



19th ICLS Resolution on Statistics of Work, employment and labour underutilization - Volunteer work and ICATUS

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19th ICLS definition of volunteer work

Persons in volunteer work are defined as all those of working age who, during a short reference period, **performed any unpaid, non-compulsory activity to produce goods or provide services for others**

- “any activity” refers to work for at least one hour;
- “unpaid” is interpreted as the absence of remuneration in cash or in kind for work done or hours worked;
 - BUT- volunteer workers may receive some small form of support or stipend in cash, when below one third of local market wages (e.g. for out-of-pocket expenses or to cover living expenses incurred for the activity), or in kind (e.g. meals, transportation, symbolic gifts)
- “non-compulsory” is interpreted as work carried out without civil, legal or administrative requirements, that are different from the fulfilment of social responsibilities of a communal, cultural or religious nature;



19th ICLS definition of volunteer work (2)

Production “for others” refers to work performed:

- I. through, or for organizations comprising market and non-market units (i.e. organization-based volunteering)
 - including through or for self-help, mutual aid or community-based groups of which the volunteer is a member;
- II. for households other than the household of the volunteer worker or of related family members (i.e. direct volunteering).



Excluded from Volunteer work are

- a) Community service and work by prisoners ordered by a court or similar authority, compulsory military or alternative civilian service;
- b) Unpaid work required as part of education or training programmes (i.e. unpaid trainees)
- c) Work for others performed during the working time associated with employment, or during paid time off from an employee job granted by the employer.



Items to be collected related to volunteer work (19th ICLS)

‘Essential items that should be collected for national accounts and sectoral analyses of volunteer work include:

- the working time associated with each relevant activity cluster,
- the industry, occupation, and type of economic unit (market units/non-market units/households)?

19th ICLS Forms of work

- Employment
- Own use production work
 - Goods
 - Services
- Volunteer work
- Unpaid trainee work
- Other work activities

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- 1 Employment and related activities (11+12)
- 2 Production of goods for own final use
- 3 Provision of services for own final use
- 4 Unpaid caregiving services for household members and related activities
- 5 Unpaid volunteer, trainee and compulsory work
 - 51 Unpaid direct volunteering for other households
 - 52 Unpaid community and organization based volunteering
 - 53 Gaining skills or workplace experience by unpaid trainees, apprentices, interns and related activities
 - 54 Compulsory unpaid work activities

5 Unpaid Volunteer, trainee and compulsory work

51		Unpaid direct volunteering for other households
	511	Volunteer household maintenance and management
	512	Volunteer shopping/purchasing goods and services
	513	Volunteer construction, renovation and repairs of dwellings and other structures
	514	Volunteer repairs of consumer and household goods
	515	Volunteer baby and childcare and instruction
	516	Volunteer care for the elderly and dependent adults or children
	517	Volunteer unpaid help in unincorporated enterprises owned by other households
	519	Other activities related to direct volunteer work for other households (n.e.c.)

5 Unpaid Volunteer, trainee and compulsory work (2)

52	Unpaid community - and organization-based volunteering	
	521	Community- and organization-based volunteer work on road/building repair, clearing and preparing community land, cleaning (streets, markets, etc.)
	522	Community- and organization-based volunteer cooking or other activities for schools, for collective celebrations, rites, etc.
	523	Community- and organization-based volunteer recreation and sports activities
	524	Community- and organization-based volunteer assistance to villages, other sub-locations
	525	Community- and organization-based volunteer assistance to families and individuals
	526	Community- and organization-based volunteer office/administrative work
	527	Community- and organization-based volunteer leading of groups
	528	Search for unpaid community- and organization-based volunteering and related activity
	529	Other activities related to community- and organization-based volunteering (n.e.c.)



ILO Manual on the measurement of volunteer work



- http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---stat/documents/publication/wcms_162119.pdf

Thank you