UNECE Guidance on Measuring the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Women and Men
Guidance prepared by CES/UNECE Steering Group on Gender Statistics, published in September 2021

**Objective:** Support NSOs to generate data on gender-specific impact of the Covid-19 pandemic

**Content:** Key indicators and proposed survey questions to be added to existing instruments on four topics:
- Work and volunteering
- Health
- Violence against women
- Digital gender divide
The Covid-19 pandemic has potential to reverse gains in gender equality and the empowerment of women.

The social and economic impacts are likely to persist beyond the duration of the pandemic itself.

Relevant gender statistics required to monitor ongoing and long-term impact and devise gender-responsive policy responses.

In October 2020, CES Bureau supported proposal by Steering Group to develop practical guidance for data producers towards measurement of gendered impact of the pandemic.
Survey of NSOs in September 2020 on demand for gender statistics, challenges, topics and groups covered in surveys during early pandemic period

Four topics selected based on survey responses:
1. **Work**: paid work, unpaid work, and volunteering
2. **Health**: general health, mental health, and sexual and reproductive health
3. **Violence against women**: prevalence and access to support services
4. **Digital gender divide**: access to ICT, access to digital information on Covid-19, ICT for work, study, communication, e-commerce.
Chapters on each topic include:

- Overview of topic: why important to measure in pandemic context?
- Proposed indicators
- Proposed survey questions
- Methodological notes and considerations*
- Policy relevance

*Suggested disaggregations, recommended “parent” survey, data collection frequency, target population, reference period
## Sample: unpaid work

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<td>Proportion of individuals who spent time doing unpaid household work and care activities for their household</td>
<td>Type of activity, sex and age</td>
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<td>A6</td>
<td>Proportion of individuals who spent time doing unpaid household work and care activities for individuals outside their household</td>
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<td>A7</td>
<td>Proportion of individuals who spent time doing unpaid household work and care activities</td>
<td>Average amount of time spent on activities, sex and age</td>
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<td>A8</td>
<td>Proportion of individuals who declared that the amount of time spent on household work and care activities was higher for the week prior to the survey than what was normal before the onset of the pandemic</td>
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<td>Proportion of individuals who declared that their increased household work and care responsibilities affected their ability to work for pay or seek employment</td>
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| A8.1| As compared to before the onset of the pandemic, would you say the amount of time you have spent on <<activity>> since the beginning of the pandemic has been:  
- More than usual  
- About the same  
- Less than usual  

Note: for each activity specified in questions A5.1 and A6.1, the above question should be asked (but not to respondents who did not do the activity). | General Household Survey or Rapid Survey  
Labour Force Survey Supplement                                                                 |
| A8.2| Since the onset of the pandemic, who in your household is mainly responsible for <<activity>>:  
- Mainly me  
- Mainly my spouse  
- Equally my spouse and I  
- Someone else in the household  

(to be asked for each activity performed on unpaid household and care work) | General Household Survey or Rapid Survey  
Labour Force Survey Supplement                                                                 |
To be reviewed by CES Bureau during October 2021 meeting

Steering group proposes that countries participating in CES review and test proposed indicators and survey questions, and incorporate them into regular statistical data collection

Guidance to be living document that is updated to reflect country experiences
Thank you!

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