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TITLE

MEASUREMENT OF TIME USE AND UNPAID CARE AND DOMESTIC WORK IN CARICOM

Measurement of time use in Jamaica

- Survey Instrument: Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions 2018
- Jamaica is the only country to implement a time use module that include all nine (9) activities of time use according to Classification of Time-Use Activities for Latin America and the Caribbean (CAUTAL)
- The data was captured at the 2-digit level
- Time Use Module was completed by persons 18 years and older
- Jamaica results was published in their Survey of Living Conditions Report in 2018 in the Chapter on time use (<https://www.pioj.gov.jm/product/jamaica-survey-of-living-conditions-jslc-2018/>)

Jamaica: The Questions in the Module

Q1) How much time during (this day) did you/(NAME) spend engaged in each of these employment and employment related activities?

- Working in a job for pay, working as a trainee not for pay, seeking job, commuting to and from work, other productive work

Q2) How much time during [this day] did you/(NAME) spend on production of own-use goods?

- Gathering wood, fetching water, other primary activities, non-primary own use activities, construction for own use

Q3) How much time during [this day] did you/(NAME) spend on unpaid domestic work for his/her own household?

- Preparing and serving food, cleaning the house yard, laundry and cleaning/care of cleaning footwear, maintenance and minor repair of home, household administration shopping for the household, looking after or for pets and plants

Jamaica: The Questions in the Module

Q4) How much time during [this day] did you/(NAME) spend caring for household members that are 0-5, 6-14, 15-19, 20-59 & 60 and over?

- Care includes feeding, bathing, reading, playing and learning support

Q5) How much time during [this day] did you/(NAME) spend on unpaid work for other households or in volunteer activities in the community?

- Unpaid work for other households, unpaid work for the community, Volunteer, work at nonprofit institutions, religious activities, other volunteer work

Q6) How much time during [this day] did you/(NAME) spend learning and studying, and travelling for study activities?

- Learning and studying and travelling for study activities

Jamaica: The Questions in the Module

Q7) How much time during [this day] did you/(NAME) spend engaged in socializing and leisure activities such as...?

- Socializing with family members and others
- Attendance at cultural entertainment and sports event
- Gambling, betting and games of chance
- Other arts and hobbies Eg. Building puzzles, writing poetry and short stories
- Sports and physical exercise

Q8) How much time during [this day] did you/(NAME) spend engaged in use of communication media such as...?

- Reading books, magazines, newspapers or other material on any medium
- Actively watching television or videos
- Actively listening to the radio or other audio media
- Using a landline mobile phone, magic jack for telephone communication
- Using computer, tablet or mobile phone (for social media, video, internet, downloading files)

Q9) How much time during [this day] did you/(NAME) spend engaged in self-care activities such as...?

- Learning and studying and travelling for study activities
- Self-care (e.g. bathing, grooming, resting, praying, meditating etc.)
- Physiological activities (e.g. eating and drinking, sleeping)

Jamaica: The Questions in the Module

Q10) Which of the activities, that you engaged in [this day], did you like doing the LEAST?

Q11) Which of the activities, that you engaged in [this day], did you like doing the MOST?

Q 12) Who answered for this respondent (the household member)



Dominica's Experience with time use in 2000 and 2010 round of Population and housing Census

- Dominica accounted for time spent on Remunerated and unremunerated work in Population and Housing Censuses:
 - Number of hours worked for paid employment and the time taken to travel to work
 - . The number of hours, on average, spent per week on housework? (cleaning the house, laundry, care of children, care of elderly, etc)

Trinidad and Tobago Incorporation of Time Use in the 2000 Round of Population and Housing Census

- **Section in the Population and Census: Time Spent on Household and other activities**
- How many hours did you spend on the following activities within the last week (11 questions)
 - Domestic work**
 - Cleaning of house sweeping vacuuming and mopping
 - Washing Laundry, Washing and Ironing
 - Meal preparation and related activities
 - Home repair and maintenance
 - Care Work**
 - Playing and personal care of children
 - Assisting children with homework and or transport
 - Care of disabled sick or aged relative
 - Own-use goods production**
 - Gardening and raring of animals
 - Sewing for home use
 - Socializing and leisure activities**
 - Participation in sporting and cultural activities
 - Unpaid work for other households / the community/ volunteering**
 - Participation in social and voluntary work

