

# FROM US \$30 TO US \$20: ON HOW TO SUPPORT FAMILY CAREGIVING AND MAKE IT A LEGITIMATE CHOICE

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# Objectives

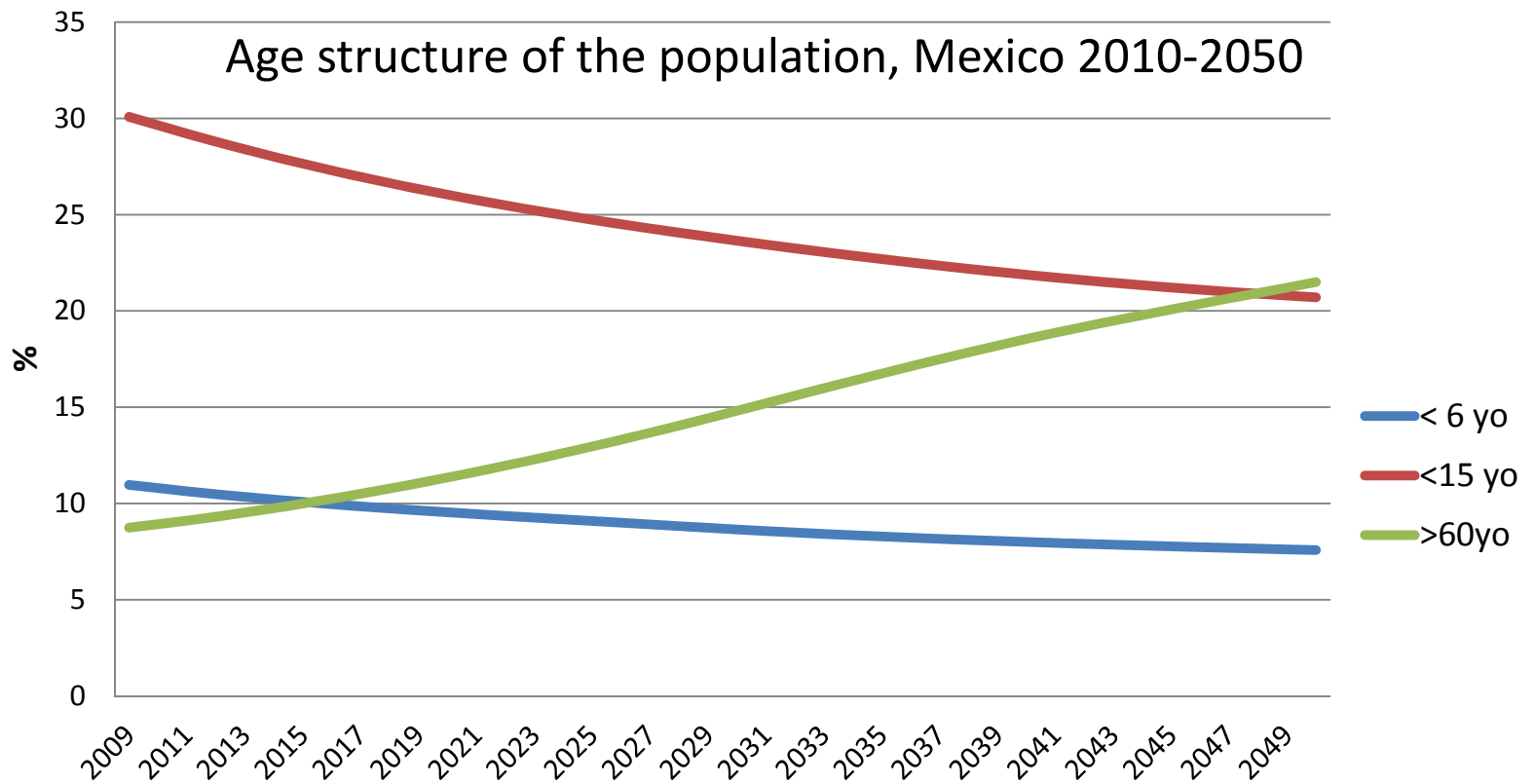
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Use time use, paid labor and population projections information to:

- Understand how unpaid family care responsibilities are distributed between men and women
- Estimate how much one would have to compensate family caregivers for their time
- Analyze how population change affects care demands and this compensation, if family/society roles remained unchanged

# Why do we care?

## Population change and increasing needs in a context of poor social security systems



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Gender agenda: Tensions between different women's demands, responsibilities and advancements

↑ Schooling and paid work  
(Access to information and \$)

