ECONOMIC INCLUSION OF SYRIAN REFUGEES
UNHCR JORDAN
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674,268 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan

318,640 In working age (or 47.3% of the population)

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

Cumulative number of work permits issued:

Total 294,699

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

February 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

2021 Social security registration is mandatory for flexible work permit holders

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