Background to Measurement of Unpaid Care and Domestic Work in CARICOM:

Decisions 40th
COHSOD on
Gender on June 3
& 4, 2021

- **Agenda Item 8 - Measuring Sustainable Development Goal 5**
 - 8.1 CARICOM Gender Equality Indicators
 - 8.2 Women's Unpaid Care and Domestic Work
- **COHSOD:**
 - **Recognized the value of CARICOM Gender Equality Indicators to Member States in reporting on international commitments, including the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, CEDAW and SDG Goal 5;**
 - **Agreed to adopt and use the CARICOM Gender Equality Indicators to monitor and evaluate progress towards gender equality at the national level;**
 - **Recommended that Member States introduce questions on unpaid care and domestic work in their national surveys and censuses.**

The Unpaid Care and Domestic Work Module for CARICOM Census/ Surveys Designed by UN Women Consultancy with Grenada NSO

- Question a. Yesterday, how much time did you spend on work around the home for which you/he/she were/was not paid?
- Question b. Yesterday, how much time did you spend looking after children who live in this household or who are family members who do not live in this home, without receiving any pay?
- Question c. Yesterday, how much time did you spend caring for elderly, sick or disabled adult family members, who live in this household or who are family members who do not live in this home, without receiving pay?
- Question d. Yesterday, how much time did you spend getting fuel or water for use by this household?

The Experience of Grenada in doing Pilot for CARICOM

- Grenada piloted the Measurement of Unpaid care and domestic work for CARICOM Countries in two rounds of its quarterly Labour Force Surveys 4th Quarter 2020 and 1st Quarter 2021.
- Experience was different because the conditions were not the same

Module piloted in 2 rounds of Labour Force quarterly surveys

1st Quarter 2021

- Two days training in concepts, methodology and practice interviews of field staff.
- 1 day period used as “reference period” for monitoring unpaid work
- Actual time spent in unpaid work recorded in hours and minutes
- Self-reporting was mostly used



4th Quarter 2020

- No formal training of Field staff
- 1 week period used as “reference period” for monitoring unpaid work
- Time recorded to the nearest hour
- Proxy Respondent was mostly used

The Experience of Grenada in doing Pilot for CARICOM

- The issue of recall, the use of proxy respondent and the lack of training resulted in an underreporting of time spent on unpaid care and domestic work
- Fourth quarter 2020 reflected less time spent on unpaid work than the first quarter 2021
 - It is expected that in the fourth quarter which includes preparation for the Christmas season that the household would be more engaged in Domestic work. However, the data is showing a 65% and 43% increase in the time spent on domestic work by females and males respectively.

Countries
incorporating
Question on Unpaid
Domestic and Care
work in 2020 Round
of Censuses to
report on SDG
Indicator 5.4.1

Grenada (Enumeration Completed)

Dominica (Enumeration in progress)

St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Enumeration in progress)

Montserrat (Enumeration recently commenced)

Trinidad and Tobago (Census Questionnaire being finalized)

Turks and Caicos Islands (Enumeration in progress)

Anguilla (Enumeration in Progress)

Challenges with unpaid care and domestic work as a module in Survey and Census

- Creates a challenge for Census: Given the importance of self-reporting the question in the census can slow down the enumeration of census since each person in the household 15 years and older is expected to report on this question
- Census may not be ideal instrument: Given the seasonality in time use, it would better for this module be incorporated in a quarterly survey to get an accurate annual average representative of unpaid care and domestic work.
- The LFS Pilot was not the ideal baseline: It was done during pandemic which can also have a significant impact on amount of time spent on unpaid care and domestic work.
- Unable to spread interviews evenly throughout the week: Ideally enumerators should try to spread interviews. However, this would create a challenge in terms of timeliness and cost for the enumerators

Implementing the proposed minimum set of time use activities for Latin America and the Caribbean

- This is important for CARICOM countries to be able to provide a comprehensive overview of the activities both men and women carry out and the time they spend on them, including paid and unpaid work associated with productive activities within and outside the SNA and personal activities that may be undertaken during a reference period.
- The reporting of indicator 5.4.1 is an important starting point
- Countries who achieve this can consider adding the other areas of time use as prescribed by minimum set of time use activities in their survey instruments.
- The region being able to report on the minimum set of time use activities and sustain data production is dependent on Support from International Development Partners given the resource and capacity constraints of our CARICOM NSOs



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