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# PURPOSE OF THIS SURVEY PLAYBOOK

McKinsey & Company conducted research using quantitative surveys across eight countries to understand the barriers women face in starting and scaling businesses. This survey playbook is designed to support We-Fi and its partners in extending this research to additional countries and conducting endline surveys in existing ones (Cote d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Mozambique, Nigeria, Serbia, Sri Lanka and Uzbekistan). By documenting the methodology, we aim to ensure consistency and reliability in future surveys. This playbook provides a detailed, step-by-step guide on:

- **Survey documentation**: Surveys in English and local languages where they have been conducted
- **Survey launch and data gathering**: Process on launching the survey (either in new markets or existing markets for endline baselining) and gathering data, including localization and customization for local contexts, fielding, and data collection approaches
- Analysis overview and sample outputs: Provides an overview of analysis methods and sample outputs for future replication



# 1.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE FEMALE ENTREPRENEURSHIP SURVEYS

The research requires launching two surveys in each country: (1) Non-entrepreneur (general population/B2C) survey and (2) Entrepreneur survey (B2B)

The objectives of these surveys are to:

- 1) Non-entrepreneurship survey: Examine the obstacles women encounter when trying to start a business
- 2) Entrepreneurship survey: Investigate the difficulties existing women entrepreneurs face in sustaining and scaling their businesses, and identify potential support and interventions that could assist these entrepreneurs

# 1.1 Objectives of the non-entrepreneur (general population) survey

The objectives of the non-entrepreneurship survey are to understand the general population's intent to start a business and perceived barriers:

- What share of the general population are intending to start a businesses in the next 3 years? What are the differences in intent between women and men?
- What are the reasons why women and men have never considered starting their own business, or considered starting their own business but have not started it yet?
- What are the specific kind of skills and knowledge that women and men perceive they are lacking? For those that mentioned that lacking skills and knowledge is one of the reasons they have not started or considered starting their own business

# 1.2 Objectives of the entrepreneur survey

The objectives of the entrepreneurship survey are to understand the barriers and helpful interventions for sustaining and scaling a business:

- What are the barriers to sustaining and scaling a business?
- What interventions would be most helpful to female and male entrepreneurs?
- What do entrepreneurs require to grow their business further?

In addition, the survey deep dives into four topics: funding, skills, professional support networks and balancing personal commitments.

- 1) Funding: How did you fund your business and how difficult was it to secure funding? What fundings issues have you experienced securing funding as an entrepreneur?
- 2) Skills: How would you rate your ability in the key skills that help you run your business?
- 3) Professional support networks: What support do you use and find helpful to run your business e.g., people, resources, programs? What role models, mentors and sponsors do female and male entrepreneurs have?
- 4) Balancing personal commitments e.g., childcare: What support does your spouse and family provide to you as an entrepreneur? What are your caring and household responsibilities, and how do you find balancing these with running a business?



# 2.0 SURVEY PROCESS

The typical survey insights process is conducted over four steps: identify respondents, localise the survey, launch and analyse the insights.

# **Survey process:**

# 1. Identify target country(ies) and line up vendors

- a. Confirm countries for the research
- b. Engage with survey providers in these countries
- c. Create sample plan for each country based on feasibility. *Refer to section 4.3*Sampling size and quotas

## 2. Localise survey

- a. Develop the customisation file that has localized questions and responses for specific questions where required. *Refer to section 3.0 Survey questions and customisation*
- b. Script the survey in English language (base link)
- c. Test and sign off the English language link
- d. Generate translation "overlays" (in Excel)
- e. Engage translators to create a translation of the survey in local languages
- f. Overlay English link with local translations to create local versions of the link
- g. Test local survey links thoroughly and make adjustments

#### 3. Launch survey

- a. Survey providers are integrated via re-directs to the central survey link
- b. Survey providers send out survey to respondents for soft launch (first 5% completes)
- c. Check soft launch data for correct data recording and logic, and adjust survey as needed
- d. Fully launch the survey
- e. Clean the data daily, removing "bad respondents", and monitoring minimum quotas. Refer to section 4.0 Fielding and sampling approach
- f. Guide real time fielding decisions. *Refer to section 4.0 Fielding and sampling approach*

## 4. Analyse the insights

- a. Create analytical syntax in program of choice (e.g. SPSS) on preliminary data
- b. Run banner books on the final data
- c. Identify opportunities to dig deeper in the data

# **1b. Engage with survey providers:** The following vendors have been engaged in data collection for this work:

- 1. Borderless access
- 2. TGM
- 3. Dynata
- 4. EMI
- 5. Atheneum and Partners
- 6. Potloc
- 7. Roi Rocket



We also ensure that the survey link is mobile-friendly: 50%-85% of respondents would answer the survey on their mobile phones, the survey should be easily navigable on mobile devices

Maintain data integrity by defining a "bad respondent" based on the failure of two or more quality checks across the following:

- 1. **Attention checks**: The survey includes questions to ensure respondents are paying attention. For example, question [PURCHASED] multi-code question flags as a potential cheater if more than 8 items were selected. If a respondent fails to follow these instructions, it indicates a lack of attention.
- 2. Consistency checks: The survey includes similar questions at different points in the survey to check for consistency in responses. For example, two questions in the B2B survey check if the business is formally registered: [SREGISTER] Is the business you own or manage formally registered with government officials? and [DPROCESS] How hard or easy was the process of registering your business? If a respondent provides conflicting answers to these questions, it may indicate careless or random answering.
- 3. **Speed checks**: Monitor the time respondents take to complete the survey. If a respondent completes the survey significantly faster than the average time, it may suggest they are not providing thoughtful responses.
- 4. **Straight-lining detection**: Look for patterns where respondents select the same answer for all questions in a grid or matrix. This behaviour, known as straight-lining, often indicates a lack of engagement with the survey content.
- 5. **Open-ended response quality**: Evaluate the quality of responses to open-ended questions. Responses that are nonsensical, irrelevant, or extremely short may indicate a lack of genuine effort.

By implementing these quality checks, you can identify respondents who fail two or more criteria and classify them as "bad respondents." This approach helps ensure that the data collected is reliable and valid, ultimately leading to more accurate and actionable insights.

# 3.0 SURVEY QUESTIONS AND CUSTOMISATION

The non-entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship surveys are global and the same survey questions are shared with each country to ensure the survey responses will be comparable across markets. See the appendix for the survey questions.

To maintain overall quality of the surveys, they followed a specific design to reduce respondent fatigue and gather better, more accurate data. The principles of the survey design included:

- Short in length: Keeps the survey as short and simple as possible
- Keeps the wording to a minimum: Uses short sentences and limited answer options to a maximum of 15
- Limits redundant questions: Avoids questions that makes respondents feel like they are repeating themselves
- Limits long, complex questions: Avoids questions that require complex calculations or allocations of percentages or points
- Ensures a logical flow of questions: Starts with general questions and gradually moves to more specific ones
- Built in data quality checks or "attention checks": These checks flagged suspicious respondents who might be cheating or speeding through the survey



In addition, there are customizations to be made to the surveys before distributing to a country, to ensure the questions and answers are clearly understood and relevant to the market. The survey questions and responses are customized for each country in two ways:

- 1. Local language: The surveys are offered in English and translated into the local language, as interviewing in English may lead to bias particularly when it comes to the use of terminology. Allocate 2/3 days for native speakers to confirm the quality of the translations.
  - a. The surveys have been translated into Arabic, French, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Uzbek, Spanish, Sinhala and Tamil
  - b. See 'spid\_0040-293-fre.xlsx' for an example of the French translation file
- 2. Customized questions and answers: The below survey questions are customized for each country to ensure localized and relevant survey responses are provided to the respondents (see customisation file 20241018\_Entrepreneurship survey International Customisation v5.xlsx):
  - a. [SD4A] Annual personal income (before taxes)
  - b. [SD4A HOUSE] Annual household income (before taxes)
  - c. [CREGION] Region the business is based
  - d. [CREGION2] Region(s) the business operates
  - e. [GETHNIC] Ethnicity
  - f. [GEDUCATION] Level of education
  - g. [CCOST LAST] Total monthly costs of the business
  - h. [CPROFIT LAST] Net profit from the main business in the last completed month
  - i. [FADVICE] Utilized resources, guidance or support



# 3.1 Non-entrepreneurship survey

The non-entrepreneurship survey is structured to understand common barriers preventing women from starting a business. The non-entrepreneur survey is  $\sim$  7-8 min long.

# **Survey structure:**

Section	Topics
Module 1: Screener	Gender, age, region, revenue
Module 2: Business profile	Role, business ownership, employees, responsibilities, revenue, sector
Module 3: Intent	Intention to start a business
Module 4: Barriers	<ul> <li>Barriers to starting a business, barriers from family responsibilities and perceived lack of skills and knowledge</li> <li>Reach out to discuss business idea</li> <li>Successful business characteristics</li> </ul>
Module 5: Demographics	Marital status, children, hours caring, household responsibilities, annual personal/household income, ethnicity, education, professional experience

Refer to appendix 1 for the full non-entrepreneurship survey questions in English. The local language files are saved separately.



# 3.2 Entrepreneurship survey

The entrepreneurship survey is structured to understand common barriers preventing women from sustaining and scaling a business. Entrepreneur survey is ~ 15 min long.

# **Survey structure:**

Section	Topics
Module 1: Screener	Gender, age, region, role, permanent employees, ownership, revenue, sector(s), registration
Module 2: Business profile	<ul> <li>Regions, clients, channels, total costs, profit margin, ambition, operations, board members</li> </ul>
Module 3: How you started your business	<ul> <li>Start date, prior business ownership, business partners</li> <li>Reasons to start a business</li> <li>Finance to start business</li> </ul>
Module 4: Business barriers	<ul> <li>Barriers to business' success and development</li> <li>Finance to sustain business</li> <li>Securing funding, non-financial support, skills</li> </ul>
Module 5: Business initiatives	<ul> <li>Helpful interventions</li> <li>Government or societal interventions</li> <li>People or resources for advice</li> <li>Role models, mentors, sponsors</li> </ul>
Module 6: Demographics	<ul> <li>Marital status, children, hours caring, household responsibilities, annual personal/household income, ethnicity, education, professional experience</li> </ul>

Refer to appendix 2 for the full entrepreneurship survey questions in English. The local language files are saved separately.



# 4.0 FIELDING AND SAMPLING APPROACH

# 4.1 Recruitment approach

The fielding and sampling approach involves multiple recruitment techniques at the same time to identify respondents.

The non-entrepreneur survey was run fully online via online consumer panels.

Entrepreneur interviews were collected via a combination of several recruitment methods: Survey data has been collected using four distribution channels: a) online consumer panels; b) specialised B2B panels; c) social media recruitment via Facebook and Instagram; d) phone interviews.

Each country had slightly different distribution of methods (see table below for details).

