



ONLINE

LABOUR MARKET

MEASURING UNPAID CARE WORK IN LABOUR FORCE SURVEYS

23 SEPTEMBER – 25 OCTOBER 2024

 5 WEEKS, 40 HOURS

Information Note



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“ Understand how to conduct complete measurements of unpaid care work using Labour Force Survey add-on modules, and their relevance for inclusive socio-economic policy-making. ”

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Unpaid care work refers to work - performed without expectation of pay or profit - that is oriented to meeting people’s physical, psychological, cognitive, and emotional needs. It sustains individual health and wellbeing and is essential to the functioning of societies everywhere¹.

Most unpaid care work occurs as **own use provision of services** (also termed unpaid domestic and care work). It is intra-household and/or intra-familial, undertaken *by and for* members of the same household or *by and for* relatives living elsewhere. Not all unpaid care work takes place within household or kin networks. A significant volume is also provided within wider communities or networks, via **direct-** or **organisation-based volunteering**.²

In recent years, the measurement of **unpaid care work** has been accorded new priority in official statistics³. This has occurred as part of a wider revitalisation of interest in the topic in national and international policy circles. There is growing acknowledgement of the economic contribution of unpaid care work, which, based on conservative estimates, would amount to nine per cent of global GDP⁴ were it accorded monetary value⁵. Similarly, there is growing recognition of the untenability of a status quo whereby, globally, women and girls contribute over three quarters (76.2 per cent)⁶ of the total hours spent daily on unpaid care work, to the detriment of labour force participation, access to formal employment and decent work, and involvement in the wider public sphere.

1 International Labour Organization (2018:xxix), [Care work and care jobs for the future of decent work](#)

2 Unpaid care work may also take the form of unpaid trainee work (work performed to acquire workplace experience or skills).

3 International Labour Organization (2013), [19th ICLS: Resolution I: Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization](#)

4 Disaggregated, women’s unpaid care work contributes 6.6 percent to GDP and men’s 2.4 per cent, International Labour Organization (2018:49), [Care work and care jobs for the future of decent work](#)

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Since 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have mandated countries to produce statistics on the “proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex, age and location” (SDG indicator 5.4.1). This indicator, however, does not provide a complete measure of unpaid care work done by men and women in society because it covers only work done for own household/family members. While the SDGs recognise the volunteer work’s central role in the realisation of the wider 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda⁷, no dedicated indicator to measure its contribution was established. To ensure that no care work is left behind, the ILO recommends complementing SDG indicator 5.4.1 with estimates of time spent on volunteer care work produced using dedicated methodology and tools.

Nationally, data on unpaid care work has relevance for a wide range of public policy areas, especially when collected alongside data on labour force participation and employment. Such data provide for a much fuller treatment of gender-based differences and inequities. They permit a fuller analysis of the contribution of unpaid work to national economies, alongside improved monitoring of transitions in the social organization of care work, from unpaid- to market-based provision (or vice versa).

Current international standards for labour statistics provide a strong conceptual framework for the measurement of unpaid care work, and volunteer work more broadly⁸, in labour force surveys. This course will explain and operationalise the current guidelines for the measurement of unpaid care work and volunteer work, and will demonstrate available methods, tools, and practical resources.

The ILO Department of Statistics, in collaboration with the ITCILO, is proud to offer the online course “*Measuring Unpaid Care Work in Labour Force Surveys*”.

7 United Nations (2015) [A/RES/70/1 - Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)

8 While some unpaid care work is provided by volunteers, not all volunteer work is unpaid care work (International Labour Organisation (2013), [19th ICLS: Resolution I: Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization](#))

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the course is to “*support and guide countries in generating systematic and comparable data on unpaid care work and volunteering via additional modules in labour-force surveys. The course aims to provide participants with the necessary skills to collect, measure, and analyse data to measure unpaid care work and volunteering. Moreover, the course will also emphasize the latest 19th ICLS resolutions concerning the measurement and analysis of unpaid care work and volunteering.*”

More specifically, the course aims to:

- Enhance understanding statistical definitions underpinning the measurement of unpaid care work/volunteer work;
- Provide insights about the surveys necessary to measure and analyze unpaid care work/volunteer work;
- Examine how LFS add-on modules can be structured to contribute to the measurement and analysis of unpaid care work/volunteer work;
- Learn how to address measurement issues related to collecting and analysing data on unpaid care work/volunteer work as LFS add-on modules;

