



Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees P4R (P159522)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Labor, Jordan Investment Commission

Program Development Objectives

Program Development Objective (from Program-for-Results Appraisal Document)
PDO: " Improve Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian refugees in Jordan"

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	--	● Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	--	● Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	--	● High

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The progress of project implementation is satisfactory. Prior results have been achieved and Disbursement Linked Indicators are on track. The following results have been achieved:

Improving Labor Market : The Prior Result of 20,000 work permits issued to Syrian refugees and the end of year Disbursement Linked Result of 25,000 work permits issued to Syrian refugees have been achieved. Policies consisting in granting free work permits to Syrian refugees, relaxing labor inspections, granting self-employment permits in agriculture have led to a rapid increase in the number of Syrian refugees having the right to work.

Improving Investment Climate: The Government is designing a strategy for Home based businesses. A bylaw authorizing home based businesses outside of Greater Amman (where they are already allowed) has been issued in September 2016. The team is working with the Government on streamlining the legal framework for such businesses and on a communication campaign.

The implementation of the other measures of investment climate reforms have not started yet.

Improving Investment Promotion: the prior result consisting in issuing the investment bylaw removing the minimum capital requirement for foreign investors has been issued. The Jordan Investment Commission has recruited 26 high caliber staff and has reorganized and strengthened its investment promotion team. Trade shows and investors' visits have taken place and others are planned.

The team is closely monitoring the Program Action Plan. Required measures have either been completed or are under active implementation by the Authorities.

In this first ISR – no changes to risk ratings have been identified and all other reporting areas (achievement of PDO, fiduciary and safeguards) are rated satisfactory.

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P159522	IBRD-86510	Effective	USD	149.00	149.00	0.00	72.02	76.98	48%



P159522	IDA-59090	Effective	USD	100.00	100.00	0.00	48.33	51.67	<div style="width: 48%; background-color: green; height: 10px;"></div>	48%
P159522	TF-A3648	Effective	USD	51.00	51.00	0.00	24.65	26.35	<div style="width: 48%; background-color: green; height: 10px;"></div>	48%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P159522	IBRD-86510	Effective	27-Sep-2016	09-Oct-2016	24-Oct-2016	31-Jan-2021	--
P159522	IDA-59090	Effective	27-Sep-2016	09-Oct-2016	24-Oct-2016	31-Jan-2021	--
P159522	TF-A3648	Effective	27-Sep-2016	09-Oct-2016	24-Oct-2016	31-Jan-2021	--

Risks**Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool**

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	● Moderate	--	● Moderate
Macroeconomic	● Substantial	--	● Substantial
Sector Strategies and Policies	● High	--	● High
Technical Design of Project or Program	● Moderate	--	● Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	● Substantial	--	● Substantial
Fiduciary	● Moderate	--	● Moderate
Environment and Social	● Substantial	--	● Substantial
Stakeholders	● High	--	● High
Other	--	--	● High
Overall	● High	--	● High

Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLI)

► Number of work permits issued to Syrian refugees (Number)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)
Value	5300.00	--	32500.00
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016



Comments

Prior result (DLR 1.1 = 20,000 work permits) and result for 2016 (DLR 1.2 = 25,000 work permits) have been achieved.

Reminder:

The result for 2017, DLR 1.3 = 55,000 work permits

The result for 2018, DLR 1.4 = 90,000 work permits

The result for 2019, DLR 1.5 = 130,000 work permits.

► Annual public disclosure by Better Work Jordan of report on factory-level compliance with a list of at least 29 social and environmental-related items (Yes/No)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)
Value	N	--	N
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016

Comments

Annual disclosure will start in July 2017, on a rolling basis, 50% of firms disclosed in July and 50% in January.

► Establishment and implementation of selected simplified and predictable regulations for the private sector, including household businesses (Text)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)
Value	No reform implemented.	--	No reform implemented.
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016

► Increase in number of enterprises on the Customs Golden List (Number)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)
Value	0.00	--	0.00
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016

► Number of investments benefitting from investment facilitation by JIC (Number)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)
Value	0.00	--	0.00
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016



Results

Results Area

Intermediate Results Area

Project Development Objective Indicators

► PDO Indicator 1: Number of work permits issued to Syrian refugees (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	5,300.00	--	32,500.00	130,000.00
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2019

► PDO Indicator 2: Share of business owners who have accessed more predictable and simplified business regulation (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	51.00
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2020

Comments

The target for this PDO indicator still needs to be determined.

► PDO Indicator 3: Investment promotion agency capability score (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	3.00	--	3.00	5.00
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2020

Overall Comments



Intermediate Results Indicators

► IR Indicator 1: Annual public disclosure by Better Work Jordan of factory-level compliance with a list of at least 29 social and environmental-related items (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	--	N	Y
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016	29-Dec-2017

► IR Indicator 2.1: Identification and adoption of a predictability process for issuance of business regulations following an inclusive public-private dialogue and a measurement system (including baseli (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	--	N	Y
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016	29-Dec-2017

► IR Indicator 2.2: Share of business regulations mandatory to the private sector issued following the adopted predictability process (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	70.00
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2020

► IR Indicator 2.3: Number of officially established household enterprises (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	50.00	--	50.00	1,000.00
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2019

▲ of which 100 Syrian owned home based businesses (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	100.00
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2019



▷ of which 100 women owned home based businesses (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	100.00
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2019

▶ IR Indicator 2.4: Identification of one key business regulatory reform following an inclusive public-private dialogue and a measurement system (including baseline identification) (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	--	N	Y
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2018

▶ IR Indicator 2.5: Reduction of regulatory burden for the private sector following the implementation of the business regulatory reform (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	30.00
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2020

▶ IR Indicator 2.6: Increase in the number of enterprises in the Customs Golden List (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	300.00
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2020

▶ IR Indicator 3.1 Number of investments benefitting from investment facilitation by the JIC (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	530.00
Date	08-Apr-2016	--	01-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2020

Overall Comments