



Concepts and Definitions in the context of time-use surveys and statistics

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Concepts and definitions

- Discussed by the Group in several WebEx
- The document has evolved:
 - It does not look like a glossary anymore
 - Country examples/practices have been added
- Using internationally agreed definitions



Concepts and definitions: structure

Instruments

- Stylized questions
- Time-use diaries
 - Full diaries
 - Light diaries

Mode of data collection

After-coded, On-the-fly coded

Designated day/period, Reference period, Substitute/postponed day → to be discussed during session 5

Activity

- Productive activities
- Personal activities
- Simultaneous/Parallel activities
- Primary activity
- Secondary activity
- Activity classification

Contextual information



Concepts and definitions: structure

Type of surveys

- Dedicated /standalone survey
 - Fully independent
 - Sample linked to another
- Incorporated in another survey
 - Module
 - Section fully integrated

Respondent and response rate → to be discussed during session 5



Concepts and definitions: structure

- Questions
- Screening questions
 - Probing questions
 - Summary questions

- Background information
- Household questionnaire
 - Individual questionnaire

Passive care and active care → to be discussed during session 3



Concepts and definitions: next steps

- Add more country examples
- Further develop as a piece describing the time-use surveys and statistics panorama



Are there additional comments to the document?