

# Advancing Methodology on Measuring Asset Ownership from a Gender Perspective



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# Assets, Priority and Additional

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The terms and definitions of assets are based on, and consistent with

## The 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA)

OECD Guidelines for  
Micro Statistics on  
Household Wealth

UN System of  
Environmental-  
Economic Accounting  
Central Framework

FAO World  
Programme for the  
Census of  
Agriculture

However, differences between the present guidelines and the publications exists, and will be explained during the presentation

- An asset is “a store of value representing a benefit or a series of benefits accruing to the economic owner by holding or using the entity over a period of time” (2008 SNA)
  - Economic benefits include possible income or holding gains/losses by owning the asset for a period of time

## Consistencies with SNA framework

- all assets covered are economic assets
- the coverage of assets is limited to those assets that can be used in an economic activity repeatedly (for generally one year or more) and that are subject to ownership rights
- resources such as human and social capital are not covered
- assets are classified as financial assets and non-financial assets.

## Differences with SNA framework

- Limit to assets hold by households and individuals living in households, incl. unincorporated enterprises run by households
- Include consumer durables due to the importance to individual household and well-being (consistent with the OECD guidelines for Micro Statistics on Household Wealth)

# Which assets to value?

These guidelines suggest that countries collect information, at a minimum, on a **priority set of assets**.

Based upon policy needs and the prevalence of each asset within the country, countries may also wish to collect data on **additional assets**

# Priority assets

- important for global development monitoring under the SDG indicator framework
- relevant across all countries (e.g. dwellings and financial assets).

- Principal dwelling



- Agricultural land



- Other real estate (incl. non-agricultural land )



- Financial assets





# Additional Assets

The additional assets recommended for data collection are as follows:



- Non-agricultural enterprise assets
- Livestock
- Large and small agricultural equipment
- Valuables
- Consumer durables

# Muchas Gracias

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