



ENTREPRENEURSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE – {ECONOMY NAME}

Dear {respondent},

It is our pleasure to introduce you to 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 and dynamic 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 170 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 includes a gender dimension and 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, (2) data on female entrepreneurship, and (3) additional research questions.

Deadline for Completion

We kindly request that, if possible, you complete and submit the questionnaire by X,X 2023.

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

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

Contact details

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

Agency Address

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 (from January 1st to December 31st).
4. “**Closed**” numbers refer to the closed companies during the calendar year (from January 1st to December 31st).
5. “**Total**” numbers refer to the stock of existing companies at the end of the calendar year (as of December 31st).

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						
2007						
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2017						
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2019						
2020						
2021						
2022						



1.2. Legal framework for companies with limited liability

1.2.a. How many types of companies with limited liability exist in your country?	-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

1.3.a. Please kindly list ALL the legal types of companies and establishments, in ADDITION to the companies with limited liability:	
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

1.4.a. Has the specific regulatory framework for companies with limited liability been reformed in 2022 or 2023?	-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, 2022, 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 2022 or 2023?	-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, 2022, Sections 4, 5, and 6):	



2. DATA ABOUT FEMALE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

2.1. Availability of data

2.1.a. Does the business registry keep gender disaggregated data?	-Click to Select-
2.1.b. If yes, what kind of gender disaggregated data is available (company ownership, directorship, etc.)?	
2.2.c. Is gender 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)
2014			
2015			
2016			
2017			
2018			
2019			
2020			
2021			
2022			



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			
2015			
2016			
2017			
2018			
2019			
2020			
2021			
2022			

2.4. Statistics about the number of new limited liability companies with a majority female ownership

This table intends to capture the number of new limited liability companies in which women hold more than 50% of company share capital, in the country (COUNTRY NAME). It looks at the numbers of newly registered limited companies and classifies them into 3 groups: companies with a majority of female business ownership, companies with equal female-male ownership, and companies with a minority of female business ownership. For instance, last year in the country, there were 6,000 new limited liability companies – including 2,000 companies with above 50% female ownership, 1,000 companies with equal female-male ownership (50-50), and 3,000 with female ownership below 50%. 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 companies with ABOVE 50% female ownership	Number of companies with a 50-50 ownership between men and women	Number of companies with BELOW 50% female ownership
2014			
2015			
2016			
2017			
2018			
2019			
2020			



2021			
2022			

2.5. 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)
2014			
2015			
2016			
2017			
2018			
2019			
2020			
2021			
2022			

2.6. Policy changes to support female entrepreneurship over the past two years

2.6.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 2022 or 2023?	-Click to Select-
2.6.b. If yes, please describe these policies or initiatives and share any relevant website or information.	



3. ADDITIONAL RESEARCH

This section aims to collect data on the nationality of entrepreneurs.

While providing statistics, please consider the following definitions:

1. “**Foreign**” refers to a person who is not a citizen of your country (COUNTRY NAME), and who is a citizen of a foreign country.
2. “**National**” refers to a citizen of your country (COUNTRY NAME) who, pursuant to the applicable regulations, is granted full rights and responsibilities.

3.2. Availability of data on the nationality of entrepreneurs

3.2.a. Does the business registry record the nationality of entrepreneurs starting a business?	-Click to Select-
3.2.b. If yes, what kind of data is available?	

3.3. Statistics about the nationality of 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) by nationality (nationals and foreigners). It refers only to the business owners of new Limited Liability Companies. For instance, last year in the country, there were 10,000 business owners of new limited liability companies – including 3,000 National female business owners, 5,000 National male business owners, 1,000 Foreign female business owners, and 1,000 Foreign male business owners. Please kindly complete the information below corresponding to the year 2022. If not available, please proceed to the next question.

NEW Companies with Limited Liability			
Number of National business owners of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year		Number of Foreign business owners of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year	
Female	Male	Female	Male
2022			

3.4. Statistics about the nationality of NEW sole proprietors

This table intends to capture the number of new sole proprietors in the country (COUNTRY NAME), by nationality (nationals and foreigners). For instance, last year in the country, there were 30,000 new sole proprietors – including 10,000 national female sole-proprietors, 9,000 national male sole proprietors, 6,000 foreign female sole proprietors, and 5,000 foreign male sole proprietors. Please kindly complete the information below corresponding to the year 2022. If not available, please proceed to the next question.

NEW Sole Proprietorships			
Number of national sole proprietors newly registered during the calendar year		Number of foreign sole proprietors newly registered during the calendar year	
Female	Male	Female	Male
2022			



3.5. Additional comments

Please share any relevant comments on this questionnaire or the issues addressed therein.

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>.