Counting Women's Work and Policy Planning

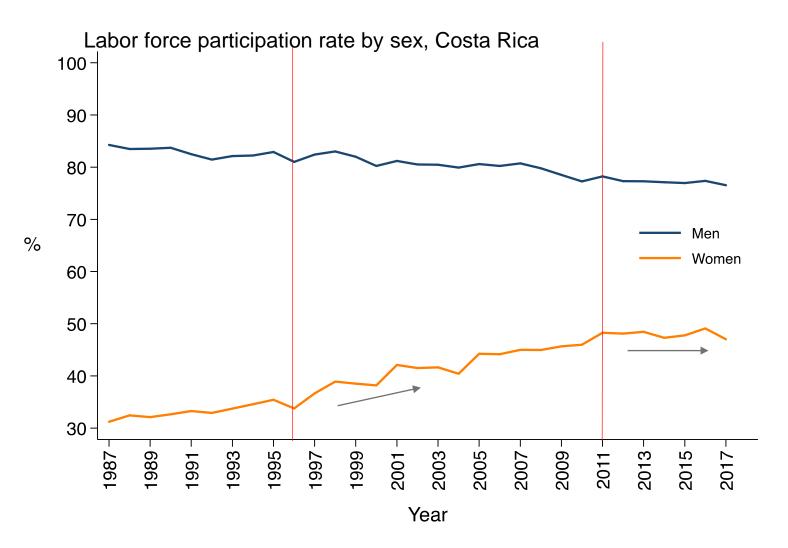
Linking results with policy - the case of Costa Rica

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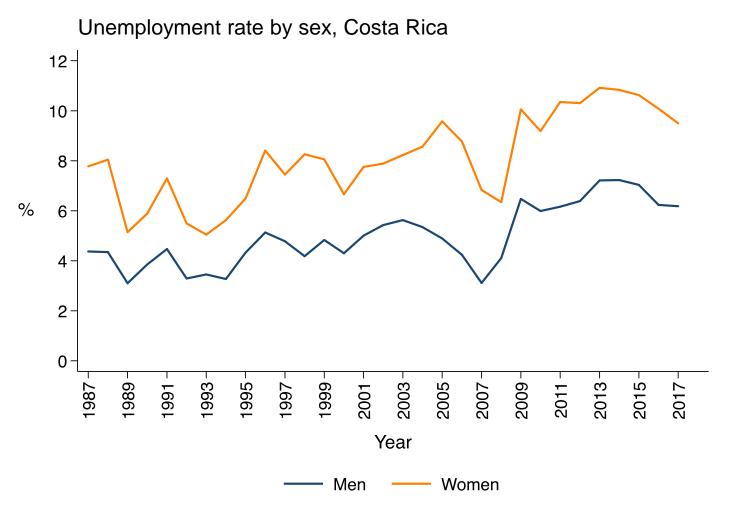


Cultural and social transformation





Women experience more adverse conditions in the labor market





Greater proportion of women unemployed for personal reasons

Population distribution by type of unemployment and gender, Costa Rica, 1st quarter 2018 (percentage)







Women do most of the unpaid work and childcare

13% GDP (GAM)

Newborns demand 4.5 hours of exclusive childcare per day





Simulation:

What is the time use "cost" of an increase in women's labor force participation?



