




# **Modernizing time use surveys in line with international standards and using the latest technologies**

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# Importance of time-use statistics



Quality of life  
Travel  
Unpaid domestic work  
Leisure  
Volunteer work  
Environment/energy  
Gender  
Learning  
Unpaid care work  
Health  
Paid work



Indicator 5.4.1

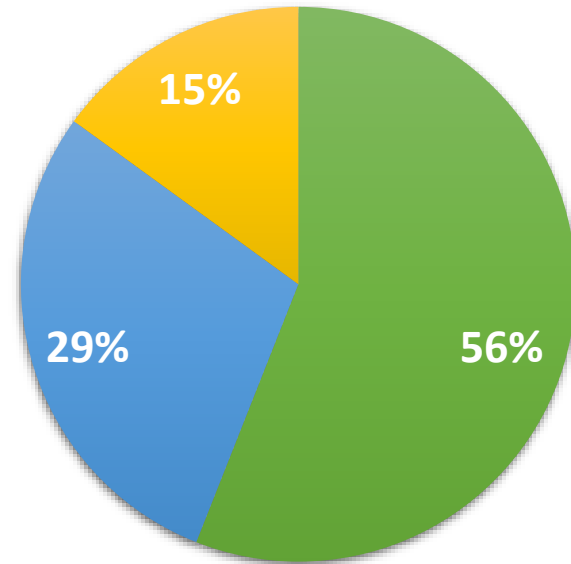
Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex, age and location



# Indicator 5.4.1 in SDGs global database

- **~90** countries between 2000-2017, with data disaggregated by sex
  - Approximately, **90%** with further disaggregation by type of unpaid work;
  - Age: about a **40%** with the recommended age-groups;
  - Location (U/R): about **40%** with disaggregation by urban and rural

But can we assess progress over time?

