

10. Country Report of Malaysia¹

10.2 Current Status of Women Entrepreneurs of Malaysia

Based on the 2011 statistics of the Small and Medium Corporation Malaysia (SME Corp. Malaysia), there were 645,136 SMEs in Malaysia. Out of that, 80.3% were owned by men and only 19.7% were owned by women. The figure of women entrepreneurs is much smaller than men, though the global trend shows an increasing number of women (Musaa, Shuib et al., 2016).

The percentage of women involved in entrepreneurial jobs is still consider small (Syed, Mohd. Fauzi & NorAsiah, 2011). In Malaysia, of 10.8 million workforces, only 37% are women and in regard to entrepreneurial jobs, women are less than the men. Women make 50% of the total population, but only 15% of them own business enterprises in Malaysia (Syed, Zizah & Fauzi, 2012).

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