Caregiving, Household work  
↓ Lack of recognition, time  
restriction

↑ Recognition

Leisure

Inequality of  
opportunities

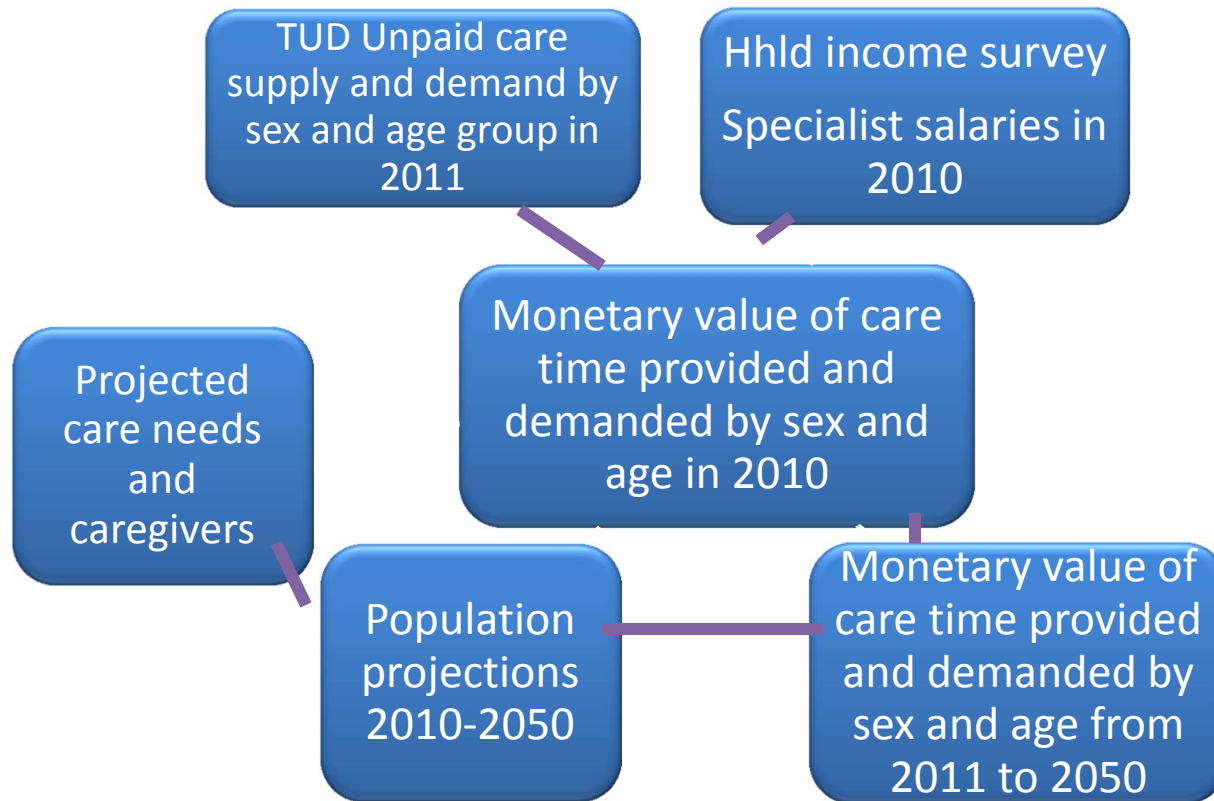
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## Economic agenda:

- How are the investments in women's human capital recovered over the short and the long term?
- What changes can we make to promote a better use of these resources, in a way that both men and women (and the different generations) benefit?

