## **Counting Women's Work and Policy Planning**

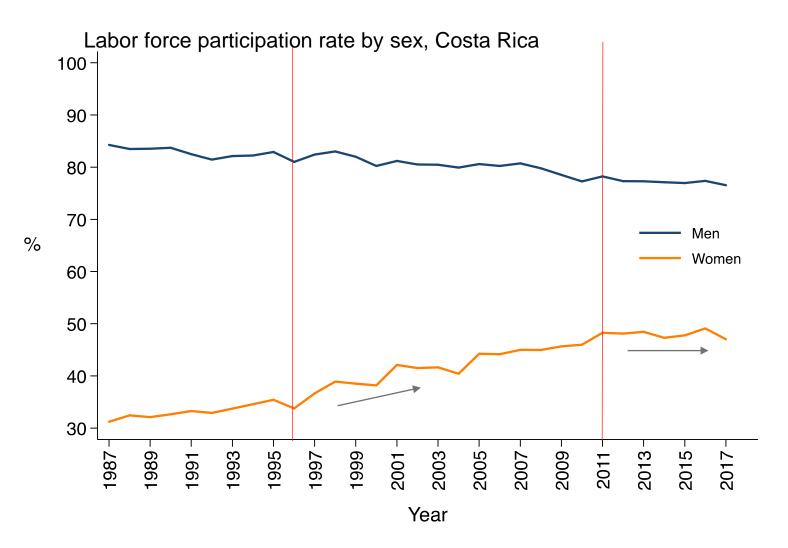
#### Linking results with policy - the case of Costa Rica

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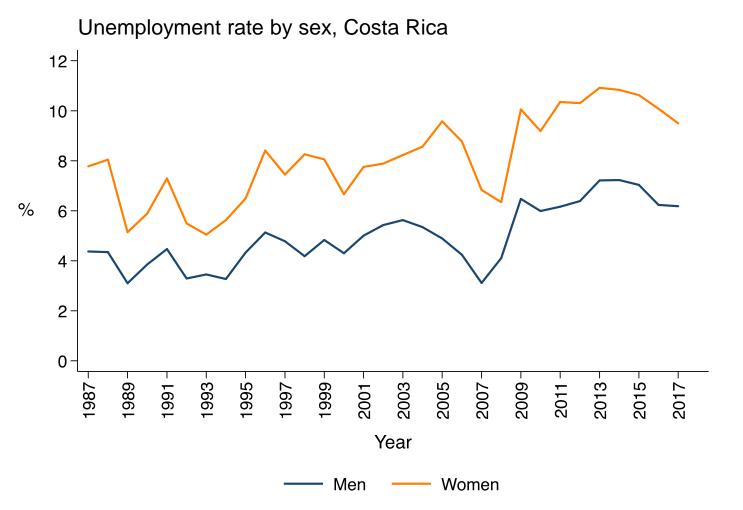


