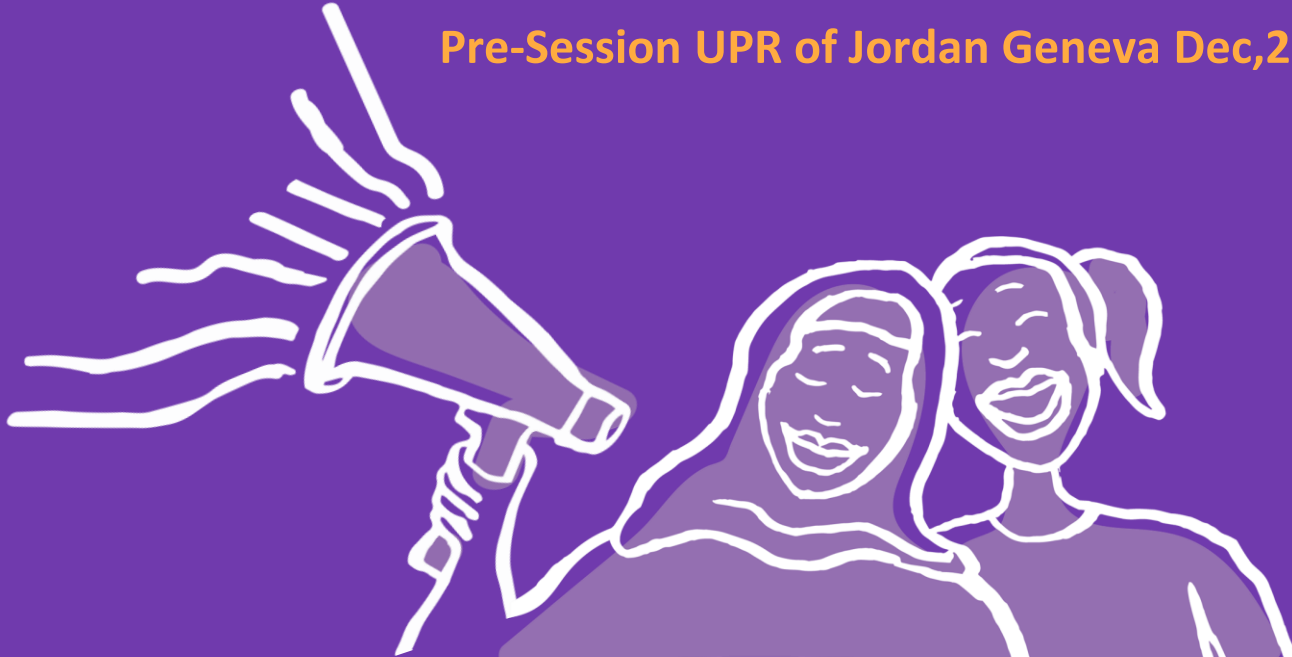


# Children Rights in Jordan

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# Opening

- **Organization:** Plan International Jordan
- **Youth advocates, as part of the SheLeads program, have addressed the thematic issues outlined in this statement.**
- **Focus Issues:**
  1. Child labor
  2. Child marriage
  3. Disparities in children's access to quality education.



## Situation in Jordan: Disparities in children's access to quality education

- **Syrian Refugee Children's Challenges:** Only 25-30% of Syrian refugee children progress to secondary education due to economic hardships and high private school fees which forces them into overcrowded public schools.
- **Teacher Preparation Gap:**
  - A significant gap in teacher preparation at the university level.
  - Jordan's education system struggles with students and teachers lacking vital skills, particularly in addressing diverse student needs, especially for disabled children, and handling disciplinary issues.
  - There's also a concerning lack of awareness about reporting child abuse cases in schools

**Amazing Progress!**

**Child Rights Law:**

- In 2023, Jordan introduced the Child Rights Law to ensure equal access to education for all children.
- This law is a positive step towards addressing education disparities.



## Situation in Jordan: Disparities in children's access to quality education

### Recommendations:

1. Allocate funding and resources to enhance educational infrastructure in 300 public schools across Jordan.
2. Integrate pedagogical programs into university curricula to prepare future educators for inclusive classrooms.



### Prevalence of Child Marriage:

- In 2020, there was an 11.8% increase in child marriages.
- In 2022, we saw a 27.5% decrease, but these figures are fragile and often influenced by broader socio-economic circumstances.
- **Legal Paradox:** Recent legislation introduced a hierarchy that could potentially allow early marriages if deemed in the child's best interest, creating a legal paradox.

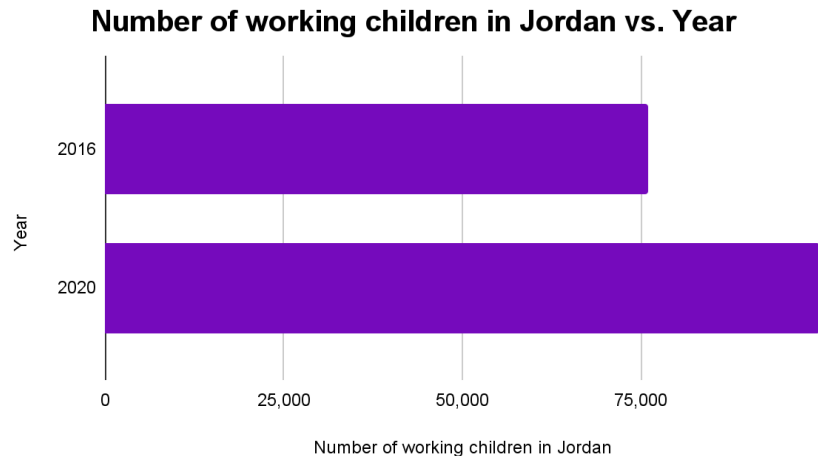
### Recommendations:

1. Cancel Paragraph (b) of Article (10) of the Personal Status Law No. 15 of 2019 to protect children's rights.
2. Implement specialized training programs for judges and judicial personnel across all governorates, emphasizing the importance of adhering to legal age restrictions without exceptions.



## Impact of COVID-19:

- Child labor issues have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 45,000 of them enduring hazardous conditions.



# Situation in Jordan: Child Labor

## Amazing Progress!

**National Task Force:** Key organizations and ministries created the National Task Force to combat child labor, aiming to address severe forms of child labor on a national scale. Plan International Jordan serves as the Co-Chair of this initiative.

## Recommendations:

1. Enhance awareness of labor and human trafficking laws over the next 4 years.
2. Amend Labor Law No. 8 of 1996 to boost penalties, addressing dangerous professions and penalizing parents for involving children in hazardous work.



# Thank You!

We pray for a brighter future for  
all children in Jordan and all over  
the world