TARGET AUDIENCE

The course targets:

- Statisticians from national statistical offices; Ministries of labour and other institutions involved in production of work, social, and gender statistics;
- Governmental agencies responsible for developing and implementing policies addressing unpaid care work/volunteer work, labour-market data analysis and national SDG reporting; ILO Social Partners (employers’ and workers’ organizations); research and academic institutions; international organizations; development agencies; non-governmental organizations.
- Employment and development policy analysts from National Statistical Offices, Research and Academic institutions, International organizations and Donor organizations.

ONLINE COURSE CONTENT

Using a step-by-step approach, this course provides practical skills and tips for collecting, analysing and processing data on unpaid care work and volunteer work. The course is structured around six modules taking place over six weeks as follows:

Week 1 23 – 27 September

- Structure of the course, content and tools
- Unpaid Care Work, Own-use Provision of Services & Volunteer Work
- Statistical concepts & definitions: Own-use provision of services

Week 2 30 September – 4 October

- Own-use provision of services: International & national priorities/practices
- Measuring own-use provision of services in national Labour Force Surveys

Week 3 7– 11 October

- Own-use provision of services: Key indicators

Week 4 14 – 18 October

- Volunteer Work: Statistical concepts & definitions; ILO add-on survey module; Key indicators
- Volunteer Work: Implementation of the ILO add-on module: Main challenges and opportunities

Week 5 21 October – 25 October

- Volunteer work: Sharing national experience; Q&A Closing & Wrap-up: Review of the key issues, questions & discussion

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The course is constructed as follows:

- **Lectures by experts and practitioners**
 - Sharing knowledge with participants around the various topics discussed in the course
- **Practical exercises and group work**
 - Hands-on practical exercises on how to measure unpaid care work.

The course will emphasize a unique learning approach:

- **Harnessing digital learning technology**
 - Interactive online platform
 - Online Real-time feedback and support
 - Online forum discussions and interaction
- **Training methodology will combine**
 - Expert presentations
 - Practical online exercises
 - Group discussions and exercises

DATES

The course will take place from **23 September – 25 October 2024**.

LANGUAGE

The course will be conducted in **English**.

COST AND FINANCING

The course is fee-paying. The total cost is **Euro €865**.

PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATION

- Payments need to be received latest 14 days before the beginning of the course. Payment modalities will be communicated in the letter of acceptance. In the event of a cancellation, a participant may be substituted with another candidate. Cancellations remain free of charge if communicated latest 14 days prior to the start of the course.
- For cancellations after this date, a penalty will be applied. For further information regarding payment, cancellation and refunds, please consult: <http://www.itcilo.org/en/training-offer/how-to-apply>

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HOW TO APPLY

To register, kindly fill in and submit the online registration form available through this link: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/DST/A9714890/en>

The selection of applicants will be based on the submission of:

- A completed **online registration** form
- An **official sponsorship letter** issued by their organization (or donor organization),

Kindly note that we need to receive the above-mentioned documents in order to register you for the course!

We strongly recommend applying early since admission is competitive and space is limited!

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

The application deadline is **16 September 2024!**

CONTACTS

- Administrative arrangements can be coordinated with the course assistant via (lmstats@itcilo.org);
- For the technical coordination, please also be in contact with the ITCILO programme officer Mr. Mostafa Mohamed (m.mohamed@itcilo.org).

WITHDRAWAL, CANCELLATION POLICY, AND REFUNDS FOR OPEN COURSES

If an enrolled participant wishes or must withdraw from a course, they may choose to apply to a different course or be substituted by another candidate. The participant must notify the Centre, in writing, of their decision at least 14 days prior to the start date of the course. Cancellation of participation in regular courses will result in the following penalties:

- 14 days or more prior to the start date of the course:
No penalty, 100% refund of amount paid less applicable bank charges
- 8 to 13 days prior to the start date of the course:
Penalty of 50% of course price, refund of residual amount paid (if any) less applicable bank charges
- 7 days or less prior to the start date of the course:
Penalty of 100% of course price.

INFO

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