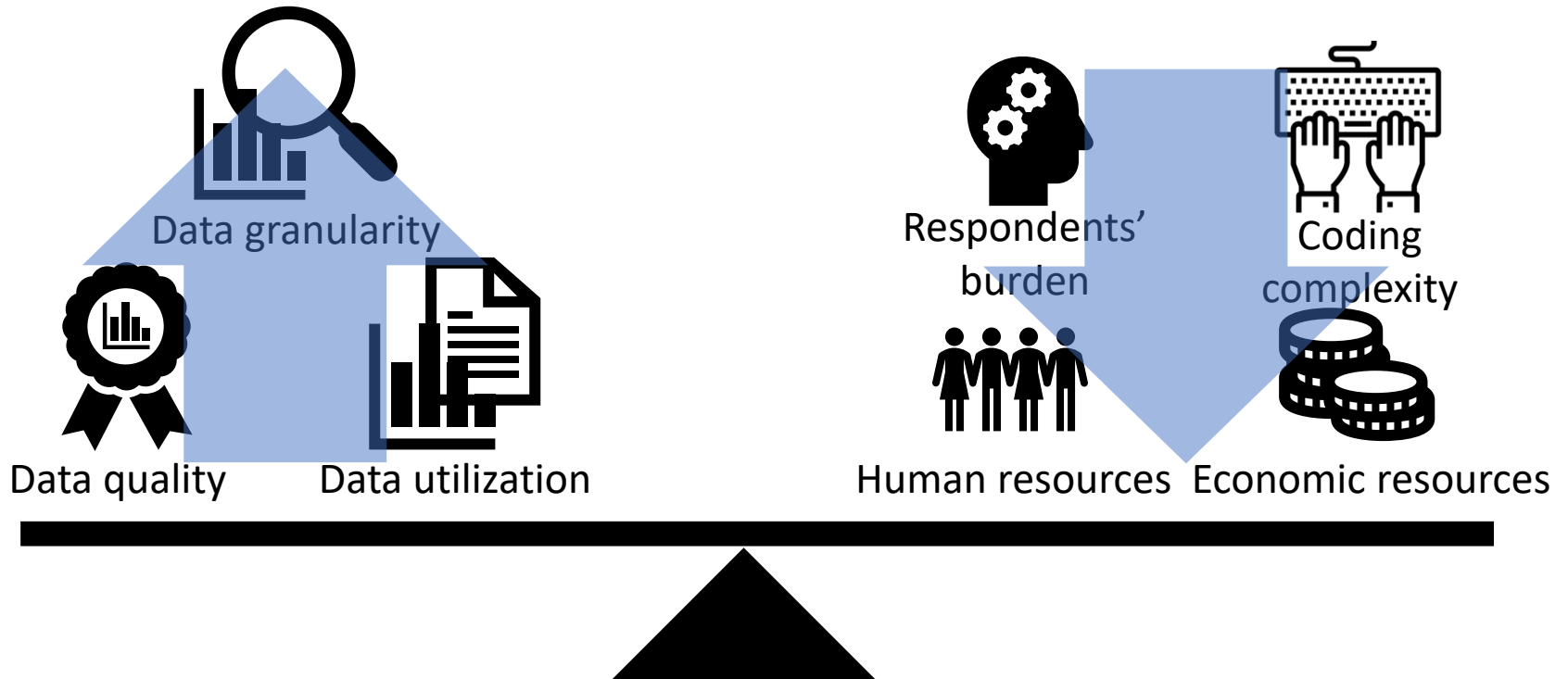


■ 1 data point ■ 2 data points ■ 3 or more data points

**=> Need for more regularly collected time- use data**



# Challenges faced by NSOs with TUS



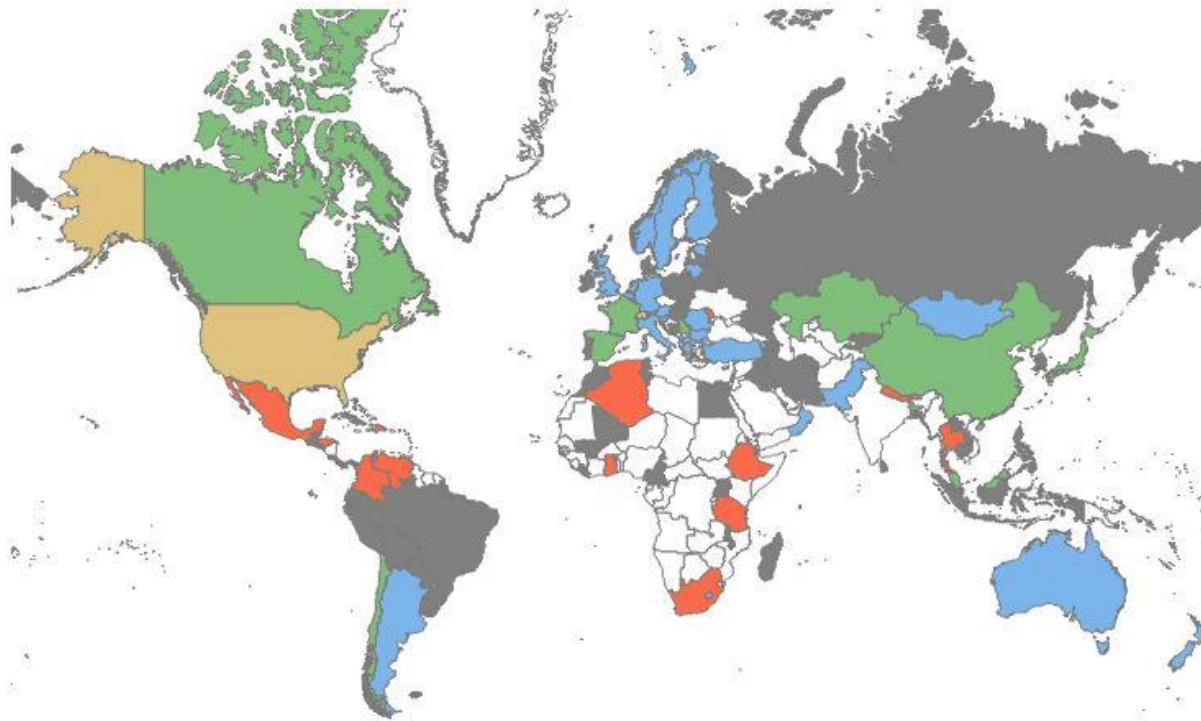
**Instruments & mode of data collection**





# Snapshot of modes used by countries

Around 100 countries that have collected time-use data since 2000:



**Face to face  
interview: 15**

**CATI: 2**

**Self-reported  
paper diary: 31**

**Mixed mode: 10**

**Not yet identified:  
47**

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## Next steps

**Overall objective:** to improve national capacity in producing comprehensive time use data that meet international standards and use the latest technologies

- Data collection mode effect
- Comparative study of diaries vs. stylized questions using digital data collection modes, including in developing countries
- Need and implications of having a reference day in the survey
- How to better utilize available mobile networks for TU data collection
- Combining time diaries with summary questions for collecting information about infrequent activities requiring further probing



## Next steps: activities

- Update UN guidelines to collect TUS data, starting with draft concept framework release by 2019  
refer to 2020 HETUS guideline while updating
- Test/pilot in interested countries representing different regions starting 2020 and provide assistance.
- Update methodological guidelines that would be presented to UN statistical commission in 2022. During 2023, they will be finalized and promoted across countries.





**Thank you!**

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