			Cote					Dominican
	Sri Lanka	Uzbekistan	D'Ivoire	Mozambique	Nigeria	Egypt	Serbia	Republic
Online consumer panel	5%	5%	10%	20%	5%	5%	15%	25%
Social media	15%	5%	20%	15%	20%	10%	10%	10%
Specialised B2B panel	75%	85%	65%	60%	75%	85%	75%	60%
Phone	5%	5%	5%	5%	0%	0%	0%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

# 4.2 Benefits of online methodology

Online interviews are prioritized given these enable higher flexibility for the respondents. Where necessary (e.g., due to low response rates for certain segments or absence of telephone numbers), the survey providers can conduct the survey or parts thereof in person.

The benefits of this sampling approach are:

- 1) Global consistency: every participant responds to the same materials (in their local language)
- 2) Lack of bias created by local providers in selecting and recruiting participants
- 3) Lack of bias in interviewing/suggesting certain answers to consumers
- 4) Short fieldwork and data processing time

# 4.3 Sampling size and quotas



Non-entrepreneur survey sample was  $\sim$  750 to 1,000 respondents per market. Entrepreneur sample was approximately 250 responses per country.

The sampling approach is based on convenience sampling (a non-probability sampling method with participants selection is based on their availability and ease of access).

Strict quota with a min of 100 responses per gender has been implemented to ensure the validity of the analysis.

To minimise sampling bias, quotas are used to ensure a diverse sample of different sub-groups of population across gender, age, region and socio-economic status, as well as business size and type of business.

Sampling has been overweighed towards larger businesses (small to mid-size), and formal businesses; with informal businesses being on average ~25% of sample size. Informal businesses have been identified based on the question asked. "Is your business registered with government authorities?"; and triangulated with other questions e.g., "How hard or easy was the process of registering your business?".

#### Non-entrepreneur survey sample plan:

- Min 60% women
- Min 20% of urban, rural, sub-urban population
- Min 20% from 18-29 yo, 30-49 yo, 50+ yo

## **Entrepreneur survey sample plan:**

- Min 60% women
- Min 20% of urban, rural, sub-urban population
- Min 20% from 18-29 yo, 30-49 yo, 50+ yo
- Min 20% non-formal businesses
- Min 20% micro, small, medium sized businesses

# 4.4 Constraints of the fielding and sampling approach

The survey approach has been designed to provide globally comparable learnings in fast and approachable way. While reviewing the results, please, be aware of the following limitations:

- Bias towards online active population
- Bias towards more urban population (that has been balanced by quota)
- Bias towards more formal businesses (balanced by min quota on informal)
- No quotas have been put on industries so there is possibility of bias towards certain industries in the sample



# 4.5 Segmentation framework

The surveys are designed to collect responses from both women and men across various segments to generate segment-specific insights and identify key barriers and interventions relevant to each segment. The segmentation framework was developed by incorporating:

- Segments from the Rose Review: Leveraging established segments from the Rose Review survey
- Inputs from We-Fi secretariat and Enterprise survey teams: Integrating expert feedback during the survey review process
- Alignment with Segmentation team (CCX): Ensuring consistent segments for cross-country comparison

The survey questions include these segments to ensure comprehensive data collection. The sampling approach must guarantee a minimum number of respondents across regional and gender segments with specific quotas. This ensures robust and representative insights for each segment.

Categories	Select questions in survey	Segments	Aligned to ongoing segmentation work
Region	How would you characterize the neighborhood in which your business is based	<ul><li> Urban</li><li> Semi-urban</li><li> Rural</li></ul>	Yes
Size of business (# of employees)	How many other permanent employees does your business currently have excluding you?	<ul> <li>Sole trader 1 (self-employed)</li> <li>Micro enterprises         2-9 employees</li> <li>Small enterprises         10-49 employees</li> <li>Medium         enterprises 50-250         employees</li> </ul>	Yes
Stage of business	When did you start your business? What were the main business' total revenues	<ul> <li>Start-up         Business &lt;5 years         old</li> <li>Sustain         Business &gt;5 years old</li> </ul>	Standard definition used across previous reviews



	in the last completed month?	<ul> <li>Scale to high annual turnover (threshold varies by country)</li> </ul>
Caring responsibilities	How many hours a week do you typically spend caring for children or elderly relatives?	<ul> <li>High caring role defined as women spending significantly more time than avg in care</li> <li>Partially new/ different approach</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Medium caring role defined as women spending closer to avg hours in care</li> </ul>
		Low caring role     women with no     children/     dependents OR     spending     significantly less     than average     hours in care
Family support	List of 6 questions that participants must rate from 1-5 on how supportive their spouse/family is	<ul> <li>LOW Support         (significantly         below market avg)</li> <li>MEDIUM support         (in line with         market avg) (in         line with market         avg</li> <li>HIGH support         (significantly</li> </ul>
		above market avg.)
Education	What is the highest level of education you have completed?	<ul> <li>Primary</li> <li>Secondary</li> <li>Tertiary and Postgrad</li> </ul>
Professional Experience	How many years of professional experience do you have?	• Low (0-2 years) Yes



Risk taking profile	How likely or unlikely are you to take risks?	<ul> <li>Medium (3-5 years)</li> <li>High (&gt;5 years)</li> <li>Low (significantly below market avg)</li> <li>Medium (in line with market avg)</li> <li>High (significantly above market avg.</li> </ul>
Household income	What best represents your household income? (customised per country)	<ul> <li>Low income</li> <li>Low middle income</li> <li>Upper middle income</li> <li>Income</li> </ul>
Sector	What sector(s) does your business operate in?	<ul> <li>Agriculture,         Forestry, Fishing,         Veterinary</li> <li>Construction</li> <li>Information and         Communication         (incl. software)</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Real Estate</li> <li>Mining, Quarrying</li> <li>Wholesale and         retail, motor         vehicle repair, fuel</li> <li>Financial services</li> <li>Health/social care</li> <li>Renewable energy</li> <li>Manufacturing</li> <li>Transportation         and Storage</li> </ul>



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	Other end- consumer services
	Government     administrative     functions
	Utilities, sewerage, waste, recycling
	Tourism and hospitality
	Business services
	Other service activities e.g., hairdressing



# 5.0 DATA ANALYSIS, SYNTHESIS AND OUTPUTS

The typical outputs of the surveys are 'banner books' in Excel files, displaying questions as rows and segments (cuts) as columns. See Figure 1, Survey output, Banner Book for the entrepreneur B2B survey below. It is good practice to review preliminary data, but only after collecting at least 70% of the sample. Being clear from the start about which cuts or hypotheses to test saves time and ensures that the initial analysis is hypothesis-driven to uncover insights. Only base sizes of 50 or more are analyzed, and insights are commented on where there are significant differences.

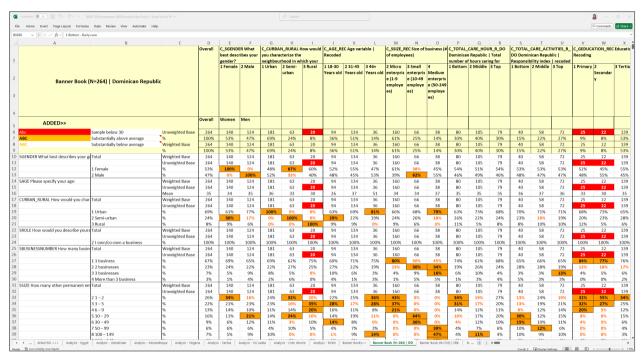


Figure 1, Survey output, Banner Book for Dominican Republic (B2B)



To analyze the survey data, it is suggested to set up a model for specialized analysis of specific questions and segments in a separate sheet. This model is used to calculate:

- The gap between segments: For example, if Women = 8% and Men = 17%, the gap is -9%
- Significance of the gap: Determine if the gap between two segments is significant with 90% confidence

See Figure 2, Survey output, specialised analysis for Dominican Republic (B2B).

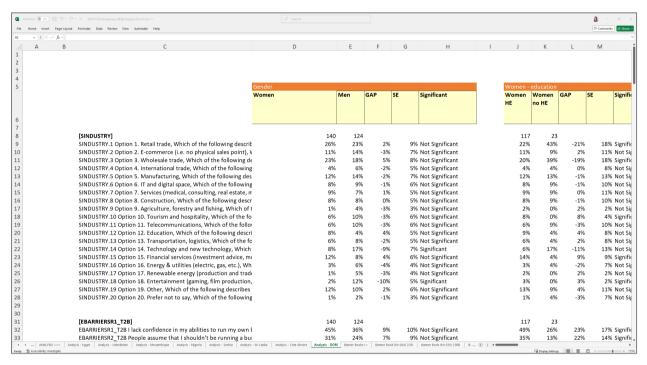


Figure 2, Survey output, specialised analysis for Dominican Republic (B2B)

Survey data is not precise and is often up to interpretation. Always leave enough time for synthesis and to triangulate results with qualitative female entrepreneur interviews, existing literature and incountry experts.



Once the survey is closed and the data is analysed, the insights can be presented on PPT using the templates of the existing country packs. See below Figure 3, Survey output, barriers for Dominican Republic. It is good practice to start working on the outline of the PPT as soon as possible, and this can guide the hypotheses and cuts to focus on.

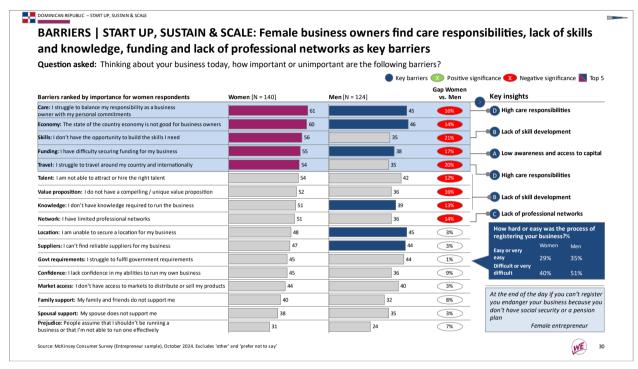


Figure 3, Survey output, barriers for Dominican Republic (B2B)



# 6.0 ENDLINING APPROACH

This section outlines how to track the progress made across 8 countries where baselining work was conducted by McKinsey & Company in 2024 that included quantitative economic baseline (# of female MSMEs, share of female MSMEs, contribution gap for female vs. male MSMEs, entrepreneurship funnel) and qualitative survey to understand the barriers that females face in starting and scaling businesses compared to men.

We suggest running the endline exercise every 5-10 years to track progress by tracking key quantitative metrics as well as assessing effectiveness of different programmes launched within the countries through endline qualitative survey (similar to baseline survey with some changes as suggested in the sub section 6.2.1 below)

# 6.1 Key metrics to track progress

# We have listed key quantitative economic endline metrics that World Bank and the countries should track to understand progress made in

Sr. No	Metric	Formula
Metric A	Change in # of female MSMEs	# of female MSMEs (endline) - # of female MSMEs (baseline)
Metric A1	Change in # of female MSMEs (formal sector)	# of formal female MSMEs (endline) - # of formal female MSMEs (baseline)
Metric A2	Change in # of female MSMEs (informal sector)	# of informal female MSMEs (endline) - # of informal female MSMEs (baseline)
Metric B	Change in % share of female MSMEs	% share of female MSMEs (endline) - % share of female MSMEs (baseline)
Metric B1	Change in % share of female MSMEs (formal sector)	% share of formal female MSMEs (endline) - % share of formal female MSMEs (baseline)
Metric B2	Change in % share of female MSMEs (informal sector)	% share of informal female MSMEs (endline) - % share of informal female MSMEs (baseline)
Metric C	Change in contribution gap women vs. men MSME business	Contribution gap (endline survey) - contribution gap (baseline survey)

The endline metrics can be refreshed leveraging/ triangulating with the sources used during the 2024 economic baselining exercise. Figure 4 shows a snapshot of sources used for baseline below. Please see document 20241129 Female Entrepreneurship - Economic Baseline and Value at Stake vF.xls which contains the detailed data sources as well and approach to calculating metrics.



