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Abstract

The Levy Economics Institute is coordinating a research project on the impact of public employment guarantee programmes (EGPs) titled “Impact of Public Employment Guarantee Strategies on Gender Equality and Pro-poor Development.”

The project aims at drawing attention to particular types of EGP projects that synergistically create new jobs and reduce unpaid work burdens. The intended methodology entails development of a gender-informed Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) model of the economy, so as to enable investigation of macro-micro linkages and EGP interventions.

The analytical framework under consideration for this project requires that unpaid work, measured and accounted for by Time Use Survey (TUS) data, be fully incorporated in this modeling exercise. Such a framework, we hope, is of research value beyond this project. By providing a more inclusive account of inputs and activities, both paid and unpaid—all of which are congruent components of a functioning economy—it allows for wider and more transparent understanding of economic processes, changes, and impacts. This input-output matrix, a SAM representation of the macroeconomy, will serve as a template according to which a pilot study for two countries will be undertaken.