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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM)	
<i>Statement:</i> Malaysia through the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) fully supports the establishment of Inter-secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys (ISWGHS). In general, Malaysia also agrees with the Terms of Reference that have been outlined.  Malaysia appreciates the ISWGHS efforts especially in coordinating the international support and funding for household surveys. Besides that, Malaysia also greatly appreciate the methodological development that has been and is being implemented namely, “Standards for education spending estimates based on household survey data”, “Measuring food consumption in household survey”, “Development and testing of a survey module on SDG 16 indicators for inclusion in ongoing household survey” and “Promotion of consistent measurement of paid and unpaid work activities”.  However, efforts related to the methodological development can be further improved on certain areas; <b>firstly</b> , the secretariat should consider a new taskforce on integrating data from various modes of data collection especially in terms of weighting procedures. <b>Secondly</b> , longitudinal study is pertinent in observing the developments or changes within the characteristics of the target population at both household and individual levels given a period of time. Therefore, we would like to suggest that the secretariat reviews the methodology of longitudinal studies. <b>Thirdly</b> , ISWGHS also should look into the conduct of face to face mode of data collection of household surveys due to COVID-19 pandemic.  In time of this pandemic situation, it is agreeable that better strategies need to be applied when conducting household surveys whilst adopting the new norms. Hence, Malaysia as one of the ISWGHS members has submitted feedbacks on a paper namely “Global Toolkit on Gender Data Work”.	
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