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\$ USD			Africa				Europe	Asia		North America
Data	Source	Sector	Côte d'Ivoire	Mozambique	Nigeria	Egypt	Serbia	Sri Lanka	Uzbekistan	Dominican Republ
Number of MSMEs (#)	Government reports, Press ADB	Formal	190k [Senegal proxy]	81k [Government Stats]	1,240k [Government Report]	2,436k [World Bank]	404k [Govt Report] 202k	1,307k [Govt Report]	401k [Govt Stats]	60k [Govt Stats]
	ADB	Informal	6,130k [Senegal proxy]	725k [FCI]	38,400k [Government Report]	14,961k [IFC]	[NALED]	1,805k [Govt Report]	531k [IFC]	343k [Govt Stats]
Share of female-led MSMEs (%)	Government reports, ADB, World Bank, IADB	Formal Informal	33% [Govt Report] 40% [Research   CT Africa]	24% [WB Enterprise Survey] 50% [WB Enterprise Survey]	33% [Government Report] 44% <sup>4</sup> [calc.]	21% [IFC] 32% [Assumption <sup>2</sup> ]	27% [Govt Report] 40% [Assumption <sup>2</sup> ]	25% [IFC] 38% [Assumption <sup>2</sup> ]	29% [Govt Stats] 44% [Assumption <sup>2</sup> ]	40% [Fondo Micro] 44% [Fondo Micro]
Number of female-led	Calculated	Formal	63k	19k	408k	511k	108k	326k	117k	24k
MSMEs (#)		Informal	2,452k	359k	17,033k	4,713k	81k	677k	233k	151k
Country GDP (\$)	World Bank	Total	\$79bn [WB]	\$21bn [WB]	\$363bn [WB]	\$396bn [WB]	\$75bn [WB]	\$84bn [CBSL]	\$91bn [WB]	\$121bn [WB]
Share of GDP from MSMEs (%)	World Bank, Government reports, EU, OECD, ADB	Formal Informal	20% [Govt Report] 39% [DGE/MIMIC]	18% (Assumptiof) 12% (Assumptiof)	28% <sup>1</sup> [Assumptiof] 19% [Assumptiof]	43% [VISA Megatrends] 30% [DGE/MIMIC]	28% [Govt Report] 15% [FAE]	52% [ADB] 37% [DGE/MIMIC]	43% [Government Stats] 10% [IMF]	12% [Govt Stats] 20% [Govt Stats]
Baseline GDP	Calculated	Formal	\$16bn	\$4bn	\$101bn	\$170bn	\$21bn	\$44bn	\$39bn	\$15bn
contribution of MSMEs (\$)		Informal	\$30bn	\$2bn	\$67bn	\$121bn	\$9bn	\$32bn	\$9bn	\$24bn
Avg. GDP contribution per MSME (\$)	Calculated	Formal	\$83k	\$46k	\$81k	\$70k	\$52k	\$34k	\$97k	\$244k
per Mainte (3)		Informal	\$5k	\$4k	\$2k	\$8k	\$44k	\$17k	\$17k	\$71k
Difference in Avg. GDP contribution-	McKinsey Entrepreneurship	Minimum	50%	20%	34%	65%	42%	45%	35%	40%
men/women (%)	Survey, WEF, World Bank	Maximum	70%	40%	52%	85%	62%	65%	55%	60%
Avg. GDP contribution per female-led MSME	Calculated	Formal	\$54k-\$62k	\$37k-\$41k	\$60k - \$67k	\$40k-\$47k	\$36k-\$41k	\$23k - \$26k	\$70k-\$80k	\$171k-\$195k
(\$)		Informal	\$3.2k - \$3.7k	\$2.7k - \$3.0k	\$1.3k - \$1.5k	\$4.6k - \$5.4k	\$30k-\$34k	\$12k-\$14k	\$12k-\$14k	\$50k-\$57k

Figure 4: key data sources for endline economic metrics

# 6.2 6.2 Endline surveys and metrics to track

Furthermore, we suggest countries to re-run the entrepreneurship and non-entrepreneurship survey(s) to understand endline entrepreneurship funnel as well as barriers faced by women in starting and scaling business. While most of the survey remains same as conducted during the baseline work, tweaks can be made to survey per country to assess effectiveness of market initiatives launched to improve female entrepreneurship.

# **Example metrics to track**

Metric	Description	Calculation	Example	Source and example calculations
Metric D	% Improvement in Women per Stage of Entrepreneurship Funnel i.e.  Intention Start-up Sustain Scale	Number of women per 100 women in the adult population at each stage (endline) - Number of women per 100 women in the adult population at each stage (baseline)	If baseline = 10 and endline = 15, then improvement = 5	Figure 5 shows the questions used from the entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship surveys to calculate the funnel.  Detailed calculations in file: 20241129 Female Entrepreneurship - Economic Baseline and Value at Stake vF.xls and Tab Funnel Model
Metric E	Reduction/Increase in % of Female Entrepreneurs who find Barriers important to running the business	% of female respondents who found a barrier important (endline) - % of female respondents who found a barrier important (baseline)	If baseline = 30% and endline = 20%, then reduction = 10%	Figure 6 shows an example calculation for Dominican Republic comparing 2024 endline results with baseline results to show improvement

Please note that Metric E is only an example metric. We recommend analyzing other detailed survey questions related to barriers, such as funding, networks, care responsibilities, and skills. Additionally,



consider adding or adjusting intervention questions to better understand the effectiveness of programs launched within each country (shortlist of questions highlighted in yellow in appendix)

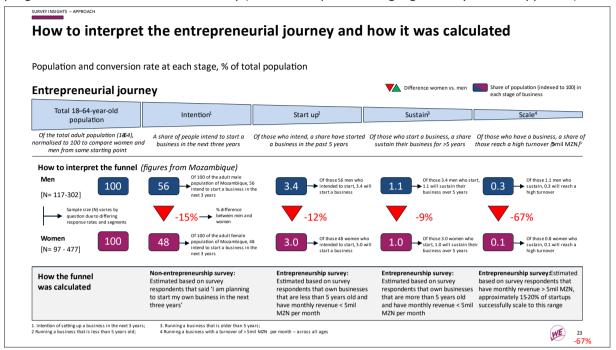


Figure 5, entrepreneurship funnel, approach to calculation and key questions

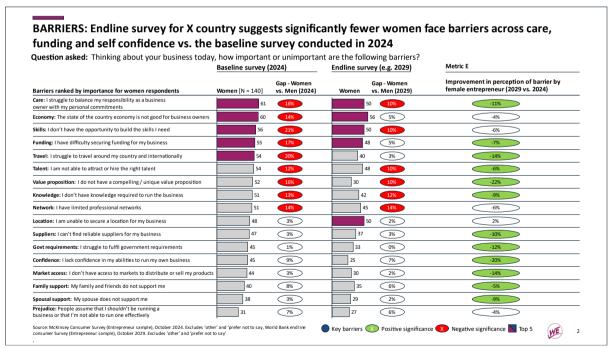


Figure 6: sample output, barriers B2B from endline survey, including comparison with baseline survey results

# 6.3 Approach to rerunning the survey(s)

Step 1: We recommend keeping the survey questionnaire consistent across follow up waves of the research.



#### That applies to

- a) Key questions required for respondent screening, profiling and segmentation (highlighted in yellow in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2)
- b) Key questions required in modeling, barrier analysis and supporting these analysis (highlighted in yellow in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2)

Other questions (not highlighted in Appendix 1) are considered optional and can be deleted or replaced during the re-run.

#### Step 2: Consider the following changes to the survey before the next wave:

- a) Updating the list of intervention (highlighted in purple in Appendix 2) to reflect the latest initiatives in the market
- b) If the new programmes/initiatives are launched in the market, consider adding them as a promoted list in question PROGRAM\_PART2 to measure their effectiveness

**Step 3:** Run the survey in line with sampling and fielding approach outlined in Module 4, ensure that you follow the same design as the original survey to ensure comparison between baseline and endline surveys:

- Data collection method online survey
- Similar demographic split

#### Non-entrepreneur survey sample plan:

- Min 60% women
- Min 20% of urban, rural, sub-urban population
- Min 20% from 18-29 yo, 30-49 yo, 50+ yo

#### Entrepreneur survey sample plan:

- Min 60% women
- Min 20% of urban, rural, sub-urban population
- Min 20% from 18-29 yo, 30-49 yo, 50+ yo
- Min 20% non-formal businesses
- Min 20% micro, small, medium sized businesses

#### Step 5: Analyse the survey in line with the approach outlined in Module 5

# 7.0 VALUE AT STAKE MODELLING ASSET

In this chapter we layout clear steps to update the excel model [20250123 Value at Stake vF - country] or build a new model to calculate 1. baseline, 2. value at stake, and 3. entrepreneurship funnel outputs.

The excel is broken down into 3 sections

- 1. Output section: Generates final outputs for value at stake and female vs. male baseline
- 2. Calculation section: Includes detailed calculations that sit behind the output section



3. **Inputs section:** This is the key section that needs to be either updated or inputted with information from the country teams

Please see **tab>> Instructions** which gives a detailed purpose and functionality of the workbook, Overall structure and tabs, formatting guide as well as key contacts in case of any questions.



Figure 7: Screenshot of Instruction tab in the Value at Stake\_vF - country.xls

## Step 1: Update input or raw tabs with country specific input data

# 1a. Go to tab RAW COUNTRY DATA>>> RAW country

- Update the cells (highlighted in BLUE) in column D with raw data sourced through publically available data sources, preferably with government verified data sources.
- In cases where government verified data sources are not available leverage other public data sources e.g. World Bank, OECD or make reasonable assumptions working with World Bank, Regional Bank and country experts.
- Update columns E, F, G, H respectively with year, source of data, any assumptions made and link to the data source for traceability and future references

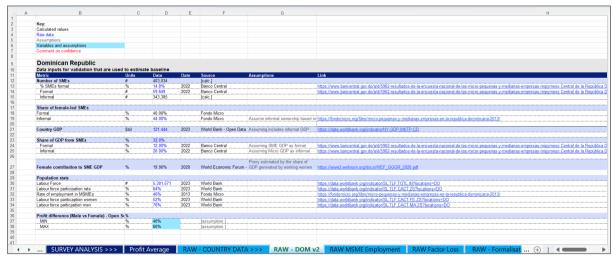


Figure 8: example screenshot of raw data inputted in BLUE cells in tab RAW – DOM v2 for Dominican Republic



**1b.** Update the tabs under Banner Books (B2B) and Banner Books (B2C) leveraging the new/refreshed B2B and B2C survey outputs. Please see section 5.0 DATA ANALYSIS, SYNTHESIS AND OUTPUTS on how to build the banner book. Please note that the banner books act as inputs into the calculation tabs, thus ensure that the banner books are setup/ updated as same rows and columns in the excel model.

