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What are the main issues for the TU&G WG?

- Methodological issues
- Where we are going with all of this?
- Sharpening the “pitch”
 - What are NTA’s comparative advantages to address gender and household production?
 - What are the policy questions we will be able to answer?

Methodological Issues

- What parts of the basic methodology do we still disagree on (see next slide)?
- Can we develop methodology to use time use data when it is not part of a complete TU survey?
- Robert's issues about bias in imputed consumption estimates?

Gender in NTA

National Time Transfer Accounts

Identify household production activities in TU survey (expansive definition)

Count time spent in productive activities (no multi-tasking for x-country comparison)

Estimate per capita age profile of household production in time units

Impute consumption by regression for care, equally for general household

Estimate transfers removing consumption of own-produced activities

Attribute a wage to each type of activity (specialist replacement, with adjustments for fringe benefits/supplements to earnings)

National Transfer Accounts

Calculate single-sex NTA

Calculate age profiles by sex using same NTA methodology

Adjust two-sex age profiles at each age to be consistent with single-sex profiles

Use regression instead of EAC weights

Change definition of household head

Regression for general household activities, too?

Generalist?

Adjust for rel. productivity by age or activity?

No adjustments for supplements?

I think the parts shown in green are the only parts of the methodology that:
a. Matter a lot to the results
b. We still disagree on

Where are we going with this?

- Develop a group of NTA coordinators?
- Develop a group of outside experts to serve on an advisory panel?
- Try to get a book published?
- Special issue of a journal?
- How to evaluate/review to insure quality and consistency of methodolog?

Sharpening the “pitch”

- What are NTA’s comparative advantages to address gender and household production?
 - Age focus
 - NTA + NTTA system has complete set of flow
 - not just production
 - can be combined with complete set of market flows
- What are the policy questions we will be able to answer?