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We hope that the report will meet the needs of users and stimulate constructive debates addressing unpaid domestic and care work in Kenya.

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01 INTRODUCTION

Household production is essentially the production of goods and services by household members for their own final consumption. These activities are classified as unpaid work given that they are generally performed without payment, whether in cash or in-kind. Unpaid work has three components: unpaid production of goods for own final use; unpaid household services and unpaid volunteer work. Measuring Unpaid Domestic and Care Work (UDCW) is crucial in promotion of gender equality and empowerment of women and girls.

The System of National Accounts (SNA), which is an international framework for measuring economic activities in a country, does not include UDCW, well-being. The SNA, however, allows for the development of a Household Satellite Account (HSA). Specifically, a HSA is developed to estimate the economic value of UDCW.

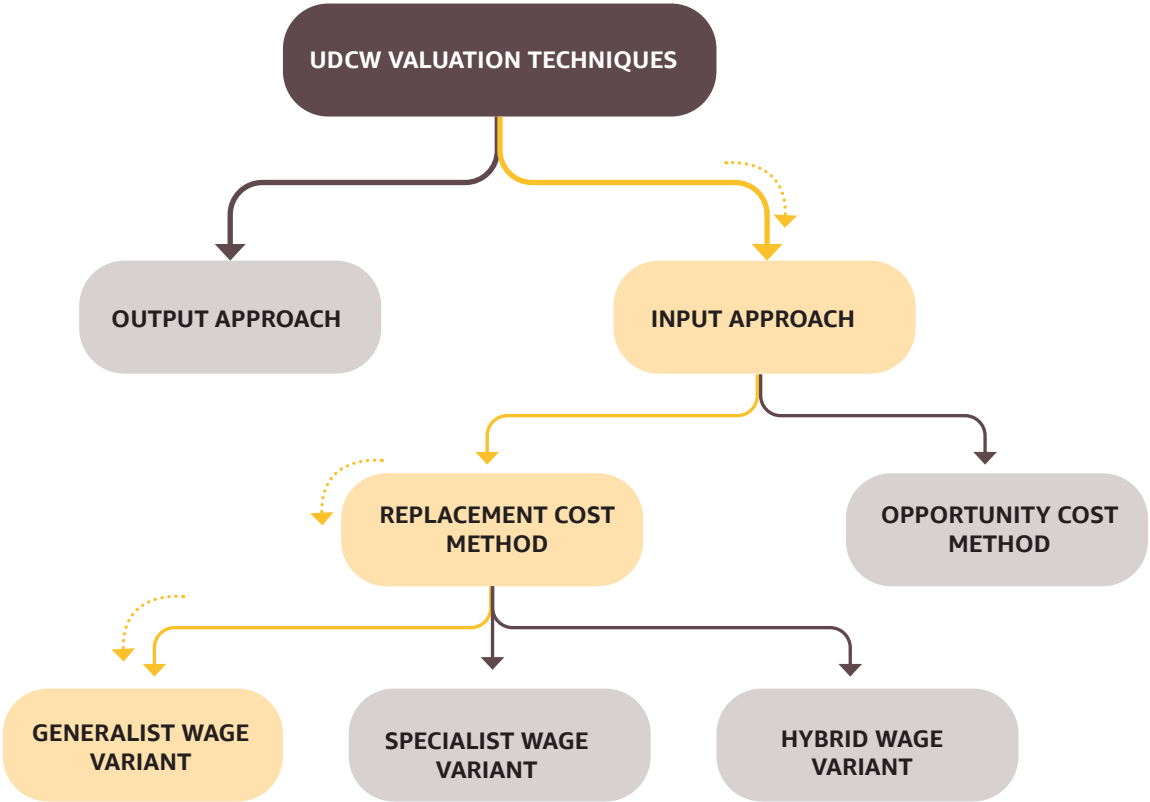
OBJECTIVES

The main objective of developing a household satellite account is to establish a framework to quantify and value unpaid domestic and care work in Kenya. The specific objectives are to:

1. Estimate the economic value of unpaid domestic and care work
2. Determine the ratio of unpaid domestic and care work to Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
3. Determine the share of unpaid domestic and care work to the extended GDP
4. Provide recommendations on the valuation of unpaid domestic and care work in Kenya

02 APPROACHES IN VALUATION OF UNPAID DOMESTIC AND CARE WORK

An illustration of the approaches used for the valuation of UDCW is as in the diagram below. Kenya adopted input approach, replacement cost method and generalist wage variant.



