



Queries and responses on the request for research proposals

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises in Vietnam

Question 1

Are there some more specific issues and topics that you are interested in?

Answer

We are open to different topics and issues pertaining to SMEs in Vietnam that make innovative use of the available data.

Question 2

Would it be possible for me to use the eventual outcomes of this research for my PhD thesis?

Answer

If selected for the project, UNU-WIDER will not limit you from using this paper as part of your dissertation.

Question 3

Can we submit more than one proposal at the same time?

Answer

Yes.

Question 4

Would it be possible to eventually involve a third person, external from the group of authors, for data processing and cleaning?

Answer

Authors may engage research assistants if required. The honorarium offered by UNU-WIDER is fixed per paper and is expected to cover all research related expenses incurred by authors.

Question 5

Does the 2015 survey have any panel components? If yes, is there a possibility to use the previous surveys?

Answer

The data are part of an ongoing panel survey. Decisions on panel data availability will be taken on the basis of the quality of proposals.

Question 6

Is there any way to contact member(s) of the research team to discuss the project/proposal?

Answer

As all necessary information has already been made available in the RFRP document, we do not

encourage direct communication with the project team members before selections have been made.

Question 7

Will the GPS coordinates of firms be included in the dataset?

Answer

No, this information is not available due to confidentiality reasons. The lowest level of identification is the commune.

Question 8

The main questionnaire contains questions regarding the tax code. Does the tax code – or any other variable included in the dataset – enable researchers to match firms with the annual GSO enterprise survey?

Answer

It is possible to match to the GSO enterprise survey but as we are obligated to remove identifiers from the dataset due to confidentiality reasons, researchers will not be able to do this.

Question 9

Is there any reason why the sampling methodology relies on GSO survey sources from the early/mid-2000s (rather than more recent sources)?

Answer

Since this is part of an ongoing panel survey, for the first round, GSO survey from early 2000s was used as the sampling frame. For later rounds, weights are adjusted continuously to the updated 'enterprise population'.

Question 10

The document describing the sampling methodology states that firms come from approximately eighteen sectors. Are these sectors identified at the 4-digit VSIC level?

Answer

The sampling procedure focused on the manufacturing sector, sampled at the 2-digit VSIC level (almost corresponding to the ISIC classification). Firms in the 2015 data come from 20 sectors. The dominant sectors are food and beverages, wood, and fabricated metal products. Further, for the top 3 goods/services produced by the firm, we have the 4-digit VSIC codes.