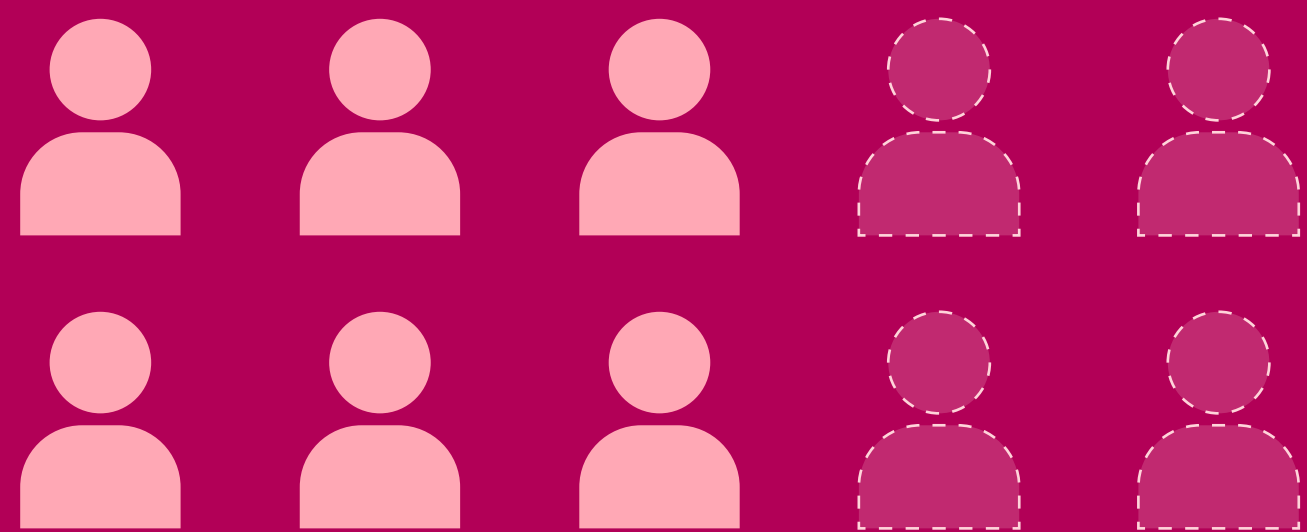


Giving Visibility to the Invisible:

Measuring informality

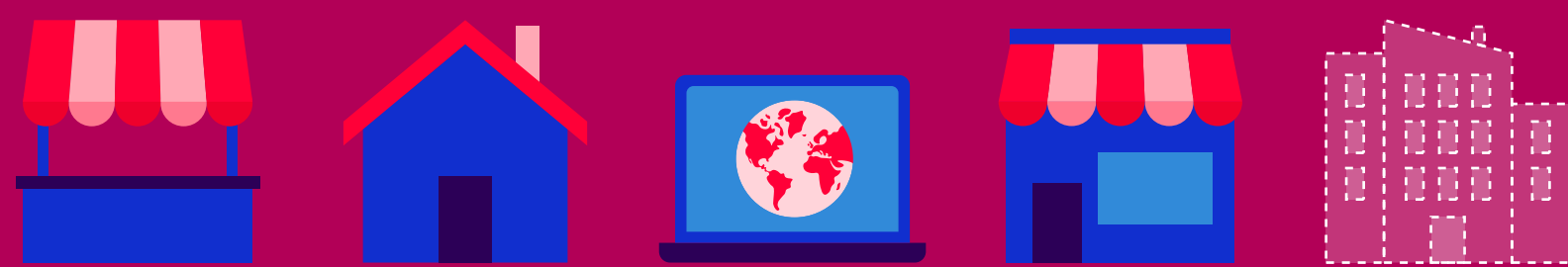
Though information on the informal economy is often limited, it encompasses a diverse range of enterprises, the majority of microenterprises, and more than half of the global workforce, contributing significantly to individual livelihoods and socioeconomic development.



Worldwide, more than 60% of all employed persons or 2 billion people are in informal employment



Women in informal employment are significantly less likely than men to work in fixed visible premises but 2.7 times more likely to work from their own home or someone else's home



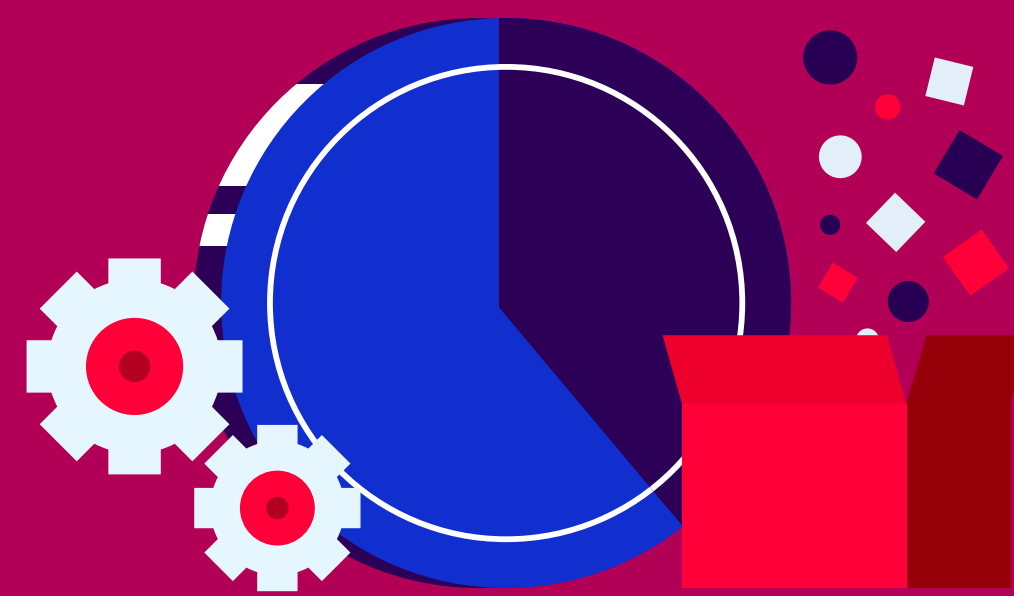
4/5 businesses
operate in the informal economy

In low-income countries, it is estimated that up to

39%

of GDP

comes from goods and services produced by informal enterprises

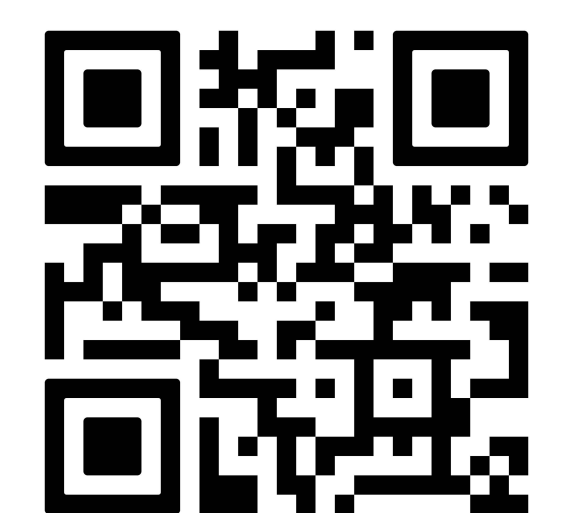


Due to the insecure and unprotected nature of informality, measuring informal employment and the informal sector is critical to understanding decent work deficits and inequalities in the world of work. Better insight promotes smart policymaking and decent work for all.

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