03 VOLUME OF HOURS SPENT ON UNPAID DOMESTIC AND CARE BY BROAD CATEGORY AND SEX

Below is the representation of the total annual hours of unpaid domestic and care work by broad categories for both men and women in 2021.

Total Unpaid Domestic and Care Work Hours *(Million Hours)*



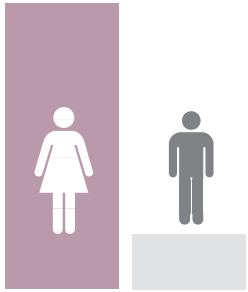
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Total **30,675.9**

Unpaid Domestic Work *(Million Hours)*

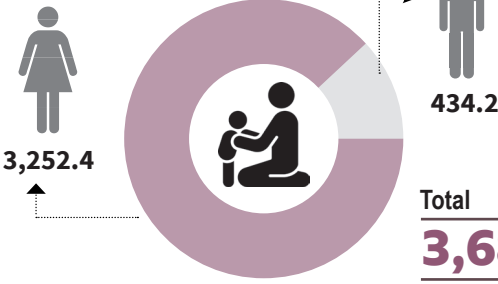




22,584.0 4,405.3

Total **26,989.3**

Unpaid Care Work *(Million Hours)*



3,252.4

434.2

Total **3,686.6**

04 VOLUME OF HOURS SPENT ON UNPAID DOMESTIC AND CARE WORK BY CATEGORY AND SEX



Nutrition Services
(Million Hours)

Women	Men
14,673.6	2,157.5

Total: **16,831.1**

Clothing Services
(Million Hours)

Women	Men
4,047.7	756.7

Total: **4,804.4**

Housing Services
(Million Hours)

Women	Men
2,780.8	961.1

Total: **3,741.9**

Care Work
(Million Hours)

Women	Men
3,086.7	373.9

Total: **3,460.5**

Management Services
(Million Hours)

Women	Men
919.4	408.3

Total: **1,327.7**

Travel Services
(Million Hours)

Women	Men
324.6	176.5

Total: **501.1**

Pet Care
(Million Hours)

Women	Men
3.6	5.5

Total: **9.1**

Total Unpaid Domestic and Care Work Hours *(Million Hours)*

25,836.4

4,839.5

Total: **30,675.9**

05 a. THE VALUE OF IMPUTED LABOR INPUT OF UNPAID DOMESTIC AND CARE WORK BY BROAD CATEGORY AND SEX

This section provides the results of the imputed labour input for unpaid domestic and care work by sex in 2021.

Unpaid Domestic Services for Household and Family Members *(KSh Million)*





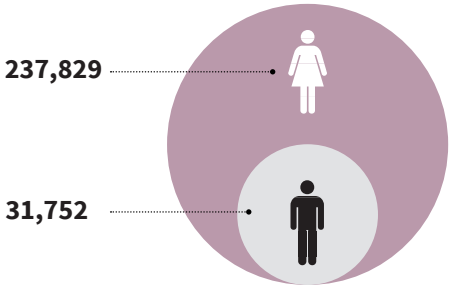
1,651,456



322,135

Total: **1,973,591**

Unpaid Caregiving Services for Household and Family Members *(KSh Million)*





Total: **269,581**



b. IMPUTED LABOR INPUT OF UNPAID DOMESTIC AND CARE WORK BY SELECTED ACTIVITIES AND SEX

This section shows the results of the unpaid domestic and care work by sex for selected activities in 2021.

Food and Meals Management and Preparation *(KSh Million)*

Women **1,073,009**
Men **157,769**
Total: **1,230,778**

Cleaning and Maintaining of Own Dwelling and Surroundings *(KSh Million)*

Women **192,919**
Men **48,172**
Total: **241,092**

Do-It-Yourself Decoration, Maintenance And Repair *(KSh Million)*

Women **4,032**
Men **11,568**
Total: **15,600**

Care and Maintenance of Textiles and Footwear *(KSh Million)*

Women **295,986**
Men **55,334**
Total: **351,320**



Childcare and Instruction *(KSh Million)*

Women **216,249**
Men **22,666**
Total: **238,914**

Care for Dependent Adults *(KSh Million)*

Women **5,223**
Men **2,919**
Total: **8,142**

Help to Non-Dependent Adult Household and Family Members *(KSh Million)*

Women **3,342**
Men **1,037**
Total: **4,379**

C. IMPUTED LABOR INPUT OF UNPAID DOMESTIC AND CARE WORK BY CATEGORY

This section shows the results of the unpaid domestic and care work in various functions by category in 2021.

