



ENTREPRENEURSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE – {ECONOMY NAME}

Dear {respondent},

It is our pleasure to introduce you to the 8th edition of the [World Bank Group's Entrepreneurship Database](#) to which we would like to kindly encourage your participation this year.

The World Bank Group's Entrepreneurship Database is a critical source of data that measures the level of entrepreneurial activity across countries over time. Building on information collected directly from business registries and national statistics agencies, this database provides a comprehensive set of data that are comparable across 180 economies.

The Entrepreneurship Database helps understand the dynamics of private enterprises around the world and quantifies the impact of regulatory, political, and institutional changes on new business registrations. In addition, the Entrepreneurship Database measures entrepreneurial activity conducted by female and male entrepreneurs. This database is frequently consulted and used by researchers, policy makers, and international organizations.

As we are currently updating our data, we would be honored to be able to count on your expertise. For this year's edition of the Entrepreneurship questionnaire, we would like to draw your attention on the following key elements:

The Questionnaire

The questionnaire covers the following topics: (1) data regarding the number of companies in your economy and (2) data on female entrepreneurship.

Deadline for Completion

We kindly request that, if possible, you complete and submit the questionnaire by X,X 2025.

We ask that you complete as much of the questionnaire as possible. Only the areas in grey in the questionnaire can be edited. If you are unable to answer a particular question but know of an individual or agency that might have access to that information, we kindly ask that you provide us with the name and contact information of that person or agency.

We thank you in advance for your invaluable contribution to the work of the World Bank Group. We reiterate our sincere appreciation for your participation and invite you to contact us regarding any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

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CONTACT INFORMATION

By voluntarily answering the Entrepreneurship Questionnaire, respondents are consenting that their name, agency affiliation, and contact information will be retained in a password and access-restricted database by the World Bank Group's unit in charge of the *Entrepreneurship Database*. The information is for the sole purpose of conducting *Entrepreneurship Database* research and follow-up, in accordance with the [World Bank Group Privacy Policy](#). Contact information will remain strictly confidential within the unit in charge of the *Entrepreneurship Database*.

Primary Respondent:

Name

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| Title (Mr., Ms., Dr.) | [] |
| First Name | [] |
| Last Name | [] |
| Position | [] |

Contact details

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| Agency name | [] |
| Website | [] |
| E-mail address | [] |
| Phone | [] |
| Mobile phone | [] |

Agency Address

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| Street | [] | City | [] |
| ZIP/Postal Code | [] | Country | [] |

Additional Respondents:

| Name | Occupation | Email | Phone |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| [first name] [last name] | [agency] [position] | [] | [phone] [mobile] |
| [first name] [last name] | [agency] [position] | [] | [phone] [mobile] |

Referrals: Please help us by referring us to other experts who can respond to the questionnaire.

| First name | Last name | Agency | Position | E-mail | Phone |
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1. DATA ABOUT COMPANIES

1.1. Statistics about company creation and closure

This table intends to measure the level of company creation and closure in the country (ECONOMY NAME). While providing statistics, please consider the following definitions:

1. “**Companies with Limited Liability**” refer to companies with a form of limited liability (LLCs, simplified LLCs, anonymous LLCs, public limited companies, etc.).
2. “**All Companies**” include all types of legal forms of firms and business establishments (including sole proprietorships, individual establishments, LLCs, and all other types of companies).
3. “**New**” numbers refer to the newly created companies during the calendar year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31).
4. “**Closed**” numbers refer to the closed companies during the calendar year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31).
5. “**Total**” numbers refer to the stock of existing companies at the end of the calendar year (Dec. 31).

Please kindly complete the information below corresponding to each of the years:

| | Companies with Limited Liability¹ | | | All Companies² | | |
|------|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| | <u>NEW</u> Limited Liability Companies registered during the calendar year ³ | <u>CLOSED</u> Limited Liability Companies during the calendar year ⁴ | <u>TOTAL</u> Limited Liability Companies registered at the end of the calendar year ⁵ | <u>NEW</u> Companies registered during the calendar year ³ | <u>CLOSED</u> Companies during the calendar year ⁴ | <u>TOTAL</u> Companies registered at the end of the calendar year ⁵ |
| 2006 | | | | | | |
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1.2. Legal framework for companies with limited liability

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| 1.2.a. How many types of limited liability companies are legally recognized in your country among those required to register? | -Click to Select- |
| 1.2.b. Please indicate the name of all possible legal options: | |
| 1.2.c. Please specify the relevant regulations (for e.g., Corporations Act of 2004, Sections 1, 2, and 3): | |
| 1.2.d. Are the statistics on companies with limited liability made publicly available online? If yes, please provide the link to the website: | -Click to Select- |
| 1.2.e. Do your estimates regarding the number of companies with limited liability (provided in the statistics table of section 1.1) cover all possible legal types of LLCs? | -Click to Select- |

1.3. Legal framework for other types of companies

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| 1.3.a. IN ADDITION to companies with limited liability, please kindly list ALL the legal types of companies and establishments: | |
| 1.3.b. Please specify the relevant regulations (for e.g., Corporations Act of 2004, Sections 4, 5, and 6): | |