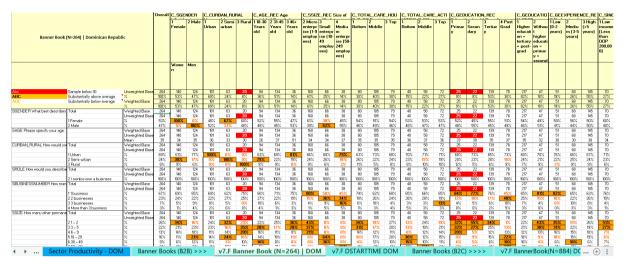
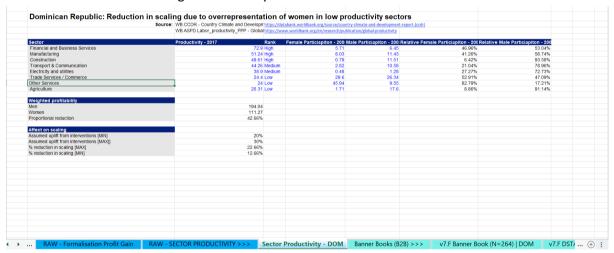


Figure 9: example Banner Book (B2B) tab to be updated with survey results

1c. RAW - SECTOR PRODUCTIVITY >>> Sector productivity tab calculates the productivity difference between men and women attributed to sector choice. Update the cells in blue for the relevant country and the % reduction in scaling automatically will be calculated in cells C24 and C25



**Step 2: Review and analyse outputs** 

**Output 1: Baseline:** Go to tab OUTPUTS >> Female Baseline and OUTPUTS >> Male Baseline which contain the final output on the female entrepreneurship baseline i.e. % of female MSMEs (informal, formal, total) and Avg. contribution gap between male and female led business.



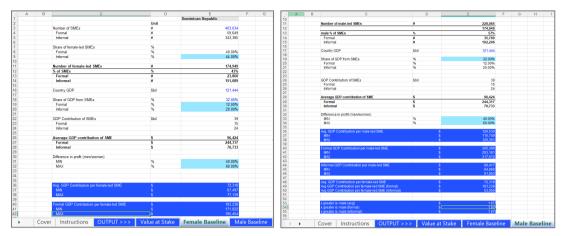


Figure 10: Baseline sample outputs [Female baseline, Male baseline tabs]

**Output 2: Value at stake:** Go to tab OUTPUTS >> Value at stake which contain the final output for Value at stake, i.e. Value at Stake in \$ from bringing female at parity to men over next 10 years. The output is further broken down into,

- 1. Value added from Starting new business, scaling new and existing business and converting informal business
- 2. Value loss from displacement of new female employees, displacement of employees and loss value through cannibalisation

Note: Review the detailed calculation methodology in Tab VALUE AT STAKE - CALC>>> Calc - DOM

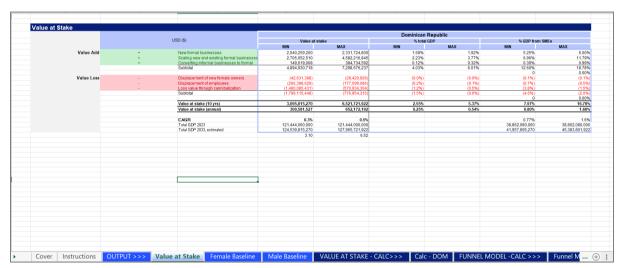


Figure 11: Value at Stake sample output for Dominican Republic [Tab: Value at Stake]

**Output 3: Entrepreneurship funnel:** Go to tab FUNNEL MODEL - CALC >>>Funnel Model | Country which contain the output for the entrepreneurship funnels.



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	Sustain	1.4					
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	Scale	0.1					
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	Intend	45					
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# **APPENDIX 1. NON-ENTREPRENEURSHIP SURVEY QUESTIONS**

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SAGE. Please specify your age: [enter age]

# PN. SINGLE SELECT; ADD TO MONITORING QUOTAS BY COUNTRY

SURBAN. Do you live in a urban or rural area?

- 1. Urban
- 2. Semi-rural



#### 3. Rural

#### PN. SINGLE SELECT; USE COUNTRY LIST FROM CUSTOMISATION FILE.

SREGION. Which region do you live in?

## PN: SINGLE CODE.

**SROLE**. How would you describe yourself?

- 1. I am a contractor/freelancer
- 2. I own/co-own a business
- 3. I am an employee of a company
- 4. None of the above

#### PN: SINGLE CODE. ASK IF SROLE= 2

SBUSINESSNUMBER. How many **businesses** do you currently own. Please, count each separately registered business as one business.

- 1. 1 business
- 2. 2 businesses
- 3. 3 businesses
- 4. More than 3 business

# PN: SHOW ON A SEPARATE SCREEN IF SBUSINESSNUMBER = 2-4

You mentioned that you own several businesses. Please answer the next questions for your **main business** only, i.e. the business that brings you the highest revenues.

# PN: SINGLE CODE. ASK IF SROLE= 2. TERMINATE IF SSIZE=10 (250 or more)

SSIZE. How many other permanent employees does your business currently have excluding you?

- 1. None, I work alone
- 2. 1-2
- 3. 3-5
- 4. 6-9
- 5. 10 29
- 6. 30 49
- 7. 50-99
- 8. 100-149
- 9. 150-249
- 10. 250 or more PN: TERMINATE

PN: SINGLE CODE. ASK IF SSIZE >1



# SOWNERS. How many owners including you does your business have?

- 1. I am the sole owner
- 2. I co-own it with 1 other person
- 3. I co-own it with 2 other people
- 4. I co-own it with 3 other people
- 5. I co-own it with 4 or more other people

PN: ENTER NUMBER. ASK IF SOWNERS = 2-5. IF SOWNERS = 1, AUTOCODE 100% INTO 1 (OWNED BY YOU),

#### RESPONSE MUST BE GREATER THAN ZERO

# SOWNERS2. What share of the business belongs to each of the business owners?

- 1. Owned by you
- 2. Owned by 2<sup>nd</sup> owner
- 3. Owned by 3<sup>rd</sup> owner PN: SHOW IF SOWNERS = 3-5
- 4. Owned by 4<sup>th</sup> owner PN: SHOW IF SOWNERS = 3-5 4-5
- 5. Owned by 5<sup>th</sup> and other owner PN: SHOW IF SOWNERS = 3-5 5

#### PN: SINGLE CODE PER ROW. ASK IF SOWNERS =2-5.

## SOWNERS3. And can you tell us about who your co-owners are?

## Rows

- 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> owner
- 2. 3<sup>rd</sup> owner PN: SHOW IF SOWNERS = 3-5
- 3.  $4^{th}$  owner PN: SHOW IF SOWNERS = 3-5 4-5
- 4. 5<sup>th</sup> and other owner PN: SHOW IF SOWNERS = 3-5 5

#### Columns:

- 1. Man
- 2. Woman
- 3. Prefer not to say

# PN: SINGLE CODE. CLOSE IF 6. ASK IF SROLE= 2. DO NOT ASK IF SSIZE = 1

## STITLE. What is your role in the company?

- 1. CEO
- 2. CFO
- 3. CMO
- 4. COO
- 5. Manager or other senior management role
- 6. Board member (i.e. a person who oversee an organization's governance and key decisions)
- 7. Other (please specify)
- 8. None of the above



PN: SINGLE-CODE. ASK IF SROLE= 2

SRESPONCIBILITIES: How would you describe your role when it comes to running the business you own?

- 1. I have full control: I am fully involved in running of the business
- 2. I have partial control: I am involved in certain areas of the business
- 3. I have no control: I am not at all involved in running of the business

PN: SINGLE CODE. ASK IF SROLE = 2. CUSTOMISE BY EACH COUNTRY (SEE EXCEL).

SREVENUE. What were the main business' total REVENUES in the LAST COMPLETED MONTH? By total revenues we mean the total amount of turnover or overall sales of products or services (in local currency). Please select from the ranges given below:

99. Prefer not to say / Don't Know

PN: MULTI CODE; RANDOMIZE; ASK IF SROLE = 2

TARGET\_SECTOR-OWNER. Which of the following describes the **sector(s)** your business operates in? Please, select all that applies

- 1. Retail trade
- 2. E-commerce (i.e. no physical sales point)
- 3. Wholesale trade
- 4. International trade
- 5. Manufacturing
- 6. IT and digital space
- 7. Services (medical, consulting, real estate, media and advertising, SMM, other)
- 8. Construction
- 9. Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- 10. Tourism and hospitality
- 11. Telecommunications
- 12. Education
- 13. Transportation, logistics
- 14. Technology and new technology
- 15. Financial services (investment advice, money lending, insurance brokerage, etc.) PN: TARGET SECTOR
- 16. Energy & utilities (electric, gas, etc.)
- 17. Renewable energy (production and trade) & energy efficiency
- 18. Entertainment (gaming, film production, shows, concerts, Instagram / YouTube channels, etc.)
- 19. Other
- 20. Prefer not to say

PN: SINGLE CODE. ASK IF SROLE = 1,3-4



# INTENT. Have you ever considered starting your own business?

- 1. I used to be a business owner but I'm not anymore
- 2. I am planning to start my own business in the next three years
- 3. I have thought about it, and I think I will start my own business but not in the next three years
- 4. I have thought about it, but I don't think I will take it forward in the future
- 5. I have never considered starting my own business

## PN: MULTI CODE; RANDOMIZE; INTENT = 2-4

TARGET\_SECTOR. You mentioned that you have considered starting your own business. Which of the following describes the **sector(s)** in which you would like to start the business? Please, select all that applies

- 1. Retail trade
- 2. E-commerce (i.e. no physical sales point)
- 3. Wholesale trade
- 4. International trade
- 5. Manufacturing
- 6. IT and digital space
- 7. Services (medical, consulting, real estate, media and advertising, SMM, other)
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- 19. Other
- 20. I don't know/ have not decided

# PN: MULTI CODE; RANDOMIZE; ASK IF INTENT = 2-5

BARRIERS. You mentioned that you have never considered starting your own business or considered starting your own business but have not started it yet. Why is that?

# Please, select all that applies

- 1. I don't have a strong business idea
- 2. I lack the skills and knowledge necessary to start a business
- 3. I am afraid that if I started a business, it would fail



- 4. It is too big of a financial risk to start my own business
- 5. I don't have time to start my own business as I am too busy in my current job
- 6. It would interfere with caring for my children/parents/household
- 7. I don't have support from my family and close friends to start my own business
- 8. Having my own business will be too stressful
- 9. The economy is not right to start a business right now
- 10. I don't know how I would fund my own business
- 11. I don't know where I would find potential clients
- 12. I love my current career and wouldn't want to change it
- 13. I am afraid to start a business on my own
- 14. There are no mentorship/coaching programmes to help me start
- 15. Starting a business just doesn't appeal to me
- 16. I am worried about losing employee benefits (e.g. insurance, pension benefits, etc.) if I start my own business
- 17. Other (specify) [Open end text]

#### PN. MULTICODE. RANDOMISE.

BARRIERS\_RANKING. Please, rank up to 3 reasons you selected based on how important they are, where 1 – most important.