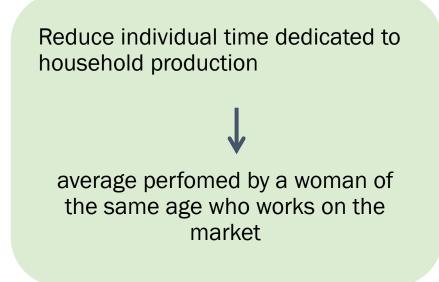
Simulation

Increase female labor force participation by 4 percentage points

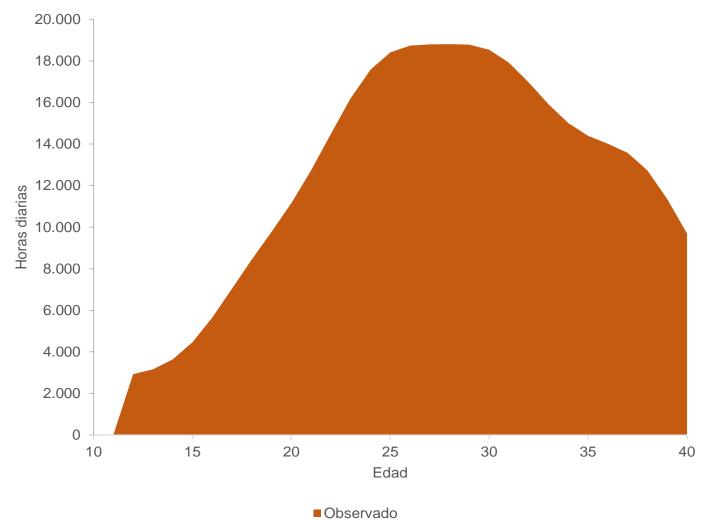
Women not working \rightarrow market

Theoretical scenario

Impact on time use

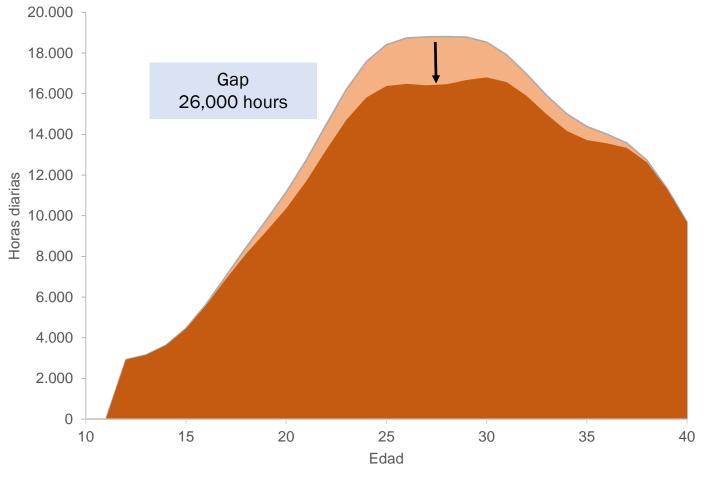






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1. Reallocate to the market

- High cost means not available for all women. Wage \approx price of childcare
- 2. Public policies
 - Costa Rica has a public childcare network only available for women in poverty, not national coverage.
 - Entrepreneurship as an alternative
 - Co-responsibility programs

3. Change legislation

- The law delegates childcare to women: Maternity leave (4 months)
- Paternity leave: Could reduce discrimation against women in the labor market and may reduce imbalance in house work.

Public policies targeting gender imbalance in housework might be a preventive measure

• In the accelerating aging process of Costa Rica: Who will take care of our elderly population?



Our experience with policy makers and media

Ministry of Women's Affairs

Organization of private corporations

National radio

Newspapers

TV interviews



1. Disseminating academic results should be one of our goals



2. Translate results: From academia to the media





Media



Andrew Mason from East West Center on China's retirement age

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CCTV America's Rachelle Akuffo interviewed Andrew Mason , a senior fellow at the East-West Center and professor of economics at University of Hawaii about China's retirement and



3. Connect results with national problems

Policy makers seek inputs and solutions to solve national problems





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4. Collaborate



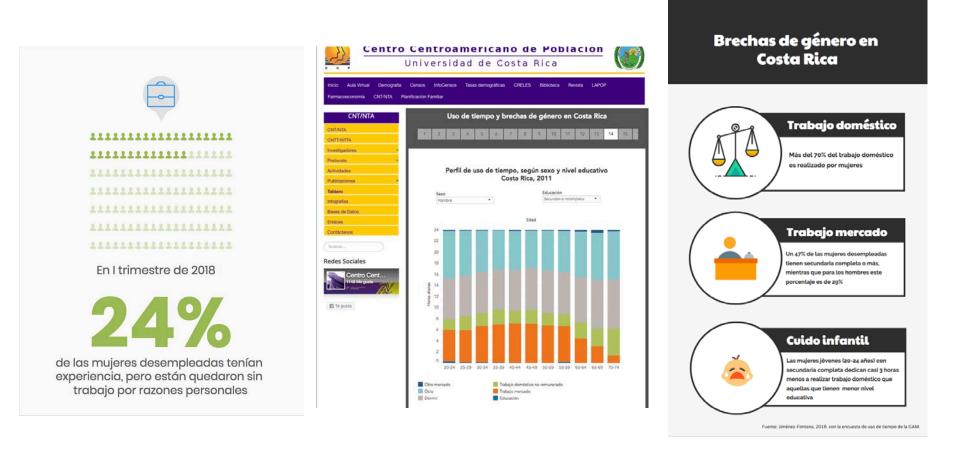
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5. Take advantage of different platforms to disseminate your results





How to connect with policy makers?

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- 4. Collaborate
- 5. Take advantage of different platforms to disseminate results
- 6. Be consistent

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