

F. Improving quantification of women's unpaid work in support of poverty eradication policies

ECLAC, in collaboration with the DESA (\$568,000)

Background

28. Analysing women's contributions to the economy and social protection through the unpaid work they perform is crucial both for the socio-economic development of countries and the development of gender equality policies. Division of labour along gender lines — the main cause of women's lack of economic autonomy and their difficulty in gaining access to paid activities — is at the heart of gender inequality. Time-use surveys are a useful instrument for analysing work in the light of the links between the public and private spheres, and for studying the "social contract" governing day-to-day relations between men and women within the home and in society. This is why they have become a tool of great importance to implement the regional agenda on gender equality. Moreover, the surveys are useful in visualizing and quantifying the social and economic value of women's domestic and care work.
29. At the Tenth Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the ECLAC member States agreed to develop instruments, especially time-use surveys, for periodically measuring unpaid work performed by women and men in order to make such work visible and recognize its value, to incorporate their results into the System of National Accounts and to design economic and social policies accordingly. This agreement is reinforced by resolution 5 (IV) of the fourth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, where member States approved the creation of a working group on gender statistics, headed by Mexico, to encourage efforts to systematize national statistical information with a gender perspective and promote in all countries the implementation of the time-use survey or the inclusion in household surveys of a module to measure women's unpaid contributions.
30. In this context, the number of requests received by ECLAC for technical cooperation and training towards the design, implementation and analysis of time-use surveys has increased dramatically. In 2008, the DESA received requests for assistance from eight countries and territories (Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela). Each one of these countries requested support at different stages of the process, depending on their respective statistical capacities. Whereas Cuba and Venezuela require a deepening of their knowledge and capacity, the requests filed by the Dominican Republic and Honduras are the result of technical missions recently carried out. Both Puerto Rico and Peru require assistance with the first evaluation of available data and assistance needs.
31. In many cases, countries are requesting training on the inclusion of gender mainstreaming and statistics, which implies the organization of national workshops. A regional workshop is expected to take place in the Dominican Republic in early 2009, including participants from the other two Spanish-speaking Caribbean country and territory (Cuba and Puerto Rico). This project will be executed by ECLAC, the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women and in close collaboration with the national statistical institutes and national mechanisms for the advancement of women of the selected countries.

<p>Objective of the Organization: To increase the capacity of selected national Governments to implement time-use surveys for the measurement of women's unpaid work.</p>	<p>Summary budget (Thousands of United States dollars)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>General temporary assistance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">60.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consultants</td> <td style="text-align: right;">219.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expert groups</td> <td style="text-align: right;">52.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel</td> <td style="text-align: right;">27.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contractual services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operating expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">70.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workshops</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>120.0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">568.0</td> </tr> </table>	General temporary assistance	60.0	Consultants	219.0	Expert groups	52.0	Travel	27.0	Contractual services	20.0	Operating expenses	70.0	Workshops	<u>120.0</u>	Total	568.0
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<p>Relationship to the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 and the Millennium Development Goals: ECLAC subprogramme 5 (Mainstreaming the gender perspective in regional development) and subprogramme 10 (Statistics and economic projections); Millennium Development Goals 1 and 3.</p>																	

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
<p>(a) National statistical offices of Latin America and the Caribbean will acquire basic knowledge and skills to implement time-use surveys to measure women's unpaid work</p>	<p>(a) (i) Increased knowledge of technical tools for the implementation of time-use surveys or modules included in household surveys in eight countries of the region</p> <p>(ii) Implementation of time-use surveys or modules in eight countries of the region</p>
<p>(b) National mechanisms for the advancement of women and other governmental authorities will use the information gathered from time-use surveys in addressing key socio-economic issues related to gender equality, such as social security gaps, income gaps and care policies</p>	<p>(b) (i) At least four countries will integrate the results of their national time-use surveys in the design of policies and programmes and/or have initiated programmes or proposed legislation which take into account the economic value of non-remunerated work</p> <p>(ii) At least eight countries use time-use surveys data to report on accomplishment of Millennium Development Goals</p>

Main activities

32. The main activities of the project will include:
- (a) Two workshops for eight experts (six from Latin America and two from the Caribbean) specialized in the design, implementation and analysis of time-use surveys;
 - (b) Technical assistance missions to eight selected countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, to evaluate the resources available and needs expressed, assist in coordinating a national training workshop and ensure follow-up;
 - (c) Organizing national training workshops in eight selected countries for staff from national statistics offices and staff from gender offices, in the design, implementation and interpretation of time-use surveys;
 - (d) Promoting exchanges of staff among statistical offices to encourage the implementation of common methodologies and to facilitate exchanges of information on international statistical standards, in the areas of management of statistical systems, economic statistics, vital statistics, labour statistics and data management;

- (e) Preparing and publishing a technical guide to capture the experiences of the countries participating in the project, which will serve as a manual on designing and implementing gender-focused time-use surveys for others. The guide will be prepared in Spanish and translated into English and Portuguese;
- (f) Preparing a comparative study to analyse the harmonization of definitions and the international compatibility of time-use surveys as carried out in eight selected countries.

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Implementing entities: ECLAC in collaboration with DESA		Duration: 2011 – 2014
Objective: To increase selected national government's capacity to implement Time-use surveys for the measurement of women's unpaid work.		
Summary budget (Thousands of United States dollars)	Detailed budget (US dollars)	
GTA	60.0	General Temporary Assistance National staff (24 work months x \$2,500) 60 000
Consultants	219.0	Consultants
Expert Groups	52.0	<u>International Consultants</u>
Travel	27.0	Technical Assistance missions (in support of activity (b)): 8 experts x 3 missions x 2 days x \$250/day and travel and DSA 8 experts x 3 missions x \$ 3,000 84 000
Contractual Services	20.0	National Training workshops (in support of activity (c)): 8 experts x 7 days x \$250/day and travel and DSA (8 experts x \$3,000) 38 000
Operating expenses	70.0	Technical Guide (in support of activity (d)): 1 x 6 months x \$5,000 30 000
Workshops	<u>120.0</u>	Comparative study (in support of activity (e)): 1 x 12 months x \$5,000 60 000
Total	568.0	<u>National consultant</u> External evaluation (2 months x \$3,500) 7 000
		Expert Groups 52 000 Two expert group meetings (Honorarium 8 experts x 2 days x \$250/day) (Travel and DSA 8 experts x 2 x \$3,000) (in support of activity (a))
		Travel
		To support technical assistance missions (in support of activity (a)): 3 persons x 2 x \$3,000 18 000
		To support national training workshops (in support of activity (c)): 3 persons x \$3,000 9 000
		Contractual Services
		Contractual services in support of all activities (\$20,000) 20 000
		Operating expenses
		Editing and translation (in support of activities (d) and (e)) 20 000
		Publication and distribution (in support of activities (d) and (e)) 50 000
		Seminars and Workshops 120 000
		Seminars and workshops (8 x \$15,000 per workshop)