#### **Cultural and social transformation**





# 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?



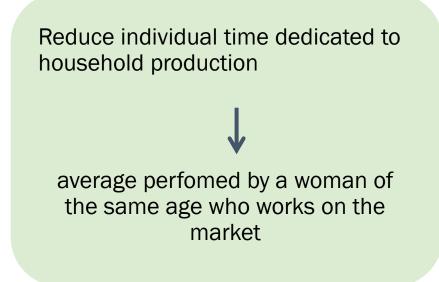
## Simulation

Increase female labor force participation by 4 percentage points

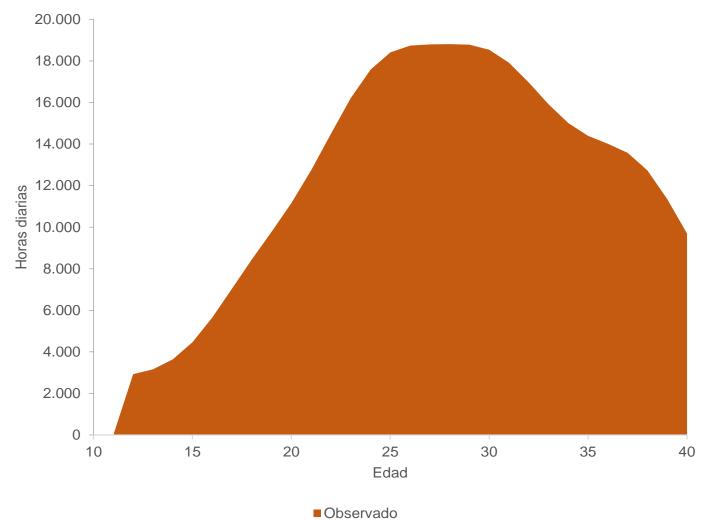
Women not working  $\rightarrow$  market

**Theoretical scenario** 

Impact on time use

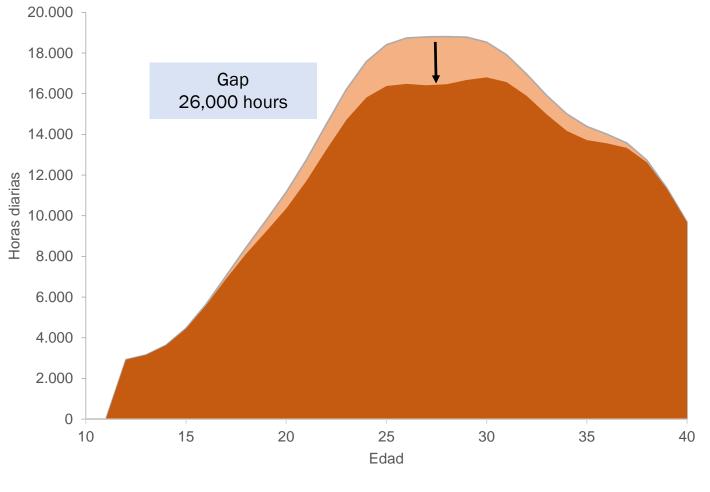






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#### 1. Reallocate to the market

- 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



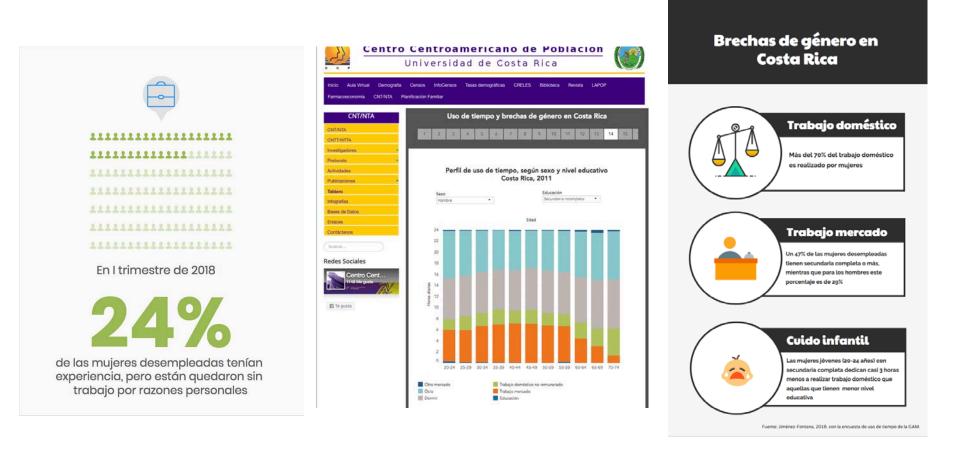
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# 5. Take advantage of different platforms to disseminate your results





## How to connect with policy makers?

- 1. Disseminating academic results should be one of our goals
- 2. Connect results with national problems
- 3. Translate results from academia to the media
- 4. Collaborate
- 5. Take advantage of different platforms to disseminate results
- 6. Be consistent

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