Housing Services
(KSh Million)
203,348
70,280
Total: 273,628



Nutrition Services
(KSh Million)
1,073,009
157,769
Total: 1,230,778



Management Services
(KSh Million)
67,228
29,858
Total: 97,085



Travel Services
(KSh Million)
23,735
12,906
Total: 36,640



Clothing Services
(KSh Million)
295,986
55,334
Total: 351,320



Pet Care
(KSh Million)
267
401
Total: 668



Care Work
(KSh Million)
225,713
27,339
Total: 253,052

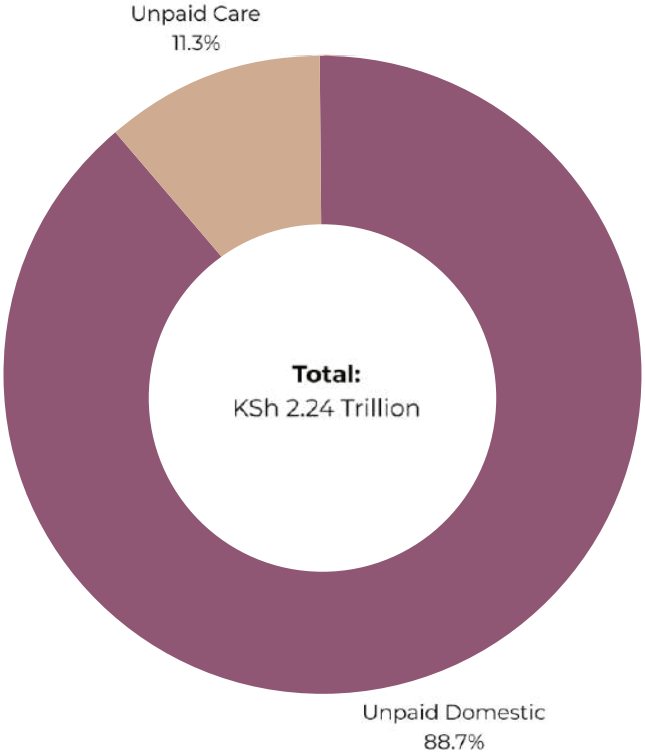


06 ECONOMIC VALUE OF HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTION BY BROAD

The section provides the economic value of unpaid domestic work and unpaid care work in 2021.

Unpaid domestic work, which includes tasks such as cooking, cleaning, and laundry, makes up a substantial share **(88.7%)** of UDCW, representing a value of KSh 1.99 trillion.

Unpaid care work, encompassing activities like childcare and elder care, accounted for the remaining **11.3 per cent.**




GDP
UDCW GVA
The Gross Value Added (GVA) of Unpaid Domestic and Care Work is equivalent to approximately 23.1 per cent of the country's GDP in 2021.

07 GROSS OUTPUT OF UDCW BY BROAD CATEGORIES

The section provides a representation of the estimated gross unpaid domestic and care work output in 2021.

