About the book

Unpaid work, across the world, is an area that has generally been neglected by economists as well as development actors. Yet the amount of unpaid work done and the manner in which its burden is distributed have important implications for the well-being of individuals and households, as well as for any economy’s growth and dynamism.

This book establishes the necessity of measuring and incorporating unpaid work in analysing the critical concerns of an economy. As a first step, it focuses on gathering quality statistics and methodologies required to conduct time-use surveys in moving towards integrating unpaid work in policymaking.

After assessing various time-use surveys from the Global South—Asia Pacific, Latin America, and Africa—the book shows why time-use data is essential for understanding critical socio-economic concerns. It presents different analytical tools that deal with estimating income and time poverty, understanding employment and unemployment, improving gender budgeting, and analysing the impact of various macroeconomic policies on paid and unpaid work.

The book, thus, provides important insights for moving towards gender equality, women’s empowerment, as also the overall well-being and inclusive development of a nation.

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