#### ONLY PIPE OPTIONS SELECTED IN BARRIERS

PN: MULTICODE; RANDOMISE; ASK IF BARRIERS = 6 (It would interfere with caring for my children/parents/household)

FAMILY\_RESPONSIBILITIES. You mentioned that caring for my children/parents/household is one of the reasons you have not started your own business or not considered starting your own business. Which of these responsibilities is the key barrier you are facing?

- 1. Taking care of my children
- 2. Taking care of my elderly parents
- 3. Taking care of my partner
- 4. Taking care of my house
- 5. Other (specify) [Open end text]

# PN: MULTICODE; RANDOMISE. ASK IF BARRIERS = 2 (lacks business skills)

MOST\_IMPORTANT\_BUSINESS\_QUALITIES. You mentioned that lacking skills and knowledge is one of the reasons you have not started your own business or not considered starting your own business. What kind of skills and knowledge do you feel you are missing?

- 1. Self-confidence
- 2. Resilience
- 3. Self-reflection
- 4. Optimism
- 5. Adaptability
- 6. Risk-taking
- 7. Building business plans and strategy



- 8. Financial management
- 9. Marketing
- 10. Sales and customer relationship
- 11. Communication and negotiation
- 12. Leadership
- 13. Project management and planning
- 14. Delegation and time management
- 15. People management and HR
- 16. Networking
- 17. Specific industry knowledge
- 18. Digital/technology skills
- 19. Other (specify) [Open end text]

## PN: MULTI CODE; RANDOMIZE; ASK IF INTENT =2-4

REACHOUT. You mentioned that you are currently considering starting a business or have considered it in the past. Have you ever done any of the following things?

## Please, select all that applies

- 1. I discussed my business ideas with a friend or family member
- 2. I discussed my business ideas with a colleague/professional contact
- 3. I discussed my business ideas with a bank
- 4. I approached an investor for potential investment in my business ideas
- 5. I applied to an entrepreneurship competition or for a funding grant
- 6. I shared my idea on social media
- 7. Other (specify) [Open end text]
- 8. None of the above [Exclusive Answer]

# PN: SINGLE SELECT PER ROW; RANDOMIZE ROWS; ASK IF REACHOUT ≠ 8 (None of the above); ONLY PIPE OPTIONS SELECTED IN REACHOUT

REACHOUT\_EVALUATION. You have mentioned your business idea to other people and/or organisations. How successful were these conversations? By successful we mean that it encouraged you to pursue your business idea

# Rows:

- 1. I discussed my business ideas with a friend or family member
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## Columns:

1. Very unsuccessful/discouraging



- 2. Somewhat unsuccessful/discouraging
- 3. Neutral
- 4. Somewhat successful/encouraging
- 5. Very successful/encouraging

# PN: MULTI CODE; RANDOMIZE

KNOWN\_PEOPLE. Think about your family, friends and close acquaintances – people you can reach out to if necessary. Among this group do you know someone who...? Please, select all that applies

- 1. Owns a successful business
- 2. Owns an unsuccessful business
- 3. Recently started their own business
- 4. Knows a lot about business (e.g. managed a business in the past)
- 5. Works in investment
- 6. None of the above [Exclusive Answer]

## PN: MULTI CODE; RANDOMIZE

SUCCESSFUL\_BUSINESS\_CHARACTERISTICS. In your opinion what are the main characteristics of a successful business? Please, select up to three responses

- 1. Generates a lot of profit
- 2. Grows rapidly every year
- 3. Has a network of loyal customers
- 4. Has a positive impact on society
- 5. Produces a high-quality service/product
- 6. Has a great reputation in the industry (i.e. among other businesses)
- 7. Is very efficient (e.g. has lots of automated processes)
- 8. Allows me to have a good/work life balance
- 9. Allows me to be independent
- 10. Other (specify) [Open end text]

# PN: SHOW ON SCREEN

DINTRO: Just a few remaining questions about you.

#### PN: SINGLE SELECT

**GMARITAL**: What is your current marital status?

- 1. Single, never married
- 2. Married/living with domestic partner
- 3. Separated/divorced
- 4. Widowed
- 99. Prefer not to answer

PN: NUMERIC ENTRY FOR EACH ANSWER OPTION LISTED; RESPONSE 1 MUST BE >0. ALLOW 0-10



# GCHILDREN: Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

- 1. Adults or children aged 18 or older
- 2. Children aged 12-17
- 3. Children aged 5-12
- 4. Children under 5

## PN: SINGLE SELECT PER ROW

GHOURS. How many hours a week do you typically spend caring for... children or elderly relatives?

#### Rows:

- 1. Children
- 2. Elderly relatives
- 3. Other members of your family

#### Columns:

- 1. 0
- 2. 1-5
- 3. 6-10
- 4. 11 15
- 5. 16 20
- 6. 21 30
- 7. 30+ hours

## PN: SINGLE CODE PER ROW ASK IF GMARITAL = 2

D CARE. Who is mainly responsible for the following household activities

# Rows:

- 1. Grocery shopping
- 2. Preparing dinner
- 3. Doing laundry
- 4. Cleaning the house
- 5. Financial administration
- 6. Car maintenance
- 7. Home maintenance
- 8. Gardening

## Columns:

- 1. I am
- 2. My partner is
- 3. Evenly split between me and my partner
- 4. A friend or family member is
- 5. Paid service provider is/outsourced



## 6. Not applicable

# PN: MULTI CODE, Flag as potential cheater if more than 8 items were selected

PURCHASED: Which of the following have you purchased in the last 6 months?

- 8. Athletic apparel
- 9. Personal care product
- 10. Mattress
- 11. Electronic device
- 12. Pet insurance
- 13. Solar panels
- 14. Sailboat
- 15. Home appliance
- 16. In-ground swimming pool
- 17. New (not used) car or truck
- 18. Grand piano
- 99. None of these

## PN: SINGLE SELECT

SINC\_PERSONAL. Which of the following categories best represents your annual <u>personal</u> income (before taxes)?

PN: UPDATED BASED ON CUSTOMISATION FILE

99. Prefer not to say

## PN. SINGLE SELECT; USE COUNTRY LIST FROM CUSTOMISATION FILE.

SINC. Which of the following categories best represents your annual household income (before taxes)?

99. Prefer not to say

#### PN. SINGLE SELECT. ASK IF GMARITAL = 2

**D\_CONTRIBUTION**. What your relative contribution to the household income (in %)

- 1. I am the main income earner
- 2. I contribute significantly (greater than 50%)
- 3. I contribute a little (less than 50%)
- 4. I do not contribute
- 5. Prefer not to say

PN: SINGLE SELECT



## GETHNIC. What is your ethnic origin?

#### PN: USE LIST FROM CUSTOMISATION FILE

99. Prefer not to say

PN: SINGLE SELECT

**GEDUCATION**. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

PN: USE LOCALISATION FILE. ANALYSIS TO BE DONE ON GROUPED LEVEL (Primary, Secondary, Tertiary, Post Grad)

## PN: SINGLE SELECT, ASK ONLY IF GEDUCATION = 6-8

GEDUCATION2. If you have completed a bachelor's degree or higher, please specify the subject area.

- 1. Modern Foreign Languages
- 2. Arts and Humanities
- 3. Business and Management
- 4. Life Sciences and Medicine
- 5. Maths, Engineering and Technology
- 6. Social Sciences
- 7. Natural Sciences
- 8. Vocational, e.g., catering/hospitality
- 9. Other (specify)

# PN: SINGLE CODE

GEDUCATION\_PARENTS. Did any of your parents or guardians complete a university degree course or equivalent?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

## PN: SINGLE CODE

**GEEXPERIENCE**. How many years of professional experience do you have?

- 1. I don't have any professional experience
- 2. Less than 1 year
- 3. 1-2
- 4. 3-5
- 5. 6-10
- 6. 11-15



- 7. 16-20
- 8. 21-30
- 9. 30+

# PN. NUMERIC ENTRY; ALLOW 4 DIGITS; USE AS ANTI-CHEAT — MUST BE WITHIN 2 YEARS OF AGE DECLARED

DYEARBORN. Just to confirm, what year were you born?

## PN. SINGLE CODE, Flag if respondent doesn't choose 1

TOPIC: What was the topic of this survey?

- 1. Your lifestyle and job
- 2. Consumer Electronics
- 3. Pet ownership
- 4. Sports and fitness

## PN: OPEN END; OPTIONAL QUESTION

FEEDBACK: Do you have any feedback on this survey?



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[enter age]

## PN. SINGLE SELECT

CURBAN\_RURAL. How would you characterize the neighbourhood in which your business based, i.e. where do you have your office? If you work from home, please, indicate the neighbourhood you reside in

- 1. Urban
- 2. Semi-urban
- 3. Rural

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- 18. 100-149
- 19. 150-249
- 20. 250 or more-PN: TERMINATE

#### PN: SINGLE CODE. ASK IF SSIZE >1

SOWNERS. How many owners including you does your business have?

- 6. I am the sole owner
- 7. I co-own it with 1 other person
- 8. I co-own it with 2 other people
- 9. I co-own it with 3 other people
- 10. I co-own it with 4 or more other people

PN: ENTER NUMBER. ASK IF SOWNERS = 2-5. IF SOWNERS = 1, AUTOCODE 100% INTO 1 (OWNED BY YOU)

#### **RESPONSE MUST BE GREATER THAN ZERO**

SOWNERS2. What share of the business belongs to each of the business owners?

- 6. Owned by you
- 7. Owned by 2<sup>nd</sup> owner
- 8. Owned by 3<sup>rd</sup> owner PN: SHOW IF SOWNERS = 3-5



- 9. Owned by  $4^{th}$  owner PN: SHOW IF SOWNERS =  $\frac{3-5}{4}$  4-5
- 10. Owned by 5<sup>th</sup> and other owner PN: SHOW IF SOWNERS = 3-5 5

#### PN: SINGLE CODE PER ROW. ASK IF SOWNERS =2-5.

SOWNERS3. And can you tell us about who your co-owners are?

#### Rows

- 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> owner
- 6. 3<sup>rd</sup> owner PN: SHOW IF SOWNERS = 3-5
- 7.  $4^{th}$  owner PN: SHOW IF SOWNERS =  $\frac{3-5}{4}$
- 8. 5<sup>th</sup> and other owner PN: SHOW IF SOWNERS = 3-5 5

#### Columns:

- 4. Man
- 5. Woman

#### PN: MULTI CODE. CLOSE IF 6. DO NOT ASK IF SSIZE = 1

STITLE. What is your role in the company?

- 9. CEO
- 10. CFO
- 11. CMO
- 12. COO
- 13. Manager or other senior management role
- 14. Board member (i.e. a person who oversee an organization's governance and key decisions)
- 15. Other (please specify)
- 16. None of the above

## PN: SINGLE-CODE. CLOSE IF CODE 3 IS SELECTED

SRESPONCIBILITIES: How would you describe your role when it comes to running the business you own?

