Datasource:

Integrated Business Enterprise Survey

Period:

January, 2016 to December, 2016

Key statistics from the survey:

- The estimated total number of workers in formal sector enterprises in 2016 was 216,524 working in estimated 12,172 enterprises.
- 53.7% of employees in the formal business sector were based in Kigali.
- The largest business activity in the formal sector is manufacturing, employing around 15.0% of all employees.
- 40.3% of formal businesses were owned by a single individual, while around 22.3% were limited companies and 9.2% are cooperatives.
- 1.9% of enterprises employed at least 100 staff, while 33.5% had 3 employees or fewer.
- 83.8% of enterprises were owned by Rwandan resident, while 3.0% were owned by non-residents.
- 43.9% of businesses had been operating for less than 5 years, while 12.7% had been established for at least 20 years.
- Amongst the largest businesses (100 or more employees) 22.6% had been operating for less than 5 years, while 31.7% had been operating for 20 or more years.
- 68.2 % of formal sector employees were men, and 31.8% women.
- In the informal sector, 95.0% of all businesses had at most 3 employees.
- 59.8% of informal workers were men, and 40.2% women.

Reference document (PDF)

- IBES_2016_Final_Report.pdf (pdf, 6.22 MB)
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- IBES 2016_Tables and Figures.xlsx (xlsx, 175.78 KB)
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