

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

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Part I: General comments

In the space below, please provide any general comments. This may cover e.g. the structure of the chapter, issues missing and (lack of) consistency with other chapters of the 2008 SNA.

General comments:

General comment	An overview of the Household sector with the links to all relevant parts in other chapters and perhaps a suggestion of household satellite accounts (as have been prepared by many countries) is important. The chapter in its current form seems more of an introduction to the subject, a few issues are mentioned shortly, but one does not seem to get a full overview. If the chapter is not expanded to give a more complete presentation, it could perhaps be left out.
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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)

General comment	The introduction gives interesting insights on the role of households, but may not be very easy to understand for users, who are new to national accounts. The introduction starts with "goods and services to satisfy human wants and needs", but after that and throughout the chapter consumption is not given a very prominent role. Much more could be said about consumption and consumption expenditure, and the links with GG consumption expenditure etc.
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B. Sub-sectoring households (paragraphs 24.6-24.21)

General comment	The idea of sub-sectoring from the 3 perspectives seems useful. However, there seems to be a mixture – under the consumption perspective the classification by income is mentioned – perhaps one should talk about cross-classification according to consumption and income.
24.8 – 24.9	The problems mentioned are interesting, but it could be clarified what the recommendations are in such cases.
24.11	The problem of statistical units – households and individuals – and the whole problem of linkage to other household statistics, which are one of the most important problems for national accountants deserves a separate part in the chapter, and could be much more explicit.
24.14	Taking into account the problems mentioned in 24.16 (how to assign type of income to the household unit) is it such a promising approach?

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C. Households as producers (paragraphs 24.22-24.36)

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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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G. Data sources (paragraph 24.51)

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Part III. Other specific comments

You are welcome to make other specific comments. To assist you in doing so, the following points are provided as a guide to the types of points on which you might wish to comment. Note, though, that you are not restricted to commenting on only these points.

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?

Specific comments:

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