Gross Value Added *(KSh Million)*



DOMESTIC WORK
2,291,502



CARE WORK
253,052



Total: **2,544,554**

Intermediate Consumption *(KSh Million)*



DOMESTIC WORK
2,443,554



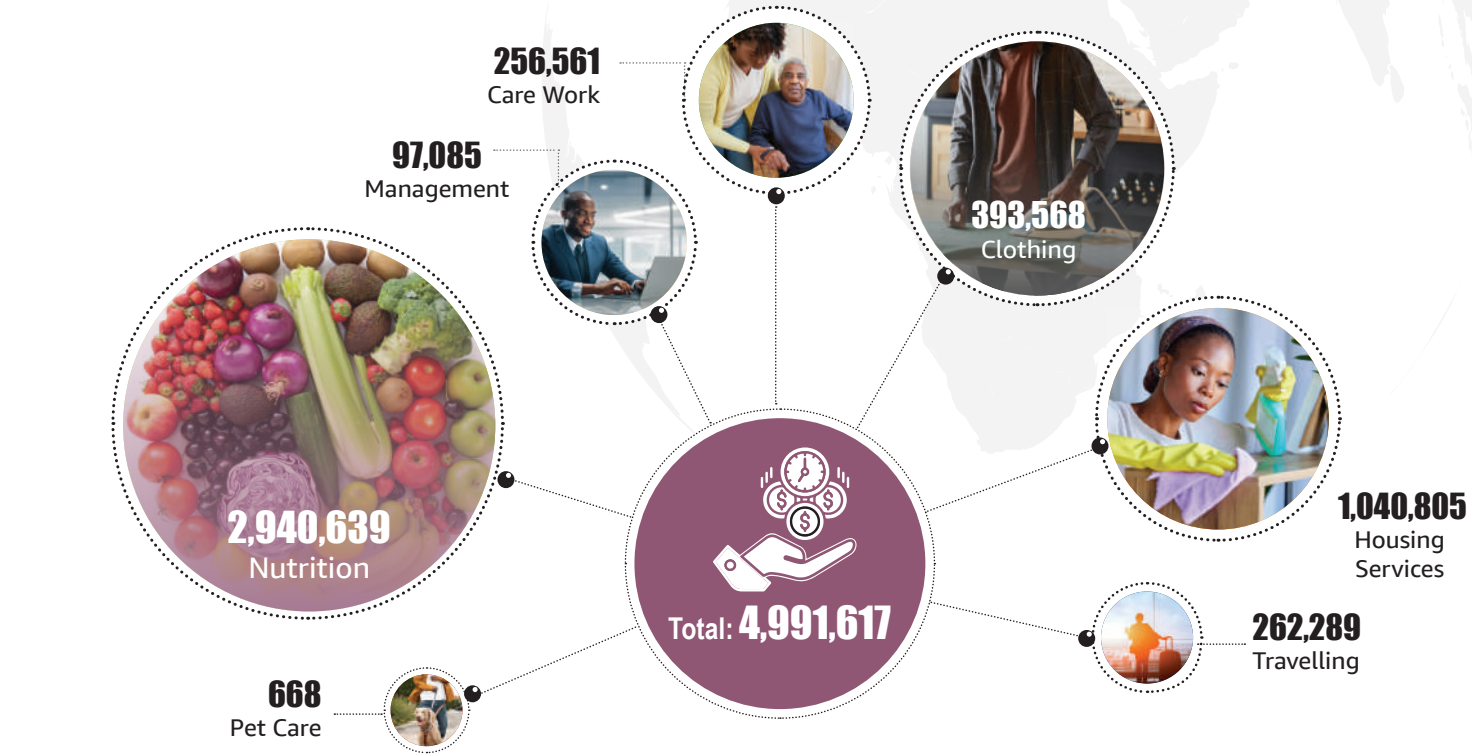
CARE WORK
3,509



Total: **2,447,063**



Gross Output *(KSh Million)*





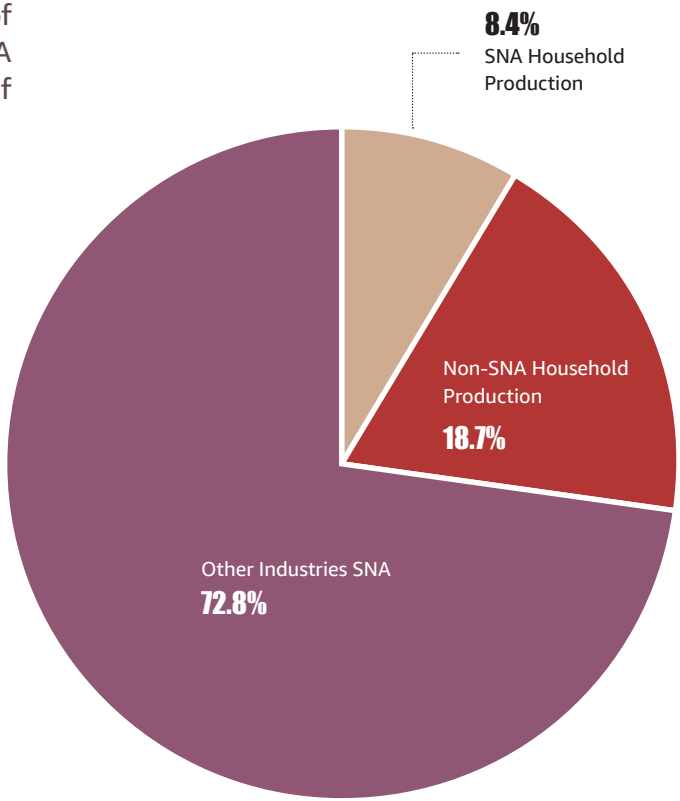
08 EXTENDED GDP

Below is a representation of the comparison of the household production for SNA, Non-SNA household production, and other sectors of the economy in 2021.

01 SNA recorded the highest share of extended GDP at 72.8 per cent

02 followed by non-SNA household production (18.7%).

03 SNA Household Production 8.4%







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