

UNECE Guidance on Measuring the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Women and Men

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Overview



- 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**



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Background



- 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.



Topics covered



- 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



No.	Indicator	Disaggregation
A5	Proportion of individuals who spent time doing unpaid household work and care activities for their household	Type of activity, sex and age
A6	Proportion of individuals who spent time doing unpaid household work and care activities for individuals outside their household	Type of activity, sex and age
A7	Proportion of individuals who spent time doing unpaid household work and care activities	Average amount of time spent on activities, sex and age
A8	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	Type of activity, sex and age
A9	Proportion of individuals who declared that their increased household work and care responsibilities affected their ability to work for pay or seek employment	Sex and age

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No.	Question	Recommended survey(s)
A8.1	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> More than usual <input type="checkbox"/> About the same <input type="checkbox"/> Less than usual <p>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).</p>	<p>General Household Survey or Rapid Survey</p> <p>Labour Force Survey Supplement</p>
A8.2	<p>Since the onset of the pandemic, who in your household is mainly responsible for <<activity>>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Mainly me <input type="checkbox"/> Mainly my spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Equally my spouse and I <input type="checkbox"/> Someone else in the household <p>(to be asked for each activity performed on unpaid household and care work)</p>	<p>General Household Survey or Rapid Survey</p> <p>Labour Force Survey Supplement</p>

Next steps



- 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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