

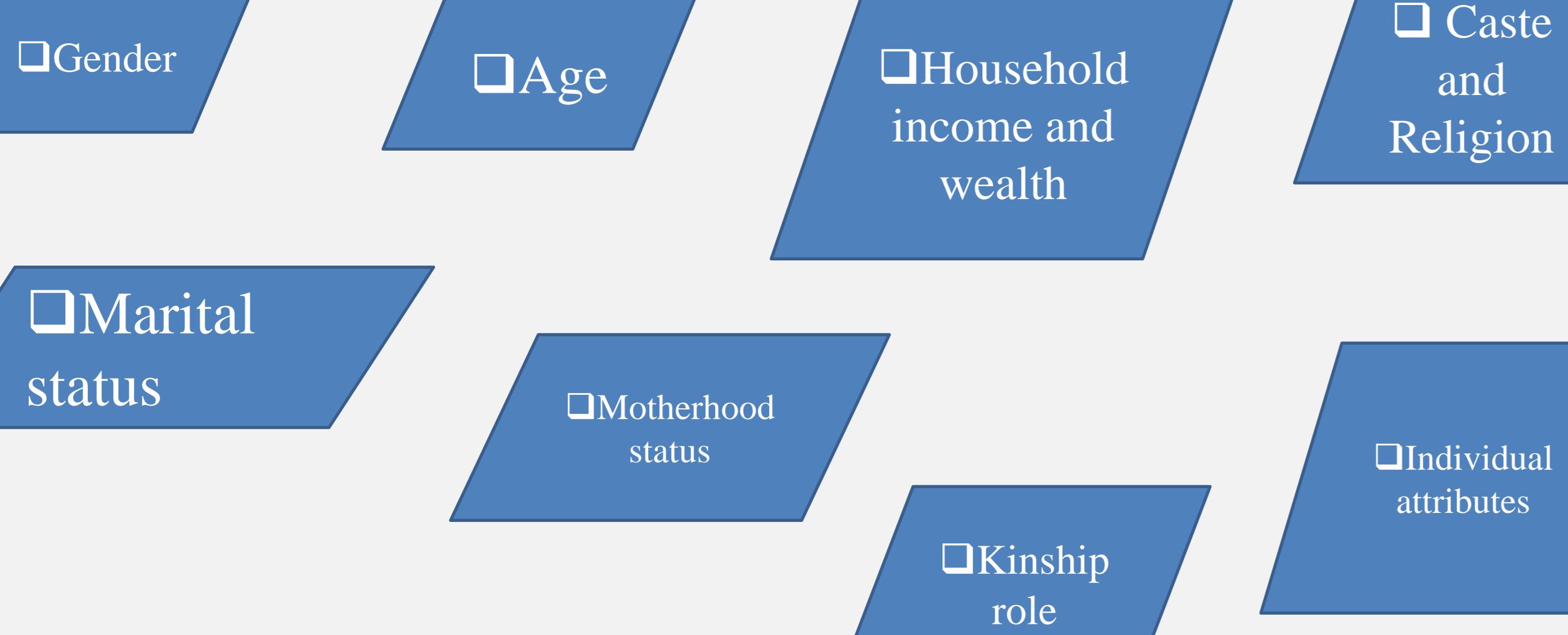
A Study of Unpaid Domestic and Care Works in India and its Policy Implications

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Introduction

- Unpaid domestic works and care works are indispensable for human survival.
- The value of these works and the economic contribution of people engaged in these works remain mostly unrecognized, undervalued and unrewarded.
- Market is considered as the core of value in economics, but these unpaid household and care works having tremendous economic and non economic values are not marketed specially in developing countries.

