

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 24: The households sector**

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Part I: General comments

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Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs and sections

All comments on specific draft paragraphs are welcome. They can be about e.g. scope, content and clarity. Proposing a concrete alternative text or table is also possible. For the paragraphs in separate sections, separate forms are used for providing and collecting comments (see below).

A. Introduction (paragraphs 24.1-24.5)

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24.1	Click here and start typing.
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B. Sub-sectoring households (paragraphs 24.6-24.21)

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24.6	Click here and start typing.
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C. Households as producers (paragraphs 24.22-24.36)

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24.25	The production of fruit and vegetables grown for their own use by households is important in many developing countries from the consumption point of view, particularly in the context of poverty estimates using calorific norms.
24.35	'Individuals who provide paid domestic services must be members of another household'. This particular sentence needs clarification. Because, in the Indian context, domestic servants could be employed in two ways – i) Domestic servants employed on part-time basis visits a particular household(s) during a particular time and performs the work assigned to him/her viz. cleaning of house, utensils, washing of clothes, baby-sitting etc. and at the end of the day he/she goes back to the household to which he/she actually belongs. On a particular day services are provided by domestic staff in more than one household. We can treat this particular category certainly as members of another household. ii) Domestic servants employed on full-time basis stays permanently with the household employs him/her and visit his/her family once in six months / a year. This is very much prevalent in many parts of India. For all practical purposes (Census, socio-economic surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation), he/she is treated as a member of the household employs him. Therefore, individuals providing paid domestic services need not be members of another household following the above concept. Here,

	<p>the definition of household generally followed in surveys differs from the intention of household concept in this draft chapter.</p> <p>‘Payments to children for performing tasks in the house are not treated as the provision of paid domestic services but simply a transfer within the household.’ There are two issues : i) Payments to any member of the household by head of the household be treated as transfers within the household (why only children ?) ii) Whether it shall be treated as transfer at all ? Because, ‘A transfer is defined as a transaction in which one institutional unit provides a good, service or asset to another unit without receiving from the latter any good, service or asset in return as counterpart’(8.27 of SNA 1993). Further, in the case of current transfers ‘they directly affect the level of disposable income and should influence the consumption of goods and services’ (8.32 of SNA 1993). However, this particular transfer to children is not affecting the level of disposable income, but it may influence the consumption of goods and services, as the children / or any member of the household likely to spend the same. Therefore, strictly following the present concept of transfers payments to children should not be treated as transfers and clarification is required, unless the intention in the draft Chapter is to merely distinguish between payments for services and transfers within the household.</p>
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D. Households as consumers (paragraphs 24.37-24.40)

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E. Household income (paragraphs 24.41-24.45)

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F. Household wealth and associated income flows (paragraphs 24.46-24.50)

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24.46	Click here and start typing.
*24.49	In line 2, read ...It must be accumulated ...and not cumulated to fund

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G. Data sources (paragraph 24.51)

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1. Are there any other considerations or options for sub-sectoring households that you would wish to see included?
2. Are there any other aspects of household production that should be elaborated in the chapter?
3. Are there any other references you would suggest including?

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