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A dissemination workshop of the Report "Valuation of Unpaid Care Work in Pakistan" was held on February 04, 2010 at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. The objective of the workshop was to share key findings of the report "Valuation of Unpaid Care Work in Pakistan" written by Ms. Debbie Bundlender, International Gender Budgeting Specialist, South Africa. This Report was based on the Time Use Survey, Year 2009 data.

Participants from various UN and bilateral agencies, Government Line ministries, Gender Reforms Action Plan (GRAP) Members, National Research Organizations, PRSP Secretariat and Strengthening Poverty Reduction Strategy Monitoring Project (SPRSM) attended the workshop. **(Workshop Program: Annex A)** and **(List of participants: Annex B)** are enclosed. Ms. Faiza Effindi, ARR/Chief Poverty Unit, UNDP was the Chief Guest of the dissemination workshop. Ms. Naveeda Salam, Poverty Economist, SPRSM facilitated the workshop.

Mr. Mehmood Akhter Khokhar, National Project Director (NPD)/Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance welcomed participants and informed about the importance of time use and valuation of unpaid care work (extended SNA) in Pakistan. He informed that report prepared by the International researcher was an effort first to compute unpaid care work. She valued the unpaid care work using different approaches, and then quantified its proportionate share in the Pakistan's GDP. Time Use Survey (TUS) and Valuation of Un paid Care Work, Year 2009 documented actually the time use patterns and brought into open the relative contribution made by men and women towards invisible and unpaid care work. The findings of the Survey and Research Report, clearly marks a milestone in the area of documenting the undocumented part of the economy.

Ms. Faiza Effendi, ARR, Poverty Unit, UNDP in her Address on importance of the time use and valuation of unpaid care work in Pakistan provided an overview of the Pakistan's Gender Budgeting Reforms initiatives in the context of gender equality and empowerment. This address helped in setting the desired tone and agenda for determining current and future priorities regarding broad policy reform issues with major breakthrough for gender equality.

Mr. Nouman Ghani, Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation (M & E) Specialist, SPRSMP gave a detail presentation on the findings of the Report "Valuation of Unpaid Care Work in Pakistan" **(Presentation Copy: Annex C)**. He divided his presentation into two parts; under Part one, he gave a brief over view of the TUS held in Year 2007 and Survey report was finalised in Year 2009 in which information collected about all participants on all the activities in 24 hours time including all forms of work as well as non-work activities. Under Part 2, he first highlighted challenges and policy implications of the unpaid care work in Pakistan. Then, explained about the alternative approaches to valuation of unpaid care work using wages data reported in the Labour Force Survey FY 2007/08. Finally, he shared the

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total value of unpaid care or extended SNA work in Pakistan and its proportionate share in Pakistan's overall GDP.

Subsequently, the house was opened to raise questions on the presentation made by Mr. Nouman Ghani. Mr. Sajjad Ahmed Sheikh, National Project Manager and the presenter responded questions raised by the participants during this session.

The last event of the workshop was closing remarks by Mr. Asif Bajwa, Special Secretary Finance, Government of Pakistan. In his address, he informed that there are only few countries in the world which include the value of unpaid care work in calculation of GDP as there are numerous complications to deal with such as under-estimation of poverty and labour figures. However, couple of countries had maintained Satellite Accounts incorporating extended SNA, value of unpaid care work parallel to GDP accounting. He informed that as Pakistan is currently formulating the Social Protection Strategy, the results of the study are more important towards designing social protection programmes. He also emphasized that we must not stop and consider conducting TUS after every three or five years to analyze the changing trends of the paid and unpaid work. With these remarks, he formally concluded the workshop.

The Mr. Mehmood Akhter Khokhar, NPD, SPRSMP requested all Participants of the workshop to write suggestions/issues that how we can use the findings of the research in future or any gray areas left during the course of research.

A brief overview of the suggestions/responses received from the participants is given under;

1. Rizwan Sheikh Planning Commission

The academic research undertaken by the SPRSM Project, UNDP is an excellent attempt to understand the unpaid (extended SNA) work done by the women. However, the real challenge is to use this information and lobby for public policy discourse. What implication does it have on women? And, how this can be used to improve the living standards of the women across the country? There is a need to include provincial and regional variables as well. Further research on this topic may also include; whether educational level of the households changes the outcomes? And, more in-depth rural-urban analysis might be useful.

2. Participant

The research study "Valuation of unpaid care work in Pakistan" is derived from the TUS and is a good contribution in the on-going research work. The study is also comprehensive in nature and covered rural-urban breakdown but is limited in terms of explaining various assumptions e.g. the difference between skilled, non skilled and high skilled women.

