Economic Inclusion of Syrian Refugees
Jordan
January 2020

- **655,216** Syrian Refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan
- **302,854** In working age (or 45.2% of the population)

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

**Cumulative number of work permits issued:**
- **Total 179,445**
  - **170,938**
  - **8,507**

- Syrian Refugees’ work is regulated by Jordanian Labour Law as it applies to migrant workers
- Syrian Refugees can work in the occupations open to foreigners; many sectors of work are not available to them including health, teaching, engineering and technical professions
- Syrian Refugees can register and operate a business

**2019**
Number of valid work permits was affected due to new Ministry of Labour decision on allowed professions, work permits rectification grace period

**2016**
Cumulative number of work permits issued:
- **Total** 179,445
  - **Azraq Centre for Employment** 11,592 Work Permit
  - **Zaatari Office for Employment** 27,051 Work Permit

**Issuance of work permits**
- Syrian Refugees made easier by the government
  - One year renewable Ministry of Interior card Free of Charge
- Regulations restricting home-based businesses

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

**Ministry of Labour**
- Issued circular allowing Syrian refugees to move freely between employers & sectors
  - 2019

**Ministry of Labour issued circular**
- Supporting Syria & the Region Conference’
- London February 2016

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