

*How to alleviate the negative impacts  
and use the potential benefits*

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*“We are now the world’s third largest host of refugees. This is placing an overwhelming burden on Jordan’s people, infrastructure and already limited resources. The refugee crisis is a recognised global responsibility, and demands a global solution.”*

His Majesty King Abdullah II, Plenary Session  
of the 69th United Nations General Assembly





646,700  
registered  
refugees. Over  
50 % of which  
are children



Hosting 1.67 million Syrians, of whom 646,700 are registered refugees

85% of Syrian refugees live in Jordanian host communities

# Education



Over  
130,000  
Syrian refugee  
children  
enrolled in  
Jordanian  
public schools  
in host

Second shifts  
were  
introduced in  
78  
schools

2,872  
teachers  
hired for  
double  
shifted and  
camp schools

41%  
of schools are  
overcrowded,  
compared to  
36% in 2011

# Health



Syrian refugees granted free access to national health care services - Cabinet Decree of 16 May 2012



# Housing



Accommodating  
**650,000**  
Syrian refugees  
requires  
approximately  
**120,000**  
housing units



**JD50**  
per month to  
**JD101-200**  
per month –  
reported  
increase in  
rental prices



# Social tension



Competition for affordable housing and jobs represent the two chief sources of tension between refugees and host communities





# Involvement of refugees in ongoing programs



*Zarqa City Youth Council*



*Zarqa Municipal Council for Children*



*Zarqa Domestic Products Exhibition*



*Zarqa Community Center*



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