Remarks on merging the FINGEN survey data set and the ES data set.

The ES data set was downloaded from the enterprise survey web portal for each of the three countries: Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad.

The first step in merging the data set consisted of merging ES data set and the second step consisted of adding the FINGEN data set to the ES data set.

The following operations were conducted during the process:

1. Before merging ES data the values label for variables a4a and a4b were recoded for Barbados to code 2 for ‘’other manufacturing’’, in order to categorize all manufacturing establishments in the same way and keep code 3 for ‘‘services’’.
2. The length of variables b1x, d2x and g5x were adjusted and harmonized for the three countries
3. The country codes were harmonized: code 123 for Jamaica, code 137 for Barbados and code 145 for Trinidad and Tobago
4. In the FINGEN data set, variables *Country* and *Idquest* were renamed *a1* and *id,* in order to have the same variable definition as in the ES data set and to harmonize the key variables necessary for the merging process.
5. The variables in the FINGEN data set that have similar names to those in the ES data set but did not represent the same question were renamed; thus, variables c3, d3b, d3c, d7, e2, f1, f2 ,f3 and f4 were renamed into c3\_ fingen, d3b\_fingen, d3c\_fingen, d7\_fingen, e2\_fingen, f1\_fingen, f2\_fingen, f3\_fingen and f4\_fingen.