# Methodology



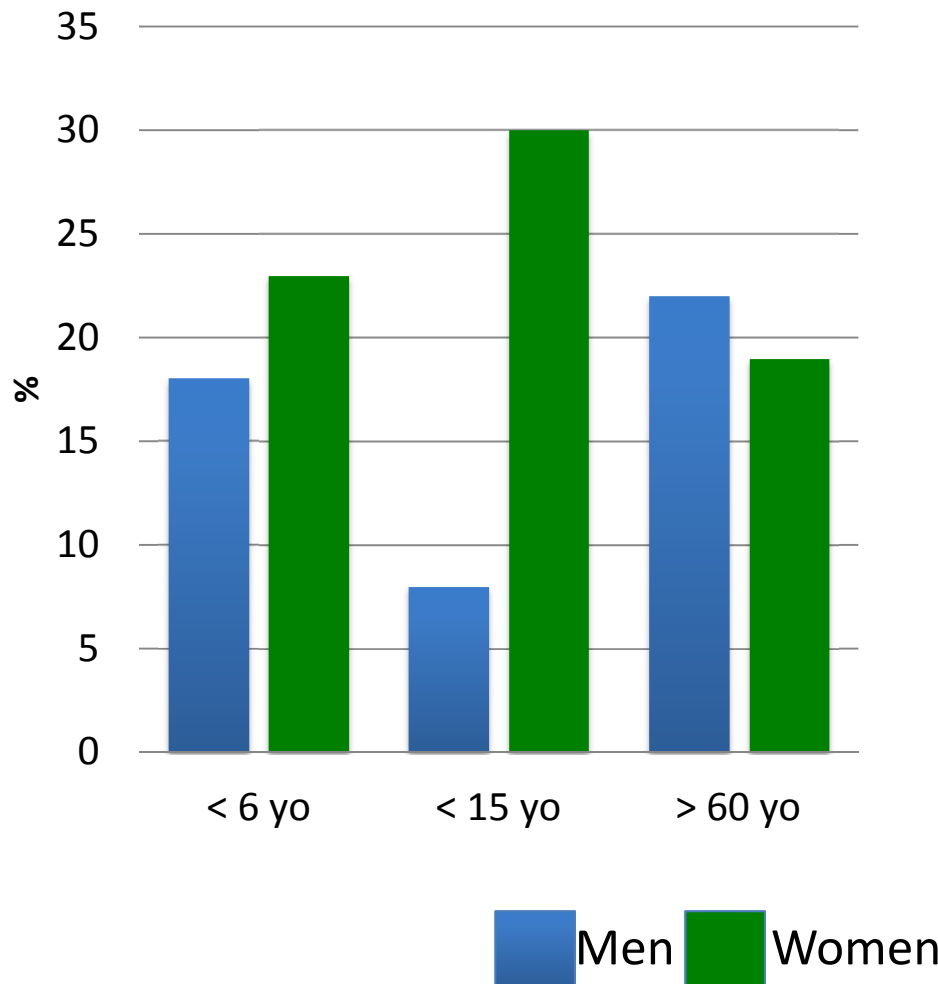
# Underlying assumptions/ caveats

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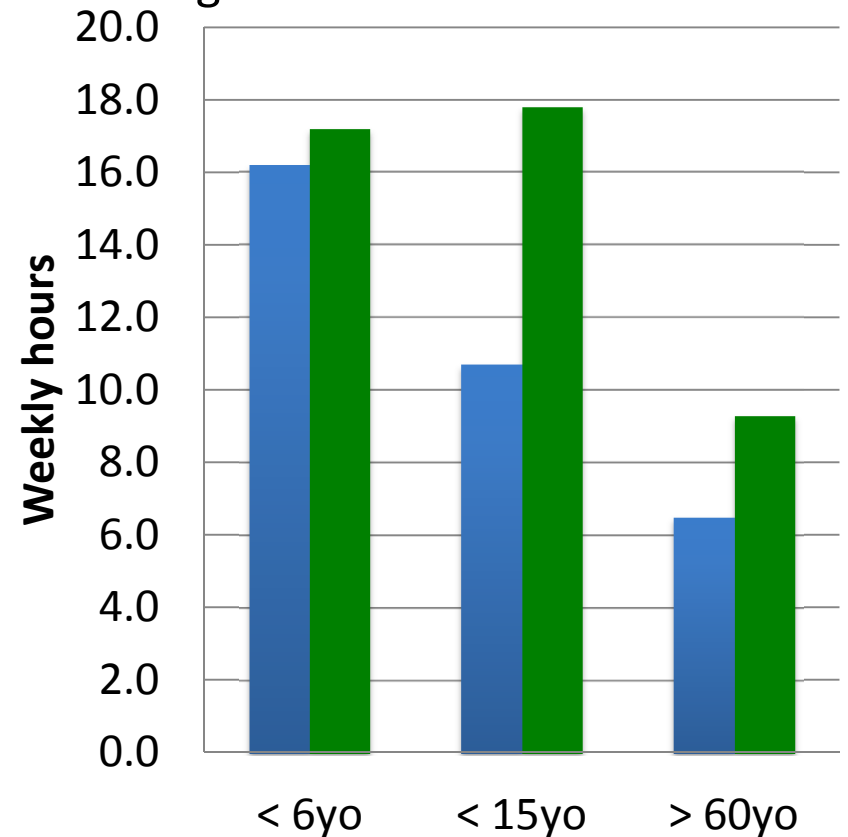
- The demand and offer of care by sex and age within households remain the same
- We cannot know who is not well cared for, nor who will not be well cared for in the future