- 4. I have full control: I am fully involved in running of the business
- 5. I have partial control: I am involved in certain areas of the business
- 6. I have no control: I am not at all involved in running of the business

## PN: SINGLE CODE. CUSTOMISE BY EACH COUNTRY (SEE EXCEL). ADD TO MONITORING QUOTAS

SREVENUE. What were the main business' total REVENUES in the LAST COMPLETED MONTH? By total revenues we mean the total amount of turnover or overall sales of products or services (in local currency). Please select from the ranges given below:

100. Prefer not to say / Don't Know



#### PN: PROCEED WITH THE SURVEY IF

- SROLE =2
- SRESPONCIBILITIES = 1 OR 2
- SREVENUE <>99

PN: QUALIFY AS FEMALE OWNER IF

SGENDER = 1 AND SOWNERS2 (ALL FEMALE OWNERS COMBINED) >51%

OR

SGENDER = 1 AND SOWNERS2 (ALL FEMALE OWNERS COMBINED) >20% AND STITLE = 1-6 AND SRESPONCIBILITIES = 1-2

PN: QUALIFY AS MALE OWNER IF

SGENDER = 2 AND SOWNERS2 (ALL MALE OWNERS COMBINED) >51%

OR

SGENDER = 2 AND SOWNERS2 (ALL MALE OWNERS COMBINED) > 20% AND STITLE = 1-6 AND SRESPONCIBILITIES = 1-2

IF QUALIFIES FOR NEITHER MALE OR FEMALE BUSINESS, CLOSE

PN: MULTI CODE. RANDOMISE.

SINDUSTRY. Which of the following describes the **sector(s)** your business operates in? Please, select all that applies

- 21. Retail trade
- 22. E-commerce (i.e. no physical sales point)
- 23. Wholesale trade
- 24. International trade
- 25. Manufacturing PN: TARGET SECTOR
- 26. IT and digital space PN: TARGET SECTOR
- 27. Services (medical, consulting, real estate, media and advertising, SMM, other)
- 28. Construction
- 29. Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- 30. Tourism and hospitality
- 31. Telecommunications
- 32. Education PN: TARGET SECTOR
- 33. Transportation, logistics PN: TARGET SECTOR
- 34. Technology and new technology
- 35. Financial services (investment advice, money lending, insurance brokerage, etc.) PN: TARGET SECTOR
- 36. Energy & utilities (electric, gas, etc.)
- 37. Renewable energy (production and trade) & energy efficiency
- 38. Entertainment (gaming, film production, shows, concerts, Instagram / YouTube channels, etc.)



- 39. Other
- 40. Prefer not to say

## PN: SINGLE CODE

SREGISTER. Is the business you own or manage formally registered with government officials?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Don't know
- 4. Prefer not to say

## Module 2: Business profile

#### PN: SHOW ON SCREEN

CINTRO: Now we would like to ask you a few questions about your business.

## PN: OPEN END.

CDESCRIPTION. Please, describe what your business does?

PN: SINGLE CODE. CUSTOMISE BY EACH COUNTRY (SEE EXCEL). ADD TO MONITORING QUOTAS BY COUNTRY.

CREGION. In which **region** is your business based, i.e. where do you have your office? If you work from home, please, indicate the region you reside in

#### PN: MULTI CODE

**CSALES MODEL**: How would you describe your business?

- 1. Local (e.g. within your city, town, region)
- 2. National (e.g. within your country only)
- 3. Regional (e.g. covering your and countries nearby)
- 4. International (e.g. covering many different countries)
- 5. Other (specify)



## PN: MULTI CODE. CUSTOMISE BY EACH COUNTRY (SEE EXCEL). ASK IF CSALES\_MODEL = 2

CREGION2. And in which regions does your business operate? Please, select all that applies

#### PN: MULTI CODE.

CCLIENTS. Who are your clients? Please, select all that applies

- 1. Consumers
- 2. Other businesses
- 3. Government/local authorities
- 4. Other (please specify)

#### PN: SUM UP TO 100%

CCHANNEL. Which channel does most of your company's turnover come from? Please allocate percentages that total 100

- 1. Online sales
- 2. In-person sales
- 3. Procurement/tenders PN: SHOW IFCCLIENTS = 2
- 4. Contacts relationship networks PN: SHOW IFCCLIENTS = 2
- 5. Other (please specify)
- 6. Not relevant for my business PN: EXCLUSIVE

## PN: SINGLE CODE.

CLIMATE1: Does your business offer/sells products or services that are focused on climate (i.e. environmentally friendly (e.g. using solar panels to replace the generator)?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No, but we are looking to change it
- 3. No, it's not on our agenda

#### PN: SINGLE CODE. SHOW RANGE FROM CUSTOMISATION FILE

CCOST\_LAST: What were the business' total costs in the last completed month? By this we mean the overall expenses made in the business in local currency.

PN: SINGLE CODE. SHOW RANGE FROM CUSTOMISATION FILE



CPROFIT\_LAST: What are the PROFITS received from your main business in the LAST COMPLETED MONTH? By that we mean i.e. the total income your business earned after paying all expenses, INCLUDING wages of employees but NOT including any income you paid yourself?

#### PN: SINGLE CODE.

SPROFIT. And overall, approximately what was the **profit margin** of your organisation during the most recent financial year?

- 1. We lost money (negative profit)
- 2. We ended up with 0 profit (didn't make any money, but didn't lose either)
- 3. 1-5%
- 4. 6-10%
- 5. 11-20%
- 6. 21-30%
- 7. 31-50%
- 8. More than 50%
- 99. Prefer not to say / Don't Know

#### PN: UP TO 3 RESPONCES. RANDOMISE

CAMBITION. What is your **ambition** for your business over the next 5 years? Please, select up to 3 options.

- 1. Increase size and revenue
- 2. Maintain size and revenue
- 3. Increase profitability
- 4. Scale down my business
- 5. Close my business
- 6. Sell my business
- 7. Expand in to other markets
- 8. Expand in to other sectors
- 9. Start a new business
- 10. Improve efficiency, i.e. setup/upgrade processes
- 11. Other (please specify)

## PN: MULTICODE. RANDOMISE.

CPRACTICES. Have you done any of the following in the last 6 months?

- 1. Asked your customers whether there are products or services that they wish you would offer
- 2. Offered promotions to attract customers
- 3. Negotiated with suppliers to get a better price
- 4. Compared your suppliers' prices or product quality with those of other suppliers



- 5. Analyzed whether the sales of your major products/services have increased, decreased, or stayed the same
- 6. Introduced a new product or service
- 7. Made a large investment to any of the businesses you manage or own
- 8. None of the above PN: EXCLUSIVE

#### PN: SINGLE CODE.

CHOURS. How would you describe amount of time you spend on the business?

- 1. It's my full-time job (>35 hours a week)
- 2. It's my part time job (less than 35 hours week), I work somewhere else as well
- 3. It's my part time job (less than 35 hours a week), I don't work anywhere else

#### PN: SINGLE CODE.

CPLACE. Do you work from ...?

- 1. Home
- 2. Non-home fixed location (e.g. office, store, shop)
- 3. Mobile (e.g. out of your vehicle or at clients)

#### PN: SINGLE CODE.

CLIMATE2: Which statement best describes your business' operations?

- 1. We are fully committed to being environmentally friendly (E.g. using solar panels to replace the generator)
- 2. We are moving to become more environmentally friendly
- 3. We are not and not aiming to be environmentally friendly
- 4. Don't know/not relevant

## PN: SINGLE CODE.

CBOARD. Does your business have a board, i.e. a group of people who oversee the company's management and operations, and are responsible for its governance?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No



## PN: 100% SUM. ASK IF CBOARD = 1.

CBOARD\_2. What share of your board members are...?

- 1. Men
- 2. Women

## Module 3: How you started your business

#### PN: SHOW ON SCREEN

DINTRO: Now we would like to ask you a few questions about how you first started your business.

#### PN: SINGLE CODE.

**DSTARTTIME**. When did you **start** your business?

- 1. 0-11 months ago
- 2. 1 2 years ago
- 3. 3-5 years ago
- 4. 6-10 years ago
- 5. Over 10 years ago

## PN: SINGLE CODE.

DPREVIOUS. Did you own or run a business before starting your current business?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Prefer not to say

## PN: SINGLE CODE.

**DEMPLOYMENT**. What did you do before starting the business?

1. I did not have any professional experience



- 2. Entry level position
- 3. Experienced mid-level position without any line reports
- 4. Managerial position with line reports/Senior experienced position
- 5. Director/department lead
- 6. Top-management
- 7. Other (specify)

#### PN: SINGLE CODE.

DPARTNER. Who did you start your business with?

- 1. I started my business on my own
- 2. I started my business with one business partner
- 3. I started by business with more than one business partner
- 4. I inherited/took over a family business
- 5. Other (specify)

## PN: MULTI CODE; ASK ONLY DPARTNER = 2 OR 3

DPARTNER\_2: What is your relationship with your **business partner**?

- 1. Spouse
- 2. Other family member(s)
- 3. Friend(s)
- 4. Others (specify)

## PN: UP TO THREE RESPONCES. RANDOMISE

**DGOAL**. Think about when you first started your business. What were the **main reasons** you decided to start your own business? Please, select up to three responses

- 1. I could not find any job suitable for me
- 2. I saw a market opportunity and act on it
- 3. I wanted to continue my family's business
- 4. I needed some extra income for me/ and/or my family
- 5. It grew out of an interest, passion, or hobby I have/had
- 6. I wanted to fulfil my ambitions, achieve success, and wealth
- 7. I wanted to have independence and autonomy
- 8. Other (please specify)

## PN: MULTI CODE. RANDOMISE

**DFUND**. How did you **fund** your business? Please, select all that applies



- 1. My business did not require any funding PN: EXCLUSIVE
- 2. I used personal/ household savings
- 3. I borrowed money from my extended family/friends
- 4. I took out a business loan from a bank
- 5. I took out a loan from microfinancier
- 6. I used funding from a venture capital firm
- 7. I used funding from an angel investor
- 8. I used crowdfunding
- 9. I borrowed money from other businesses
- 10. I took out am mortgage/ home equity
- 11. I took out a loan from Informal lenders
- 12. I took out credit from a supplier
- 13. Other (please specify)

#### PN: SINGL CODE. ASK IF DFUND>1

DDIFFICULTY. How easy or difficult was it to secure funding for your business?

- 1. Extremely difficult
- 2. Difficult
- 3. Somewhat difficult
- 4. Somewhat easy
- 5. Easy
- 6. Extremely easy

#### PN: SINGLE CODE. ASK IF DFUND>1

DDUNDING\_BARRIER2. Have you received sufficient funding to be able to start up a business, i.e. did you receive the funding that you asked for?

- 1. I received the full funding I asked for
- 2. I received most of the funding I asked for
- 3. I received some of the funding I asked for
- 4. I didn't receive any funding

## PN: SINGLE CODE. ASK IF DFUND>1

DDUNDING\_BARRIER3. What was your last loan size?

