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WORKGROUP

Methodological Guide on Time Use Measurements in Latin America and the Caribbean

Progress report

Background

- The countries of **Latin America and the Caribbean** recognize the need for **Time Use (TU) and Unpaid Work (UPW)** measurements and the importance of **Time Use Surveys (TUS)** as a fundamental instrument to collect such information.
- The project started in the **Working Group on Gender Statistics (WGGS)** during the work program **2018-2019 biennium**, leaving a relevant precedent. It requires **continuity** in order to conclude the **Guide** that allows to generate comparable statistics in the region.
- **17 annual meetings** of **TU and UPW** have been inputs to encourage harmonization of TU measurements.
- The **indicator 5.4.1** *Percentage of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work* has been defined in the **2030 Agenda**, which requires **standard measurements**.

Overall objective

To systematize experiences in **TU** measurement in Latin America and the Caribbean.

To develop guidelines for conducting **TUS** and calculating indicators on **TU** and **UPW** in the Region.

Specific objectives



To systematize **methodologies** in **TU** and **UPW** measurement in Latin America and the Caribbean.

To examine the use of **TU classifications** in the region:
CAUTAL | ICATUS



To define a list of minimum activities for **TUS**:
comparable indicators*

* Specifically with the SDG 5.4.1.

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1. Framework

2. Conceptual framework

3. TUS methodological aspects

4. TU measures in Latin America and the Caribbean

5. TU information for the design of public policies

1. Framework

1.1 Time use from a gender perspective in Latin America and the Caribbean

A. Distribution of time and reproduction of inequalities

B. Time use surveys in Latin America and the Caribbean

C. Relevance of time use information for public policies

- Trajectory on the notion of time and the sexual division of labor as a vector for the reproduction of inequalities.
- Presentation of main regional and international regulatory frameworks on TU.
- Description of TU features and potential uses.
- Background of methodological guides and recommendations for harmonization.

2. Conceptual Framework

2.1 New analytical frameworks about production and employment

2.2 Extended production and satellite accounts

2.3 Definition about all work forms

2.4 Complementary basic definitions

2.5 Classification of TU activities

- TUS Theoretical and conceptual framework, focused in the division of productive and non-productive activities.
- It describes the need to measure all forms of work to make household unpaid work visible, emphasizing the relationship with the SNA.
- Definition of core concepts of TU activities, through CAUTAL and the relationship with ICATUS.

3. TUS Methodological Aspects

3.1 Stages in data generation and consideration for TUS collecting

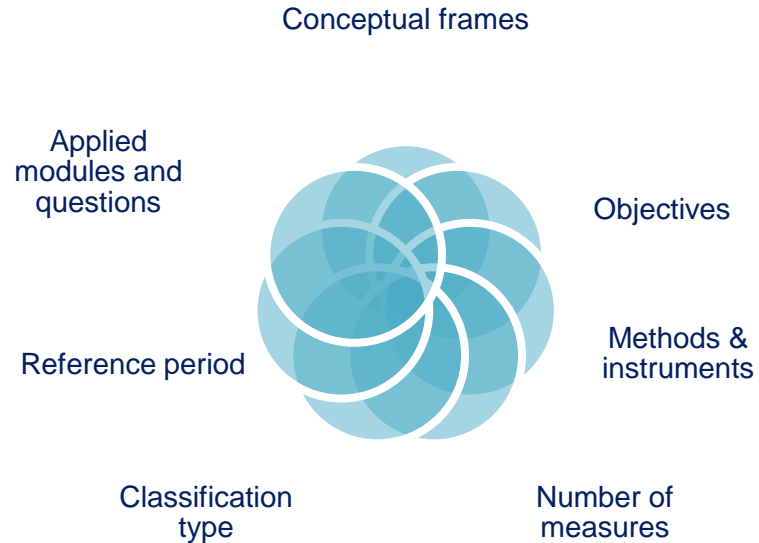
1. Needs specification
2. TUS design
3. Surveys construction
4. Data collection
5. Data processing
6. Analysis of data
7. Dissemination of results
8. Evaluation of the process and lessons learned

3.2 Minimum activities listing to guarantee international comparability

- It will be presented a basic TU basic proposal, aligned with CAUTAL that will favor comparability through countries.
- It will serve as a minimum criterion for collecting TU information to develop TUS or to include modules in other instruments achieving standarization.

4. TU measures in Latin America and the Caribbean

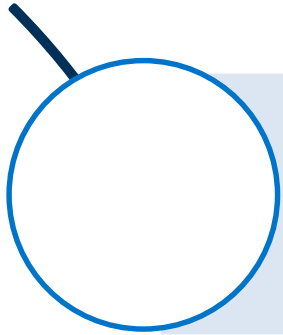
- The objective of the chapter is to systematize TU measurements and address surveys methodological aspects in the region.



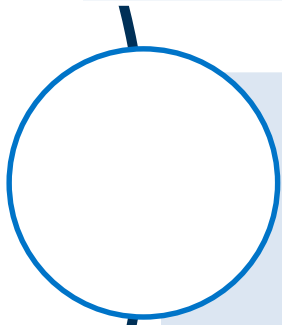
5. TU information for the design of public policies

- TU information on equality policies.
- Of care; working market; poverty; natural resources and rural development; urban development and transportation; health.
- TU information on public policies in Latin American and the Caribbean.
- Challenges for the production and use of information about TU.

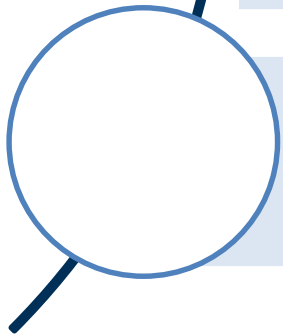
Future work



Index adjustments will be made accordingly to received comments related to the structure and regarding progress in the development of the sections.



Work continues in working groups for each chapter; update with progress in the development of chapters 1 & 2, and teleworking meetings in all subgroups.



To consider new information requests, for example COVID-19 reflections.

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Thank you!