# To consider when estimating a fair contribution

Available men and women who are effective caregivers (%)



Average care time of effective caregivers



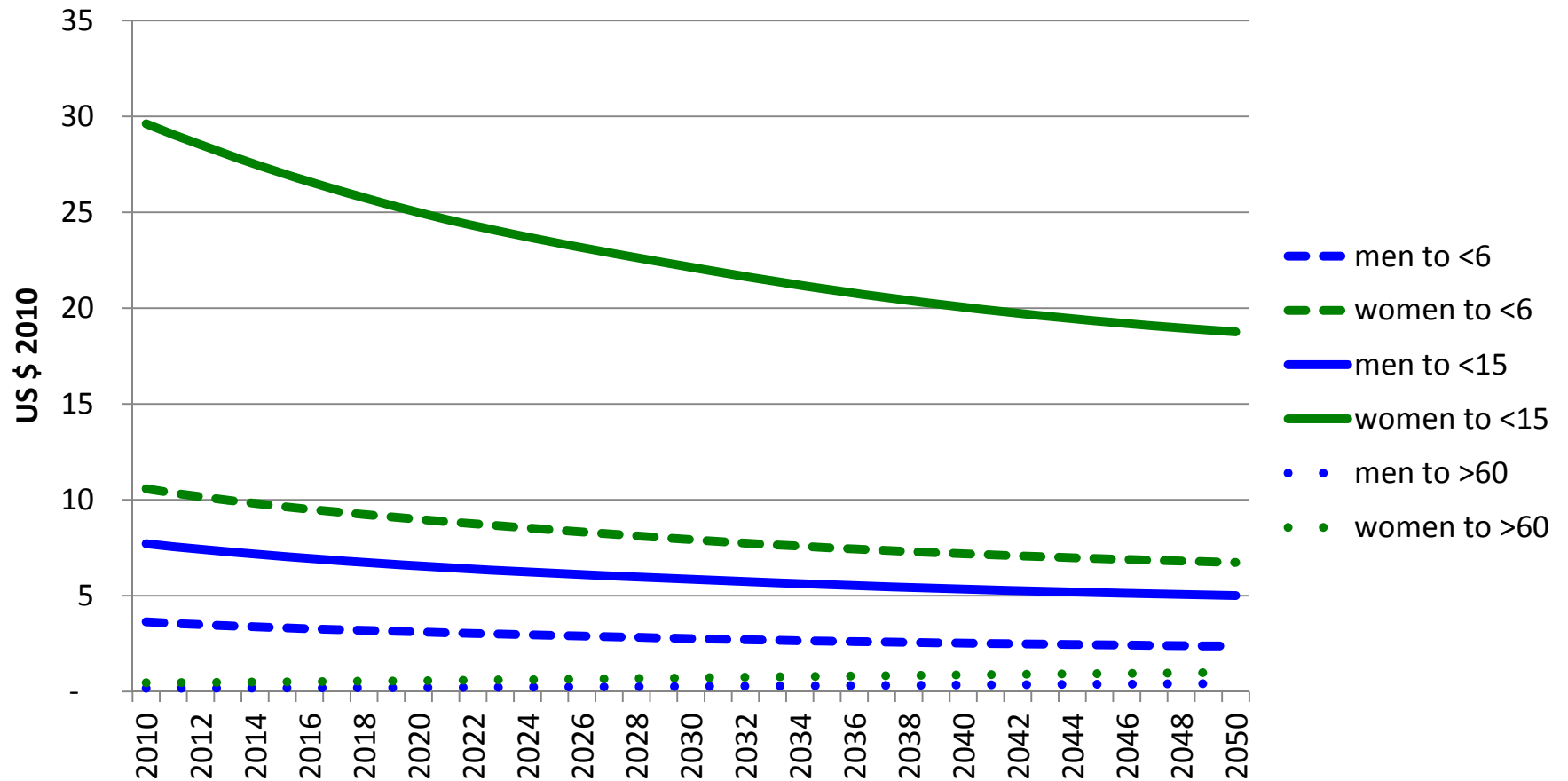


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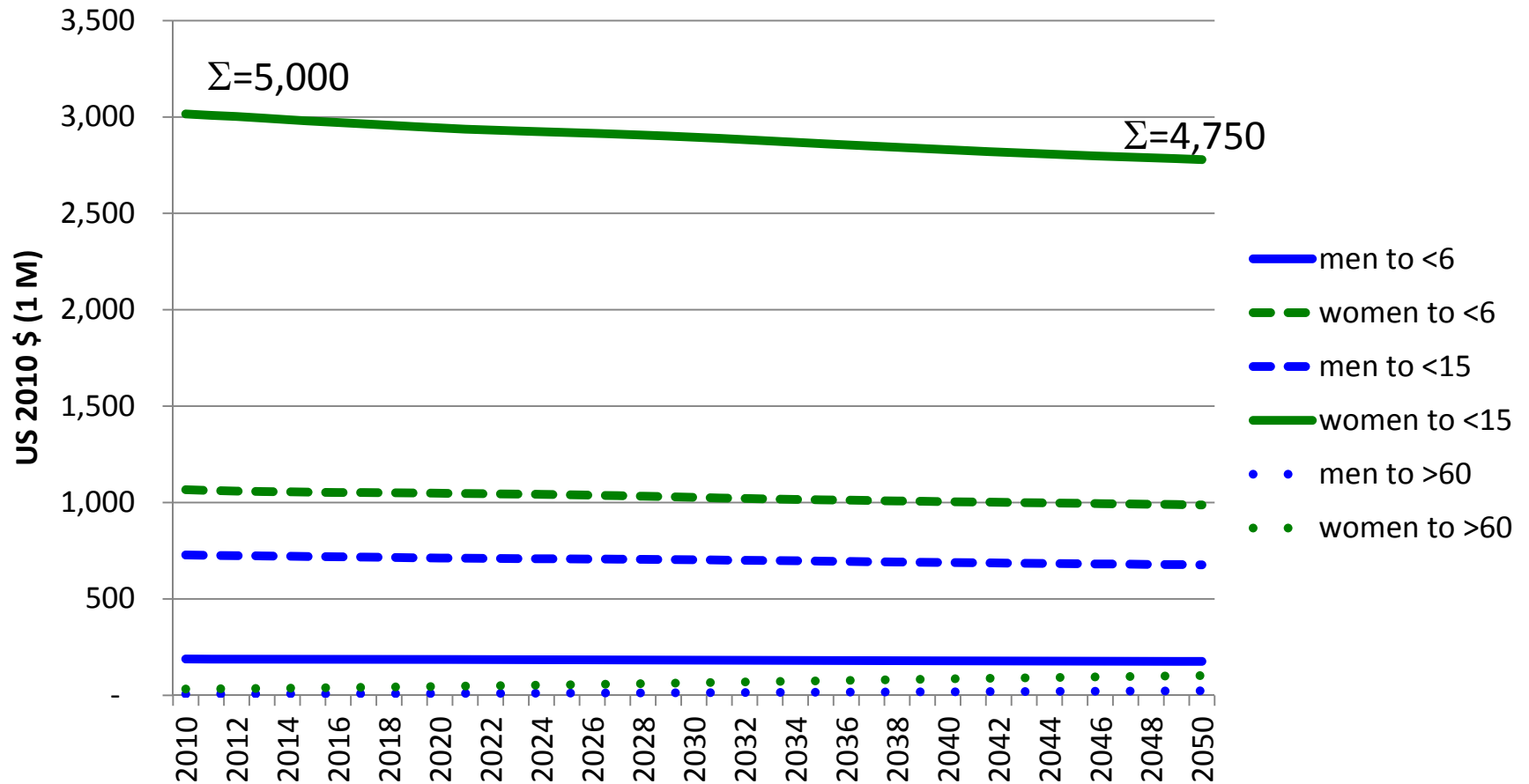
Caregiver's sex	Type of care	Effective caregivers (%)	Time of effective caregivers	\$ value of care provided by effective caregivers (US\$ 2010)	\$ value of care provided by potential caregivers (US\$ 2010)	Additional \$ contribution of effective caregivers (US\$ 2010) (E)=(C)-(D)
		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
σ	< 6 yo	12	16.2	5	2	4
	< 15 yo	18	10.7	16	5	10
	> 60 yo	8	6.5	4	1	1
φ	< 6 yo	23	17.2	11	2	10
	< 15 yo	30	17.8	26	5	30
	> 60 yo	19	9.3	5	1	1

\* Per week estimates

# Family caregivers weekly compensation 2010 to 2050



# Total expenditure on family caregivers weekly compensation 2010 to 2050



# Final remarks

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- Paying family caregivers would cost US\$5,000 M; this amount will change over time to US\$ 4,750 M
  - Individual contribution varies between US \$30 and US \$1
  - This is less than the benefits of some cash transfer programs, but can help to decrease the stigma of care work as women's work
  - Can also serve as a transition phase for women from the house to the paid economy
- To estimate real benefits over the long term, we need to see what happens when estimations are done with opportunity costs



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