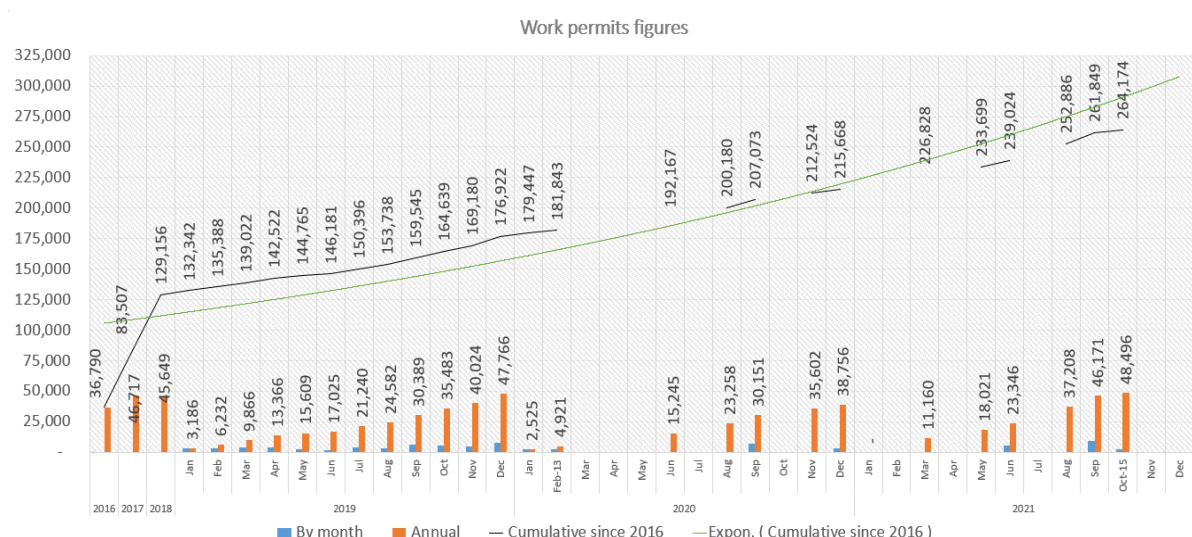
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Work Permits Figures and updates on Flexible Work Permits as of 15th Oct 2021, reported by MoPIC

	Total permits Jan 2016- Oct 15 2021	Total permits Jan 2021- Oct 15 2021	% Jan 2016- Oct 15 2021	% Jan 2021- Oct 15 2021
Male	248,985	44,270	94.25%	91.29%
Female	15,189	4,226	5.75%	8.71%
Total	264,174	48,496	100%	100%

Syrian Refugee Unit Work Permit Progress Report – as of 15th Oct 2021 [here](#)

The report is uploaded to the Livelihoods Working Group portal: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/49>



<p>Updates from the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions on the flexible work permits</p> <p>A worker between 16 and 18 yrs cannot get a work permit because the SSC cannot register him/her. Unless it is in the Agricultural sector.</p> <p>On July, August, and September, approximately 5000 applications were received (approx. 3000 in the constructions sector, 1000 in the agricultural sector, and other).</p> <p>Difficulties securing funds for next year. Offices in governorates could close due to unsecured funding and only keep Amman office open.</p>	
<p>Refugee Livelihoods Dashboard / UNHCR</p> <p>Please provide a feedback to Rania Bakeer bakeerr@unhcr.org</p>	<p>Refugee Livelihoods Dashboard here</p>
<p>Weakened by economy, constrained by society. An advocacy brief from the Municipal Businesses project- Bashar Badran & Ghada Salem, Finn Church Aid (FCA)</p>	<p>Presentation here</p>
<p>AOB - updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On 24th Aug, the livelihoods Irbid sub working group resumed coordination and then on the 30th of Sep. The ToRs are now updated, and a co-chair was elected, Almothana Hasan, from world vision international ▪ The HBB taskforce met on the 1st of September as well as on the 6th of October ▪ The discussion is ongoing on means of cooperation between SSC, ILO, and UNHCR on how to facilitate communication on SSC programs that Syrian refugees can benefit from ▪ RYSE organized a Graduation - learning event on 22nd Sep; on Household targeting and Selection process ▪ The International Labour Organization (ILO) in partnership with The Institute for Labour and Social Research (Fafo) launched the report on the Impacts of Work Permit Regulations on Decent Work for Syrian refugees in Jordan on 26 of Sep ▪ The Vocational Training taskforce met on 29th Sep ▪ On the CfW/EIIP, on 29th Sep, subsequent to the ministry’s request, the Program Support Unit (PSU) started a one-month trial period for the centralization of approximately 150 “Project Workers” work permits, applications for permits will be made through the PSU, and issued by the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions (GFJTU). This is a trial and will not affect the WP application through the labour directorates for now. 	
<p>Next meeting date: <u>18 Nov 2021 , from 13:00 to 15:00, to be confirmed</u></p>	