1.4. Legal reforms over the past two years

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| 1.4.a. Has the specific regulatory framework for companies with limited liability been reformed in 2023 or 2024? | -Click to Select- |
| 1.4.b. If yes, please specify the relevant regulations (for e.g., Amendment to the Corporations Act of 2004 adopted on May 5, 2024, Sections 1, 2, and 3): | |
| 1.4.c. Have there been any reforms in the regulatory framework for the other legal types of business entities in 2023 or 2024? | -Click to Select- |
| 1.4.d. If yes, please provide the relevant regulations (for e.g., Amendment to the Corporations Act of 2004 adopted on May 5, 2024, Sections 4, 5, and 6): | |



1.5. Digital services

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| 1.5.a. Is there an electronic system that manages the entire LLC registration process, from submitting the application to receiving digital company documents? | -Click to Select- |
| 1.5.b. If yes, is there an electronic payment option available for all fees associated with LLC incorporation? | -Click to Select- |
| 1.5.c. Is there a comparable electronic system for managing sole proprietorship registrations? | -Click to Select- |
| 1.5.d. If yes, is there an electronic payment option available for all fees associated with sole proprietorship registration? | -Click to Select- |

1.6. E-commerce business registration

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| 1.6.a. Is there a distinct registration process for firms that operate exclusively online, such as e-commerce businesses? | -Click to Select- |
| 1.6.b. Does the business registry track and count firms that operate exclusively online separately? | -Click to Select- |
| 1.6.c. If yes, please indicate the number of new e-commerce companies registered in 2024: | |

1.7. Special digital initiatives for foreign entrepreneurs

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| 1.7.a. Are there initiatives that enable foreigners register and fully operate their business online from abroad? | -Click to Select- |
| 1.7.b. If yes, please describe these programs and share any relevant website or information: | |



2. DATA ABOUT FEMALE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

2.1. Availability of data

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| 2.1.a. Does the business registry keep sex disaggregated data? | -Click to Select- |
| 2.1.b. If yes, what kind of sex disaggregated data is available (company ownership, directorship, etc.)? | |
| 2.2.c. Is sex disaggregated data on entrepreneurship made publicly available online? | -Click to Select- |
| 2.2.d. If yes, please provide the link to the website: | |

2.2. Statistics about the number of female and male owners of new limited liability companies

This table intends to capture the number of female and male business owners of newly registered companies in the country (COUNTRY NAME). It refers only to the business owners of new Limited Liability Companies registered every year. For instance, last year in the country, there were 10,000 business owners of new limited liability companies – including 4,000 female business owners and 6,000 male business owners. Please kindly complete the information below corresponding to each of the years. If not available, please proceed to the next question.

| NEW Companies with Limited Liability | | | |
|---|--|--|---|
| | Number of female business owners (of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year) | Number of male business owners (of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year) | Total number of business owners (of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year) |
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2.3. Statistics about the number of female and male directors for new limited liability companies

This table intends to capture the number of female and male directors of newly registered companies in the country (COUNTRY NAME). It refers to the number of directors for Limited Liability Companies registered every year. For instance, last year in the country, there were 8,000 directors of new limited liability companies – including 4,000 female directors and 4,000 male directors. Please kindly complete the information below corresponding to each of the years. If not available, please proceed to the next question.

| | NEW Companies with Limited Liability | | |
|-------------|---|--|---|
| | Number of female directors (of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year) | Number of male directors (of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year) | Total number of directors (of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year) |
| 2014 | | | |
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2.4. Statistics about the number of female and male NEW sole proprietors

This table intends to capture the number of new female and male sole proprietors every year in the country (COUNTRY NAME). For instance, last year in the country, there were 30,000 new sole proprietors – including 16,000 female sole proprietors and 14,000 male sole proprietors. Please kindly complete the information below corresponding to each of the years. If not available, please proceed to the next question.

| | NEW Sole Proprietorships | | |
|-------------|--|--|---|
| | Number of female sole proprietors (newly registered during the calendar year) | Number of male sole proprietors (newly registered during the calendar year) | Total number of sole proprietors (newly registered during the calendar year) |
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2.5. Policy changes to support female entrepreneurship over the past two years

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| 2.5.a. Are there any policies or initiatives to encourage and support female entrepreneurship, the creation of businesses by women, or women's access to managerial positions in 2023 or 2024? | -Click to Select- |
| 2.5.b. If yes, please describe these policies or initiatives and share any relevant website or information. | |



2.6. Research on the composition of Boards of Directors

The following questions only apply to companies that are legally required to have a Board of Directors (for instance, public corporations, private corporations exceeding certain thresholds, companies requiring a board of directors in their bylaws, etc.). The following questions are not about the company shareholders (measured in section 2.2) and company managers (measured in section 2.3).

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| 2.6.a. Do companies with a Board of Directors have to legally register the composition of their Board of Directors with the business registry (or any other public sector agency)? | -Click to Select- |
| 2.6.b. If yes, is there information on the sex of members of Boards of Directors registered? | -Click to Select- |
| 2.6.c. If yes, how many members of Board of Directors were registered in the country in 2024, by sex? | female members of Boards of Directors male members of Boards of Directors |

3. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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| Please share any relevant comments on this questionnaire or the issues addressed therein. | |
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Thank you very much for completing the questionnaire!

We sincerely appreciate your contribution to the *Entrepreneurship Database* project. The results will appear on the website: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/entrepreneurship>.