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Subject: Unpaid care

Posted by [AMihnovits](#) on Thu, 14 Mar 2019 13:20:07 GMT

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The request is submitted by HelpAge International.

Women make substantial contributions to unpaid care and domestic work in the family and in the community. This has an impact on their opportunities for economic empowerment. However there is a paucity of globally comparable statistics on extent of burden on women caregivers.

Additionally, men may also become caregivers later in life when wives/partners have increasing support needs. Yet data on the gender distribution of unpaid work is limited.

It is important to understand and recognize those who provide unpaid care, the value of home care provision in low- and middle-income countries, and those who are most likely to need care.

Therefore HelpAge International requests that:

- i. A set of questions on unpaid care is introduced in the 'Gender empowerment and women's empowerment module',
- ii. The questions will cover information about care provision within a household and in the community, and time spent on care.
- iii. Information is collected from/about members of household of both sexes and includes persons above the age of 49.

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#### File Attachments

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This comment is made on behalf of the Gender Group at The World Bank.

Alternatively, consider adding a new question in the household schedule asking "Who is the main caretaker of each child (especially those under the age of 10) in the household?"

Also, mothers generally bear the lion's share of childcare burden. Alternative childcare services, such as preschools, have been shown to relieve mothers of the care burden and empower them to participate in the labor market. Consider adding a new question in the household schedule: "Does HHM ever attend preschool?" Similarly, children entering primary schools at an earlier age might relieve mothers of care burden. Alternatively, consider adding a question in the household schedule: "When did HHM first attend school?"

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Bernard van Leer Foundation endorses these recommendations

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