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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

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Identify household production activities in TU survey (expansive definition)

Calculate single-sex NTA

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

Calculate age profiles by sex using same NTA methodology

Use regression instead of EAC weights

Estimate per capita age profile of household production in time units

Change definition of household head

Regression for general household activities, too?

Impute consumption by regression for care, equally for general household

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

Estimate transfers removing consumption of own-produced activities

*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*

Generalist?

Adjust for rel. productivity by age or activity?

No adjustments for supplements?

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

# 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?