Factors affecting participation in unpaid domestic and care works

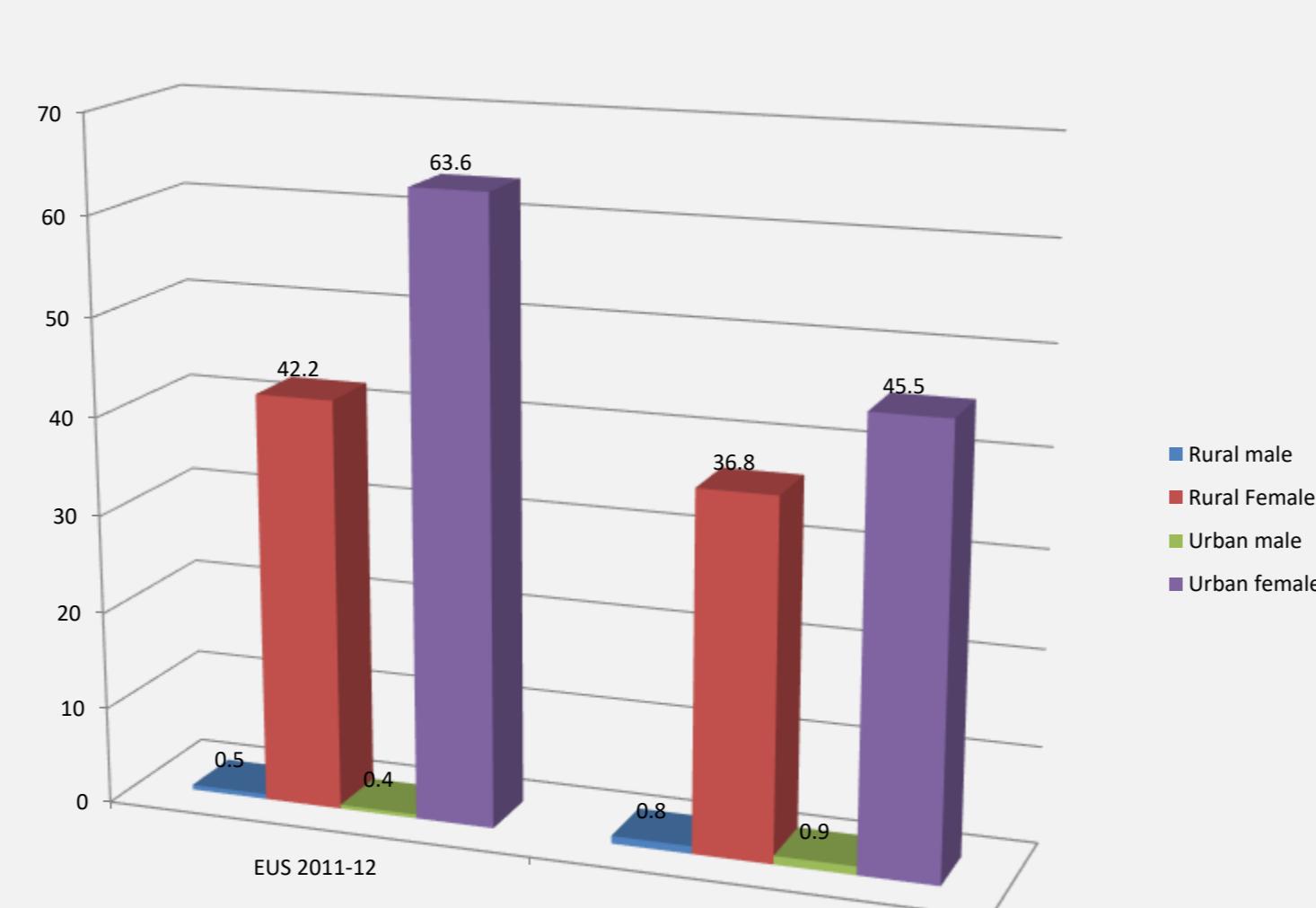


Measuring domestic labour in India using data from labour force surveys

Table 1: Percentage of persons engaged in Domestic Duty {according to the usual status (ps+ss)}

Survey	Rural male	Rural female	Urban male	Urban female
EUS 2011-12	0.5	42.2	0.4	63.6
PLFS 2019-20	0.8	36.8	0.94	45.5

Fig 1: Percentage of persons engaged in Domestic Duty {according to the usual status (ps+ss)}



Measuring time use in unpaid domestic and care works in India using Time use surveys

Table 2: Average weekly hours spent on Extended SNA Activities

Rural male	Rural female	Urban male	Urban female
3.74	33.95	3.44	36.44

Time-use statistics are basically quantitative summaries of how individuals allocate their time over a specified time period, typically over 24 hours of a day or over the seven days of a week on different activities and how much time they spend on each of these activities. Time use survey also gives information about the extensive picture of the time spent on various activities as classified by 'UN-SNA' system. Extended SNA activities broadly include the unpaid domestic and care works such as household maintenance, care for children, sick and elderly etc.

Source: Narasimhan and Pandey (1999)
Author's own calculation based on pilot time use survey 1998-99 of India

Research Objectives (In Progress)

- To explore the determinants of participation rate of women in unpaid domestic and care works in India.
- To explore the determinants of time use of women in unpaid domestic and care works in India.
- To explore the inter-community time use pattern in unpaid domestic and care works in Assam with the help of the primary data.

Method and data sources

- **Method:** This study will adopt empirical method using econometric model to fulfill the research objectives.
- **Data sources:**
- Employment and Unemployment Survey of NSSO
 - Periodic Labour Force Survey of NSO
 - Pilot time use survey, 1998-99
 - Time use survey, 2019
 - Primary survey based on Assam

A Gendered Perspective

- Gender based inequality is the most prominent feature of unpaid household and care works.
- This is persistent across geographical location, time, social system and tradition.
- This unequal distribution of housework and care work has a historical background and has tremendous implications for present gendered division of labour and also for undermining social and economic status of women

Policy Implications

Make visible the invisible or unpaid economy in policy and welfare regime.

➤ Recognition:

Proper recognition of these works at community and policy level, proper measurement and valuation of these works in labour and National Income Statistics.

➤ Reduction:

Greater accessibility and availability of affordable time and labour saving technology.

➤ Redistribution:

Greater involvement of people across gender, the state and community based organization and civil society organizations .

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