

Towards the
2025 SNA

SNA Chapter 34 : Measuring well-being

AEG consultation feedback
and proposed responses

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Process for drafting Chapter 34

- Guidance notes drafted on many well-being topics followed by global consultation
- Preparation and discussion of annotated outline
- Two main versions drafted since August 2023
 - version prepared for Key reviewers
 - versions prepared for review by AEG

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Key themes in feedback

- Some concern that the role of the SNA needs to be better explained in the sense of clarifying whether this chapter is providing definitive recommendations for measurement.
 - In this context, is the expectation that countries will compile relevant estimates and accounts as described in the chapter as part of implementation of the SNA? For example, is measuring unpaid household service work required for the implementation of the SNA and if not, what is the expectation?
- Clarify the intended scope of well-being with respect to economic / material well-being and the links to other measures/components.
 - This will be refined in re-drafting building also on the feedback received in relation to Chapter 2 from Global Consultation.
- Clarify the intentions with respect to providing more detailed guidance on the various topics, in particular how detailed material from Guidance Notes will be used.
 - The general intention is to ensure that appropriate supporting guidance and explanation is provided, acknowledging this will not be included in the Chapter itself or elsewhere in the SNA.

Key themes in feedback

- Incorporate some discussion on the links to measures of outcomes, in particular in the context of volume measures of health and education and the need to account for quality change.
 - In this context, is the expectation that countries will compile relevant estimates and accounts as described in the chapter as part of implementation of the SNA? For example, is measuring unpaid household service work required for the implementation of the SNA and if not, what is the expectation?
- Clarify further a number of aspects concerning the measurement of unpaid household service work, including the categories of unpaid work, links to volunteering, connections to health and education.
 - Intend to work with the relevant Working Group to develop appropriate text to cover these issues, recognizing that there is a limited amount of detail that can be incorporated in this Chapter.

Key themes in feedback

- Clarify aspects of the definition of households to be applied in the sequence of economic accounts, distributional accounts and unpaid household service work accounts, in particular concerning the treatment of families, the links to organization based volunteering and definitions applied by the ILO
 - These are important issues to support co-ordinated measurement and propose to work with a small group of experts to consider the relevant issues and establish options for consideration.
- Undertake further work on stylized tables
 - Intend to work further with relevant experts to put in place relevant account and table structures.
- Develop further the connections across the various topics – e.g. unpaid household service work, time use, and human capital
 - It is agreed that highlighting these connections should be a core role of the chapter.

Other themes in feedback

- Clarify links to new classifications – e.g. concerning balance sheet classifications that include natural capital – **To be considered in re-drafting**
- Highlight the potential of linking micro and macro data to support compilation of data on distributions - **To be considered in re-drafting**
- Highlight further the relevance of actual final consumption in the measurement of well-being – **To be considered in re-drafting**