

# DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

## Global Indicators Group

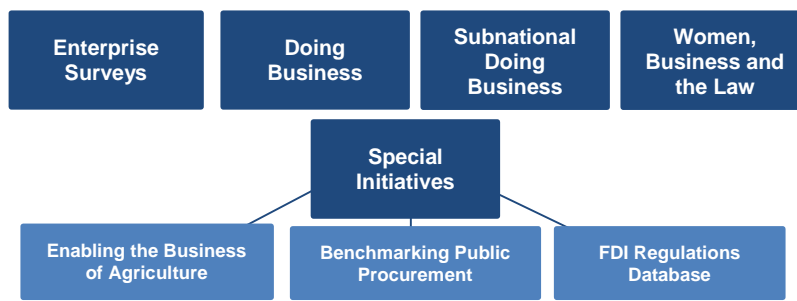
### WHO WE ARE:

The Global Indicators Group (GIG) Department within the Development Economics Network at the World Bank Group (WBG) produces a range of datasets and benchmarking products on business regulations and private sector activity around the world. The department hosts a large pool of economists, lawyers, and specialists in data collection, survey design and implementation that bring together their collective knowledge to generate the GIG products. The team often collaborates with other World Bank Group departments and is available to support teams throughout the institution upon request.

### WHAT WE DO:

We produce global datasets that document and explore the relationship between business environment reforms and key development outcomes. The datasets range from annual publications that measure the ease of doing business globally, regionally and locally, to firm level surveys that dissect firms' experiences across the world. We also produce reports that look at the gender gap in business and regulatory barriers to foreign direct investment. Over the years, these products have inspired governments to reform their business regulations, engage with the WBG on reform advisory work and enabled peer-to-peer learning. The work also feeds into research and analytical products by academia, international organizations and major economic establishments.

### The Global Indicators Group Houses the Following Datasets



**Doing Business:** The annual report provides objective measures of business regulations for 189 economies. The data is updated as of June 1<sup>st</sup> every year, and the report is published every October. It covers 11 areas of firm regulation, from start-up to closing. Media outreach, report launch and roadshows take place from October through January. [doingbusiness.org](http://doingbusiness.org)

**Enterprise Surveys:** Data are collected from face-to-face interviews with top managers and business owners. The surveys are repeated at intervals of three to four years. Data are collected by well-established international survey firms who work under contract for the World Bank. The duration of each survey project ranges from six months to one year. [enterprisesurveys.org](http://enterprisesurveys.org)

**Subnational Doing Business:** Produced at governments' request. From project initiation to report launch, the project cycle includes: engaging with local partners, kick-off missions, surveying, data coding and report production. The duration of each project spans 9-12 months. [doingbusiness.org/subnational](http://doingbusiness.org/subnational)

**Women, Business and the Law:** Measures how laws, regulations and institutions differentiate between women and men in ways that may affect women's incentives or capacity to work or to set up and run a business. It analyzes legal differences on the basis of gender in 143 economies, covering seven areas: Accessing Institutions, Using Property, Getting a Job, Providing Incentives to Work, Building Credit, Going to Court and Protecting Women from Violence. [wbl.worldbank.org](http://wbl.worldbank.org)

**Special Initiatives:** The unit houses three projects that build on the Doing Business methodology. The unit is expected to grow as there are new initiatives currently being developed.

- **Benchmarking Public Procurement:** This initiative aims to assess the accessibility and efficiency of public procurement systems around the world against good practices and identify ways of improvement. [rru.worldbank.org/bpp](http://rru.worldbank.org/bpp)
- **Enabling the Business of Agriculture:** A pilot project collecting data and developing indicators which can be used to inform and encourage policy decisions that support inclusive participation in agricultural value chains and foster an environment that is conducive to local and regional business in agriculture. [eba.worldbank.org](http://eba.worldbank.org)
- **FDI Regulations Database:** Data are collected over a two year period. Since the first report launch in 2010, over 3,500 contributors (mostly lawyers) participated in the 2012 data collection cycle. The data will be disseminated in a series of targeted analytic pieces, looking at specific investment policy issues. [iab.worldbank.org](http://iab.worldbank.org)

### WHERE WE WORK:

We work globally to provide comparable data for all regions, income levels and population sizes, so that governments are better equipped to identify opportunities for regulatory reform and models for improvement.