- 1. \$0-500
- 2. \$501-\$1000
- 3. \$1,001 to \$5,000
- 4. \$5,001 to \$10,000
- 5. \$10,001 to \$20,000
- 6. \$20,001 to \$50,000
- 7. \$50,001 to \$100,000
- 8. \$100,001 to \$150,000
- 9. \$150,001 to \$500,000
- 10. \$500,001 to \$1 million



## 11. More than \$1 million

#### PN: MULTICODE RANDOMISE.

DDUNDING\_BARRIER. Have you experienced any of the below issues in securing funding to start your business as an entrepreneur?

- 1. I did not know what funding options I have
- 2. I did not feel it was likely I would get founding
- 3. I did not know where to find potential investors
- 4. I did not know how to compile the information required to get funding
- 5. I felt unheard or misunderstood by investors
- 6. Investors are not interested in my business ideas
- 7. Investors don't trust my business knowledge and/or skills
- 8. I did not want investors getting involved in my business in return for funding
- 9. I felt unheard or misunderstood by banks
- 10. I did not find investment products suited to my needs (e.g. high interest rates, short lending durations etc.)
- 11. I did not have the required documentation required to apply for funding
- 12. I was rejected previously
- 13. Other (please specify)

#### PN. MULTI SELECT. RANDOMISE

DASSETS\_1: Which business assets, if any, did you first had when you first started the business?

- 1. Fixed assets (ex. titles to land, residential or commercial real estate)
- 2. Movable assets (ex. vehicles, machinery, movable equipment)
- 3. Contracts from reputable business partners (larger firms or public sector)
- 4. Invoice receivables from business partners (i.e. business partners owe you money for services rendered or goods sold)
- 5. Intellectual property or royalties
- 6. Guarantor (person to serve as guarantor for loan)
- 7. Savings or deposit balances on accounts at financial institutions exceeding 10% of annual sales (held privately or in the name of the business)
- 8. Other (please specify)
- 9. None PN. EXCLUSIVE

## PN. SINGLE SELECT

**DPROCESS**: How hard or easy was the process of registering your business?

- Very easy
- 2.
- 3.



- 4. Very difficult
- 5. Not relevant for my situation
- 6. Don't know somebody else did it
- 7. Prefer not to say

#### **Module 4: Business barriers**

#### PN: SHOW ON SCREEN

EINTRO: Now we would like to ask you a few questions about **potential barriers and issues** that you might encounter as an entrepreneur.

#### PN: SINGLE CODE PER ROW. RANDOMISE

**EBARRIERS**. Thinking about your business today, how **important or unimportant** are the following **barriers** to your business' success and development?

#### Rows:

- 1. I lack confidence in my abilities to run my own business
- 2. People assume that I shouldn't be running a business or that I'm not able to run one effectively because of my gender, religion, ethnicity or other personal characteristic
- 3. I struggle to balance my responsibility as a business owner with my personal commitments (e.g., childcare)
- 4. I have limited professional networks e.g.; I don't know people who could help me build or develop a business
- 5. My family and friends do not support me, e.g. they don't approve of my career choice
- 6. My spouse does not support me, e.g. they don't approve of my career choice
- 7. I have difficulty securing funding for my business
- 8. The state of the country economy is not good for business owners
- 9. I don't have knowledge required to run the business (e.g., industry or market knowledge)
- 10. I don't have the opportunity to build the skills I need (e.g. business planning, networking, pitching, negotiation etc.)
- 11. I don't have access to markets to distribute or sell my products
- 12. I am not able to attract or hire the right talent
- 13. I struggle to fulfil government requirements as an entrepreneur
- 14. I do not have a compelling / unique value proposition
- 15. I struggle to travel around my country and internationally
- 16. I am unable to secure a location for my business
- 17. I can't find reliable suppliers for my business

#### Columns:

1. Completely unimportant



- 2. Unimportant
- 3. Somewhat unimportant
- 4. Somewhat important
- 5. Important
- 6. Extremely important

#### PN: MULTI CODE.

**EFUNDINGTYPE**. How do you currently finance sustaining your business? Please, select all that applies

- 1. My business doesn't require any new funding
- 2. I use personal savings
- 3. I borrow money from my family/friends
- 4. I have a business loan from a bank
- 5. I have a business loan from a microfinance institution
- 6. I use a credit card
- 7. I use funding from a venture capital firm
- 8. I use funding from an angel investor
- 9. I use crowdfunding
- 10. I have a personal loan from a bank
- 11. I take out am mortgage/ home equity
- 12. I take out a loan from Informal lenders
- 13. I use supplier finance
- 14. I borrow money from other businesses
- 15. I get financing from government program(s)
- 16. I choose to leverage company's internal resources, without external funding
- 17. Other (please specify)

## PN: MULTI CODE. RANDOMISE. ASK IF EBARRIERS CODE 7 = 4-6

**EFUNDINGBARRIER**. You mentioned that **securing funding** is a barrier to your business' success and development. What kind of issues are you experiencing with funding?

- 1. I do not know what funding options I have
- 2. I do not have confidence to apply for funding
- 3. I do not know where to find potential investors
- 4. I do not know how to compile the information required to get funding
- 5. I feel unheard or misunderstood by investors
- 6. Investors are not interested in my business ideas
- 7. Investors don't trust my business knowledge and/or skills
- 8. I do not want investors getting involved in my business in return for funding
- 9. I cannot find investment products suited to my needs (e.g. high interest rates, short lending durations etc.)
- 10. I do not have the required documents
- 11. I do not have collateral/guarantees to offer
- 12. Other (specify)



#### PN: MULTI CODE.

EBANKING. Do you currently have an account with a bank, credit unique or any other institution that allows you to deposit money?

- 1. Yes, I have a personal bank account (i.e. in my name)
- 2. Yes, I have a business bank account (i.e. in the name of the business)
- 3. No, I don't have a bank account

#### PN. MULTI SELECT. RANDOMISE

EASSETS\_1: Which business assets, if any, do you currently have?

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- 4. Invoice receivables from business partners (i.e. business partners owe you money for services rendered or goods sold)
- 5. Intellectual property or royalties
- 6. Guarantor (person to serve as guarantor for loan)
- 7. Savings or deposit balances on accounts at financial institutions exceeding 10% of annual sales (held privately or in the name of the business)
- 8. None PN. EXCLUSIVE

## PN: SINGLE CODE PER ROW. RNDOMISE

**EAGREEMENT**. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### Rows:

- 1. My business is very successful
- 2. I feel confident that I have the skills and knowledge required to run a successful business
- 3. I feel confident in my ability to manage my business' financials
- 4. There are many financial options in the markets available to business owners such as myself
- 5. I think you shouldn't be emotionally attached to your business
- 6. I like structure and I'm very organized person
- 7. I prefer to rely on external advice when it comes to managing my business
- 8. I don't want investors getting involved in my business
- 9. When it comes to managing my business, I always make well-thought out decisions
- 10. I am constantly trying to improve my skills and knowledge that help me run my business
- 11. I like networking and I am constantly look for new professional connections that would help my business to succeed



- 12. I prefer to manage my finances (e.g. make transactions, transfer money) via mobile apps or online
- 13. I run a cash-free business, i.e. most of my revenue comes via cards or digital transfers

#### Columns:

- 1. Completely disagree
- 2. Disagree
- 3. Somewhat disagree
- 4. Somewhat agree
- 5. Agree
- 6. Completely agree

#### PN: MULTI CODE. RANDOMISE.

**ESUPPORT\_NONFIN**: Have you received non-financial support (e.g. training mentoring/coaching) from any of the following organisations.

- 1. Government program
- 2. Bank
- 3. Micro finance institution
- 4. Private company
- 5. Online platform
- 6. Industry organization / association, supplier or distributor
- 7. I have not received any support PN: EXCLUSIVE

## PN: SINGLE CODE.

ESUPPORT-LOAN: Have you applied for a loan in the last 12 months?

- 1. Yes, it was approved
- 2. Yes, but it was rejected
- 3. No

## PN: SINGLE CODE PER ROW. RANDOMISE CODES 1-6 AND 7-19 ARE ALWAYS ROTATED TOGETHER

ESKILLS. Think about the key skills that help you run your business. How would you rate your ability in the following skills?

#### Rows:

- 1. Self-confidence
- 2. Resilience



- 3. Self-reflection
- 4. Optimism
- 5. Adaptability
- 6. Risk-taking
- 7. Building business plans and strategy
- 8. Financial management
- 9. Marketing
- 10. Sales and customer relationship
- 11. Communication and negotiation
- 12. Leadership
- 13. Project management and planning
- 14. Delegation and time management
- 15. People management and HR
- 16. Networking
- 17. Negotiation skills
- 18. Specific industry knowledge
- 19. Digital/technology skills

## Rows:

- 1. I am not good in this area at all
- 2. I am particularly good in this area
- 3. I am neither good, nor bad in this area
- 4. I am quite good in this area
- 5. I am very good in this area

## PN: SINGLE CODE

ERISK PROFILE: On a scale from 1 to 10, how likely or unlikely are you to take risks?

1- I'm very risk averse, I avoid taking risks at all costs

2

3

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9

10 - I have high risk tolerance, I take risks easily

#### PN: MULTI CODE. RANDOMISE

**EFUTUREGROWTH**. Is there anything that you would require to grow your business further? Please, select all that apply

- 1. I don't wish to further grow my business PN: EXCLUSIVE, KEEP ON TOP
- 2. Specific knowledge
- 3. Specific capabilities
- 4. More extensive professional networks



- 5. Additional funding
- 6. Mentoring and/or coaching
- 7. Process automation
- 8. Hiring more people
- 9. Other (please specify)

## PN: SINGLE CODE PER ROW

ETECHNOLOGY. How do you manage the following process in your organisation?

#### Rows:

- 1. Finance/subsidies
- 2. Logistics
- 3. HR
- 4. Marketing/PR
- 5. Sales
- 6. Innovation & digitization
- 7. Supplier relationships
- 8. Insurance/security
- 9. Procurement
- 10. New product development

## Columns:

- 1. I do them myself
- 2. I delegate them to staff
- 3. They are automated
- 4. We outsource them

## PN: SINGLE CODE

ETECHNOLOGY2 On a scale from 1 to 10, how tech enabled is your business?

- 1. 1 Not tech enabled at all, all our processes are manual
- 2. 2
- 3. 3
- 4. 4
- 5. 5
- 6. 6
- 7. 7
- 8. 8
- 9. 9
- 10. 10 Fully tech enabled, most of the process are automated



#### **Module 5: Business initiatives**

#### PN: SHOW ON SCREEN

FINTRO: Now we would like to ask you a few questions about the **interventions that would be most helpful to you** as a business owner.

PN: RANKING. RANDOMISE

**FINTERVENTION**. There are different **interventions** that could help you and your business to become more successful. Can you evaluate each intervention on how helpful it would be to you and business?

