The role of the World Bank in supporting economic opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian refugees

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The Project

- US\$ 300 Million on IDA Terms
- Program for Results Operation

Three aspects of interest

- Work permits
- Workers living in camps
- Other labor market issues

Work permits

- 1. Number issued 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- 2. Reporting on number applied for and number issued (disaggregated, quarterly)
- 3. Dissemination of process information (biannually)
- 4. Extending free work permits and "relaxed inspections" for two years

Workers living in camps

- 1. Mobility system and advisory group
- 2. Reporting on leave permits applied for and issued (disaggregated, quarterly)

Other labor market issues

- 1. Strengthening MOL inspectorate (including database for follow up on complaints)
- 2. Inclusion of refugees and economic migrants in Labor Force Survey (quarterly)
- 3. Disclosure of factory-level compliance (Better Work Jordan)
- 4. Simplified regulations for home-based enterprises and increase registration (by 2019)
- 5. Investor's guide (including for Syrian investors)

Thank you