

Annex II

Projects proposed for funding from the Development Account for the year 2020

A. Time-use data for better policies in Africa, Western Asia and Latin America

Department of Economic and Social Affairs jointly with ECLAC, ECA and ESCWA (\$799,400)	Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals: 3.9, 4.2–4.4, 5.4, 6.1, 6.2, 8.3, 8.5–8.7, 17.8
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Objective

The objective, to which this project contributes, is to improve government capacity to effectively produce and use time-use data in policy formulation for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in selected countries in Africa, Western Asia and Latin America.

Highlighted planned result

Over the years, time-use data have been critical to informing social and economic policies that contribute to human development. For example, they have contributed to the measurement and analysis of quality of life and general well-being; the comprehensive understanding of all forms of work, including unpaid work and non-market production; the development of policies to reduce the care burden and promote shared responsibilities at home; and informing development planning issues in terms of the utilization and impact of public services such as public transportation, schools and electricity.

The production of reliable and timely time-use statistics, however, remains challenging for national statistical offices. The collection of time-use data often entails complex survey field operations and data processing, high costs and a high burden on respondents, resulting in low response rates. In addition, countries must take several decisions along the process that may affect the quality, granularity and comparability of the time-use data over time and across countries. Lastly, although time-use data have an unlimited potential, in general, the data are underutilized. Data files are very complex to analyse and use, limiting their possible users. New data-collection and analytical tools can ease the accessibility and use of the data.

There is an urgent need to support countries in strengthening their capacity to collect and use time-use data for better policies and approaches to implement the 2030 Agenda at the local, national and regional levels. This was also voiced by countries when they adopted the International Classification of Activities for Time-Use Statistics at the forty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission, in March 2017, requesting the operationalization of the classification and noting the need for guidance on how to implement it to produce internationally comparable time-use data, using the latest technology.

The project will contribute to building capacity in countries to produce and use time-use statistics in support of measuring and monitoring their national development plans and indicators, including indicator 5.4.1 of the

Abbreviations: ECA, Economic Commission for Africa; ECE, Economic Commission for Europe; ECLAC, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; ESCAP, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; ESCWA, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; FAO, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; ILO, International Labour Organization; IOM, International Organization for Migration; ITC, International Trade Centre; ITU, International Telecommunication Union; OHCHR, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; UN-Habitat, United Nations Human Settlements Programme; UN-Women, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; UNCTAD, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; UNDP, United Nations Development Programme; UNEP, United Nations Environment Programme; UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund; UNHCR, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; UNICEF, United Nations Children's Fund; UNIDO, United Nations Industrial Development Organization; UNITAR, United Nations Institute for Training and Research; UNODC, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; WHO, World Health Organization; WMO, World Meteorological Organization; WTO, World Trade Organization.

Sustainable Development Goals on unpaid work, as well as other development issues such as employment and learning.

Result and evidence

The planned deliverables are expected to contribute to the result, which is strengthened national capacities in project countries to produce and use time-use data for higher-quality data and the improved integration of data and policies at the national level.

Evidence of the result, if achieved, will include participating countries having mapped the data requirements for different development policies and their monitoring, including the 2030 Agenda and the indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The result, if achieved, will demonstrate progress made towards the collective attainment of the objective.

<i>Deliverables for the period 2020–2023, by category and subcategory</i>	<i>Budget summary (thousands of United States dollars)</i>
Quantified deliverables	
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge	
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days) 40	Consultants and experts 336.0
Technical materials (number of materials) 14	Travel of staff 120.0
Non-quantified deliverables	General operating expenses 67.4
C. Substantive deliverables	Grants and contributions 276.0
Consultation, advice and advocacy	Total 799.4
Databases and substantive digital materials	