#### Rows:

- 1. Tax benefits for entrepreneurs in the early stages of starting a business
- 2. Digital / online support networks
- 3. Mentorship and coaching program for business owners
- 4. More accessible training programmes to improve entrepreneurial skills (e.g., pitching, self-belief, writing business plans)
- 5. More accessible training programmes to improve technical skills required to run your business
- 6. Networks of entrepreneurs close to you
- 7. Accessible networking events e.g., not in the evenings
- 8. More visible role-models that you can relate to
- Improved publicly available reporting on entrepreneurship (e.g., launch an "entrepreneurship dashboard" with key metrics such as the proportion of total funding received by female and male entrepreneurs, return on investment for different business types etc.)
- 10. Subsidised and accessible childcare (including childcare services in offices)
- 11. Subsidised and accessible care for elderly or vulnerable adults
- 12. Dedicated funding/ more affordable funding solutions for female entrepreneurs by financial institutions/ VCs/ public enterprises
- 13. Access to resources and advice to fulfil government formalities for registering business, getting required licenses etc.
- 14. Access to market opportunities and inclusion within the global value chain framework
- 15. Programmes facilitating business travel within your country and abroad (e.g. visa support)
- 16. Legal protection against domestic violence, sexual assault and femicide
- 17. Programmes providing child or elder care that will give you more time to run and grow the business
- 18. Tailored maternity and paternity packages for entrepreneurs
- 19. Training programmes on business financial literacy



#### Columns:

- 1. Very unhelpful
- 2. Unhelpful
- 3. Somewhat unhelpful
- 4. Somewhat helpful
- 5. Helpful
- 6. Extremely helpful

PN: OPEN END

FINTERVENTION. In your opinion, what other **government or societal interventions** could help you and your business to become more successful?

## PN: MUTLI CODE. RANDOMISE. CUSTOMISE EXAMPLES BY EACH COUNTRY (SEE EXCEL).

**FADVICE**. Which of the following **people or resources** have you ever reached out to when you needed advice with regards to <u>starting / running</u> your business?

- 1. Specialised online websites (e.g. XXX)
- 2. Online platforms (e.g. XXX)
- 3. Closed groups on social media (e.g., XXX)
- 4. Social media accounts that you follow (e.g. XXX)
- 5. Support communities
- 6. Mentor or sponsor
- 7. Business partner
- 8. Professional training / learning courses
- 9. Friends / Family
- 10. Other (please specify)
- 11. None of the above

## PN: OPEN END. ASK IF FADVICE IS AT LEAST ONE CODE 1-4. SHOW 10 ENTRY TEXT BOXES ON THE PAGE

FADVICE2. You mentioned that you have reached out to online platforms (e.g. websites, social media) when you needed advice on how to run your business. Please, list your favorite websites/platforms and online personalities below. You can measure up to 10

PN: SINGLE CODE



FROLEMODEL. If you think about your surroundings, is there anyone you would consider **a role model** when it comes to managing your business?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

#### PN: SINGLE CODE. ASK IF FROLEMODEL = 1.

FROLEMODEL2. And is this person a man or a woman?

- 1. Man
- 2. Woman
- 3. Prefer not to say

#### PN: SINGLE CODE PER ROW

FSUPPORT. Thinking about the **people who support you** to run your business, do you have a mentor or a sponsor?

## Rows:

- 1. Mentor = someone who provides you with help and advice in your professional life.
- 2. Sponsor = someone who promotes you and your business and makes opportunities for you.

## Columns:

- 1. Yes, I have one
- 2. Yes, I have several
- 3. No, but I would like one
- 4. No, I don't need one

## PN: MULTI CODE. RANDOMISE. ASK IF DOESN'T HAVE A MENTOR (FSUPPORT CODE 1 = 3)

FMENTOR. You mentioned that there is no one around you, you would consider a **mentor**. Why is that?

- 1. I don't know what a mentor is or what they could do for me
- 2. I don't think I need a mentor (i.e. they would not be helpful for me)
- 3. I would like to have a mentor, but never actively sought one out
- 4. I have tried to find a mentor, but never encountered anyone suitable
- 5. I have asked someone to be my mentor, but it did not work out



## 6. Other (specify)

## PN: MULTI CODE. RANDOMISE. ASK IF DOESN'T HAVE A SPONSOR (FSUPPORT CODE 2 = 3)

FSPONSOR. You mentioned that there is no one around you, you would consider a **sponsor**. Why is that?

- 1. I don't know what a sponsor is or what they could do for me
- 2. I don't think I need a sponsor (i.e. they would not be helpful for me)
- 3. I would like to have a sponsor, but never actively sought one out
- 4. I have tried to find a sponsor, but never encountered anyone suitable
- 5. I have asked someone to be my sponsor, but it did not work out
- 6. Other (specify)

#### PN: MULTI CODE. RANDOMISE.

FSUPPORTOTHERS. Are you active in any of the following? Please, select all that applies

- 1. I mentor other business owners
- 2. I blog or write articles about business
- 3. I have a large following on social media
- 4. I frequently speak at different entrepreneurship events
- 5. I give interviews on TV / newspapers / radio
- 6. None of the above PN: EXCLUSIVE

## PN: MULTIPLE CODE. ASK IF FSUPPORTOTHERS = 6. RANDOMISE

FACTIVE. You mentioned that you are not **active** in social or traditional media and business owners' networks. Why is that? Please, select all that applies

- 1. I have no time because of my business
- 2. I have no time because of my family and home responsibilities
- 3. I would like to, but I don't know how
- 4. I think I'm not interesting enough
- 5. I don't like to expose myself
- 6. Other (specify)

#### PN: SINGLE CODE.

PROGRAM\_PART: Have you participated in any existing programs supporting entrepreneurs (e.g. specialised financing lines, mentorship programmes, etc.)?"

- 1. Yes, several times
- 2. Yes, once or twice
- 3. No, but I am aware of them
- 4. No, and I am not aware of them

PN: OPEN END. ASK IF PROGRAM\_PART = 1-2.



PROGRAM\_PART2: What kind of existing programs supporting entrepreneurs. Which program(s) have you participated in?

## PN: SINGLE CODE. ASK ONLY IF PROGRAM\_PART=1, 2

PROGRAM\_HELP How helpful do you find the existing programs (e.g. specialised financing lines, mentorship programs, etc.) you have used?"

- 1. Extremely helpful
- 2. Very helpful
- 3. Somewhat helpful
- 4. Not very helpful
- 5. Not helpful at all

## **Module 6: Demographics**

#### PN: SHOW ON SCREEN

DINTRO: Just a few remaining questions about you.

#### PN: SINGLE SELECT

**GMARITAL**: What is your current marital status?

- 1. Single, never married
- 2. Married/living with domestic partner
- 3. Separated/ divorced
- 4. Widowed
- 99. Prefer not to answer

## PN: NUMERIC ENTRY FOR EACH ANSWER OPTION LISTED; RESPONSE 1 MUST BE >0

GCHILDREN: Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

- 5. Adults or children aged 18 or older
- 6. Children aged 12-17
- 7. Children aged 5-12
- 8. Children under 5



#### PN: SINGLE SELECT PER ROW

GATTITUDE. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### Rows:

#### PN: SHOW IF GMARITAL = 2

- 1. My spouse provides me the emotional support I need as an entrepreneur/business owner. (ex. encouragement, understanding, patience)
- 2. My spouse provides the type of strategic support I need so that I can succeed/grow my business (ex. business advice and guidance, feedback, problem solving, networking)
- 3. My spouse is aligned with the goals and vision I have for the business.
- 4. My spouse respects the time I need to dedicate to my business (including their willingness to take on household responsibilities, understanding of the often irregular hours and high-demand schedule)
- 5. My partner/spouse provides financial stability to the family.
- 6. My spouse contributes/ed financially to support my business either when starting-up, now, or both.

## PN: SHOW IF GMARITAL = 1, 3,4, 99

- 7. My family provides me the emotional support I need as an entrepreneur/business owner. (ex. encouragement, understanding, patience)
- 8. My family provide the type of strategic support I need so that I can succeed/grow my business (ex. business advice and guidance, feedback, problem solving, networking)
- 9. My family is aligned with the goals and vision I have for the business.
- 10. My family contributes/ed financially to support my business either when starting-up, now, or both.

#### Columns:

- 1. Strong disagree
- 2. Disagree
- 3. Neutral
- 4. Agree
- 5. Strongly agree

## PN: SINGLE SELECT PER ROW

GHOURS. How many hours a week do you typically spend caring for... children or elderly relatives?



## Rows:

- 4. Children
- 5. Elderly relatives
- 6. Other members of your family

## Columns:

- 8. 0
- 9. 1-5
- 10.6 10
- 11. 11 15
- 12. 16 20
- 13. 21 30
- 14. 30+ hours

#### PN: SINGLE CODE PER ROW ASK IF GMARITAL = 2

D\_CARE. Who is mainly responsible for the following household activities

#### Rows:

- 9. Grocery shopping
- 10. Preparing dinner
- 11. Doing laundry
- 12. Cleaning the house
- 13. Financial administration
- 14. Car maintenance
- 15. Home maintenance
- 16. Gardening

## Columns:

- 7. I am
- 8. My partner is
- 9. Evenly split between me and my partner
- 10. A friend or family member is
- 11. Paid service provider is/outsourced
- 12. Not applicable

## **PN: SINGLE SELECT**

SD4A. Which of the following categories best represents your annual <u>personal</u> income (before taxes)?

## PN: UPDATED BASED ON CUSTOMISATION FILE

99. Prefer not to say



PN: SINGLE SELECT

SD4A\_HOUSE. Which of the following categories best represents your annual household income (before taxes)?

PN: USE LIST FROM CUSTOMISATION FILE

99. Prefer not to say

## PN. SINGLE SELECT. ASK IF GMARITAL = 2

**D\_CONTRIBUTION**. What your relative contribution to the household income (in %)

- 6. I am the main income earner
- 7. I contribute significantly (greater than 50%)
- 8. I contribute a little (less than 50%)
- 9. I do not contribute
- 10. Prefer not to say

PN: SINGLE SELECT

GETHNIC. What is your ethnic origin?

PN: USE LIST FROM CUSTOMISATION FILE

99. Prefer not to say

**PN: SINGLE SELECT** 

**GEDUCATION**. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

PN: USE LOCALISATION FILE. ANALYSIS TO BE DONE ON GROUPED LEVEL (Primary, Secondary, Tertiary, Post Grad)

## PN: SINGLE SELECT, ASK ONLY IF GEDUCATION = 6-8

GEDUCATION2. If you have completed a bachelor's degree or higher, please specify the subject area.

10. Modern Foreign Languages



- 11. Arts and Humanities
- 12. Business and Management
- 13. Life Sciences and Medicine
- 14. Maths, Engineering and Technology
- 15. Social Sciences
- 16. Natural Sciences
- 17. Vocational, e.g., catering/hospitality
- 18. Other (specify)

## PN: SINGLE CODE

GEDUCATION\_PARENTS. Did any of your parents or guardians complete a university degree course or equivalent?

- 3. Yes
- 4. No

#### PN: SINGLE CODE

**GEEXPERIENCE**. How many years of professional experience do you have?

- 10. I don't have any professional experience
- 11. Less than 1 year
- 12. 1-2
- 13. 3-5
- 14. 6-10
- 15. 11-15
- 16. 16-20
- 17. 21-30
- 18. 30+

## PN: OPEN END; OPTIONAL QUESTION

FEEDBACK: Do you have any feedback on this survey?

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