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3. Yasmin Zaidee

Freelance Consultant

Another set of suggestions proposed that by the use of different econometric models on TUS data one may access how activities by age/education/location can be mainstreamed. Also, there is a need to access what the public sector saved if, as state policy, unpaid care work was actually being provided by the state.

4. Participant

In future, more studies on safety nets and mitigation strategies might be initiated as part of the research. GRAP specially the Gender Development Section at Ministry of Finance may also be made active partner of the research studies. A new study can also be undertaken on home based workers or the role of home based workers in the Pakistan's economy.

5. Participant

It was suggested that SPRSMP must ensure that a formal request be sent to FBS in order to include a set of questions regarding the TUS in the next round of Labour Force Survey. The findings of the "Valuation of Unpaid care work" may also be shared with relevant ministries such as Ministry of Women Development, Planning Commission so that it may be reflected in relevant public policy documents.

6. Sana Kahlid

SSA –I (EFP)

SPRSMP, Ministry of Finance is making great effort in undertaking studies on neglected research areas that require attention. It is proposed that to apply the recommendations of these research studies in the policy making process to maximize their use as much as possible. The step proposed here needs to be focused now and onwards.

7. KM Kasim

SDC

The analysis made in the Valuation of Unpaid Care work has covered data only related to 10 years and above while there is a suggestion to analyze this data for the age groups between 18 Years and 60 Years as well.

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Annex A

Tentative Agenda

Venue: Sheesh Mahal I, Serena Hotel

Date: Feb 4, 2010

Time	Sessions	Speakers
02:30	Registration	
02:50	Guests to be seated	
03:00-03:05	Recitation of the Holy Quran	
03:05-03:15	Welcome Address & Objective of the Workshop	Mr. Mehmood Akhtar National Project Director/ JS (EF-P)
03:15-03:35	Statement by the Chief Guest and formal opening	Ms. Faiza Effendi Assistant Resident Representative (ARR) UNDP
03:35-04:35	Valuation of unpaid Care Work findings <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation Time : 20 Minutes• Q & A Session: 40 Minutes	Mr. Nouman Ghani Poverty M & E Specialist
04:35-05:00	Closing Remarks	Mr. Asif Bajwa Special Secretary Finance(SSF)
05:00	Hi-Tea	

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Annex B

List of Participants

S.#	NAME	DESIGNATION/ ORGANIZATION	Organization
1.	Mr. Asif Bajwa	Special Secretary Finance	Ministry of Finance
2.	Mr. Mahmood Akhtar	National Project Director	SPRSMP
3.	Mr. Sajjad Ahmad Shaikh	National Project Manager	SPRSMP
4.	Ms. Sana Khalid	Social Sector Analyst	PRSP, Finance Division
5.	Ms. Salma Noureen	Poverty Economist	PRSP, Finance Division
6.	Ms. Asma Bashir	Consultant	PRSP, Finance Division
7.	Ms. Kaneez Fatima	SPO	SDC
8.	Mr. Munir Ahmad Aslam	Deputy Director General	FBS
9.	Ms. Faiza Effendi	ARR/Chief Poverty Unit	UNDP
10.	Mr. Saud Bangash	Economic Analyst	UNDP
11.	Ms. Masooma But	Consultant	WHO
12.	Ms. Aisha Maqsood	Gender and Social Policy Specialist	Planning & Development Division
13.	Ms. Farah Chandani	First Secretary (Development)	CIDA
14.	Mr. Rizwan Shaikh	M & E Officer GBG	Planning and Development Division
15.	Ms. Sadaf Zulfiqar	Program Officer	USAID
16.	Mr. Saad Gilani	National Project Coordinator	ILO
17.	Ms. Sarah Anwar	Research Assistant	SDPI
18.	Dr. Talat Anwar	Economic Advisor	CIDA
19.	Mr. Nadeem Mahbub	National Project Manager	GJP, UNDP
20.	Ms. Rehana Hashmi	NPM	GRAP
21.	Ms. Shagufta Aziz	Dir (PG & FR)	GRAP
22.	Ms. Noor Ul Saba	Technical Advisor	GRAP
23.	Ms. Nuzhat Shirin	Dir (IR)	GRAP
24.	Ms. Yasmin Zaidi	Researcher	
25.	Ms. Aliya Agha Nguyen	Education Specialist	UNICEF
26.	Mr. Nouman Ghani	Poverty M & E Specialist	SPRSMP
27.	Ms. Naveeda Salam	Poverty Economist	SPRSMP
28.	Mr. Aijaz Mahmood Qureshi	Admin & Finance Officer	SPRSMP
29.	Mr. Jamal Rafique	Consultant	SPRSMP
30.	Mr. Sameer Akhtar Shikh	Intern	SPRSMP
31.	Ms. Fatima Lodhi	Intern	SPRSMP
32.	Ms. Rimsha	Intern	SPRSMP