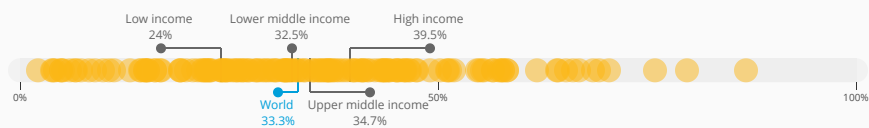




Entrepreneurship

Women-owned small and medium enterprises (SMEs) represent a small portion of formal SMEs in emerging markets and face many limitations to success. Women have more restrictions to accessing finance and with less favorable terms. Reducing constraints would level the playing field and open more opportunities for women entrepreneurs.

Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)



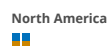
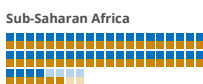
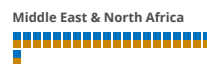
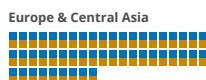
Source: World Bank, Enterprise Surveys (<http://www.enterprisesurveys.org/>).

A woman can register a business or sign a contract in the same way as a man

Register a business ■ Yes ■ No

Sign a contract ■ Yes ■ No

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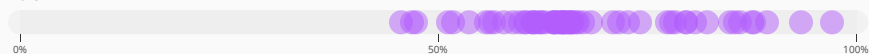
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Sole proprietors by sex (% of total newly registered sole proprietors)

Female



Male



Source: World Bank's Entrepreneurship Survey and database (<https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/entrepreneurship>). Downloaded on November 29, 2023.