Socio-demographic disaggregation of National Accounts

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The Trailer
We are living in a unique moment in human history.

Population age structure is changing throughout the world.
A generation ago (1990), most of the world lived in “child-abundant” countries where children were the largest population group.
Today, “elderly-abundant” societies have emerged in a few countries; where persons 60+ form the largest population group in the country.
Within a generation (2050), these “elderly-abundant” societies will spread throughout the world.

Percent of world population living in countries where largest age group is:

- 0 to 19: 31%
- 20 to 39: 13%
- 40 to 59: 21%
- 60+: 36%
By the end of this century, most of humanity will be living in these “elderly-abundant” societies.

Percent of world population living in countries where largest age group is:

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We need to transform National Accounts into an instrument that allows us to see, to understand, and to adapt to these changes.

This means focusing on the economic lives of individuals – from birth until death. This requires distributing the economic aggregates derived from National Accounts to individuals by age; by age and gender; and by age and socio-economic group.
DESA produces manuals and provides technical assistance in measuring national economic activity disaggregated by population groups:

- By age
- By gender
- By socio-economic group

Manuals:
- National Transfer Accounts (2013)
- National Time Transfer Accounts (2022)
- National Inclusion Accounts (2025)
These disaggregated National Accounts are being estimated by a global network of 67 country teams.
On April 21st, we will hear from these experts.

The estimation and use of National Transfer Accounts (NTA) in different world regions
・ The adoption of NTA as part of Colombia’s national statistics
・ Inequality in Brazil and Chile
・ National Accounts by family type and education level in Austria
・ Counting women’s work
・ How disaggregated National Accounts combine for a richer picture of the national economy.