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ABSTRACT

Title	Capturing the gender impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on paid and unpaid work
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<p>Recent ILO global estimates highlight the disproportionate impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on women workers. Occupational segregation and concentration of women in some of the hardest-hit sectors as well as in part-time and informal jobs, are raising concerns about widening gender gaps in the labour market. Generalized school closures, increased hygiene measures and lockdowns, have also meant a greater demand for unpaid domestic and care work, which is disproportionately carried out by women. More than ever, information on paid and unpaid work is needed to assess the impacts of the pandemic and inform policies not only to protect jobs and workers, but also to prevent a loss of recent gains towards gender equality in employment.</p> <p>The COVID-19 crisis however, has also impacted the data collection activities of national statistical offices. ILO has issued guidance to support countries to maintain their existing labour force surveys (LFS) and for rapid surveys to monitor the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on paid and unpaid work. This presentation will highlight the main recommendations on priority topics and minimal question sequences for LFS and rapid surveys to monitor impacts on employment, labour underutilization, unpaid domestic and care work and volunteer work, aligned with the latest standards and good survey practice. Special emphasis will be placed on key issues to consider from a gender perspective in data collection, analysis and reporting.</p> <p>References: https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/documents/briefingnote/wcms_749399.pdf https://ilostat.ilo.org/topics/covid-19/#guidance</p>	