Labor market participation and housework in the Philippines

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While the Philippines has achieved several milestones advancing gender equality in the country, there are some areas that can still benefit from further government interventions. One such area pertains to the moderate female participation in the labor market, which hardly improved in the last 26 years. The lackluster participation of women in the labor market presents a continuing concern, and this is amply reflected in Philippine Development Plans and laws designed to support working women. However, other important factors remain to be addressed, and this paper looks into the role of women’s housework. The paper also discusses the role of housework in men’s market work. Doing so provides a holistic perspective and hence, a better narrative to ensure that both men and women equally benefit from development. Results indicate that housework affects both men and women’s participation in market work. However, the study finds a bigger increase in women’s market work participation when they do not engage in non-market work and a bigger decrease when their spouses do not share in the household production.

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1. Introduction

Studies show that women’s outcomes affect other outcomes related to growth and development. For example, women’s high educational attainment, positively affects food security (Smith and Haddad 2000). It also positively affects children’s health, nutrition status, and educational outcomes (Duflo 2012). Given these, women can help the Philippines achieve the goals stated in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 and the AmBisyon Natin 2040, a twenty-five-year strategy plan that articulates the vision and aspirations of the Philippines to become a middle-income society.

The country has achieved significant advancements in certain areas that could pave the way for fully harnessing women’s potentials. In the education front, the Millennium Development Goals target ratios of girls to boys in primary, secondary, and tertiary education have been achieved. With respect to tertiary education, data from the Commission on Higher Education indicate that female enrolments in Academic Year 2016-2017 are 57%, 62%, 47%, and 53% of total enrollees in State Universities and Colleges, Local Universities and Colleges, Other Government Schools, and Private Schools, respectively. There are also more females who have enrolled in Masters (66%) and Doctorate programs (60%). In addition, the 2013 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS) indicates that male and female basic literacy rates, or the ability of a person to read, write and understand a simple message in any language/dialect1, are similar. However, the female functional literacy rate, or the higher form of literacy that includes not only reading and writing skills but also numerical skills2, is higher across various age groups.

Advancements in education notwithstanding, much remains to be done along the labor market participation front. Based on the 2018 Global Gender Gap Report (GGGR) of the World Economic Forum, the Philippines is ranked 8th in the global ranking of gender parity. This is two ranks higher than in 2017 and the country is the only Asian economy that is at the top. The rest of the Asian

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economies are ranked between 26th (Lao PDR) and 148th (Pakistan). Despite this rosy trend, the 2018 GGGR indicates that the country needs to do more work to achieve gender parity in the economic participation/opportunity and political empowerment sub-indices.

In addition, the male labor force participation rate (LFPR, figure 1) in Asian countries in 1990 is between 79%-85%. By 2016, the male LFPR in Thailand, Philippines, and Malaysia have decreased by 10, 7, and 5 percentage points, respectively. Even though there is a downtrend in the male LFPR, the female LFPR remains substantially lower. In 1990, the female LFPR in Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Singapore was between 45% and 48%. Almost three decades after, the female LFPR in these economies has improved, with Singapore registering the biggest increase at 13 percentage points and the Philippines registering the smallest increase at 3 percentage points.

**Figure 1. Labor force participation rate, % of respective sex population aged 15+, national estimate**

![Diagram showing labor force participation rate by sex and country from 1990 to 2016.](image)


The lackluster improvement in the female LFPR has been acknowledged by the Philippine government. The latest PDP 2017-2022 outlines several strategies to promote the labor force participation of women, some of which have already been translated into policies. Executive Order No. 12 was signed in early 2017, the objective of which is to attain zero unmet needs for modern family planning by 2018. The Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act (RH Law) that provides for the comprehensive delivery of reproductive and health services, has been enacted in 2012 as well. The RH Law is deemed important in harnessing the demographic dividend, or the shift of the population structure to higher working-age population relative to young dependents and the older population (65 years and above). Moreover, it has the potential to promote economic growth. Despite these efforts, there are other important factors that can be

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3 This follows from the idea that “children are net consumers while the working age population are net producers and without large numbers of children to support, economies could divert more resources to capital investment, which can stimulate the productive employment for the working-age population” (UNFPA, 2018). Indeed, this is echoed by the National Economic Development Authority, “which recognizes the potential of the government to better allocate its resources for economic development and social services given a low dependency ratio” (http://www.neda.gov.ph/2018/12/19/neda-explainer-reaping-demographic-dividend/). The RH Law not only has the potential to lower teenage pregnancy but can lead to better health outcomes for women and mothers, and better education outcomes for girls.
focused on to understand why women in the Philippines do not fully participate in the labor market. One of these factors pertains to the amount of time women spend on housework that tends to be dictated by gender identity.

This paper aims to analyze the effects of housework on women’s labor force participation and is relevant in several ways. First, time is a limited resource and its allocation, whether to market work or non-market work, has fundamental implications on labor market outcomes. Women and girls disproportionately bear the burden of the care economy, which can result in time poverty. In turn, this leads to low development outcomes that prevent them from realizing their full potential. Hence, the analysis of the role of housework can provide better directions in crafting policies that can enhance female participation in the labor market. Females comprise half of the country’s population and using their skills can help in achieving a sustainable and inclusive growth.

Second, based on the PSA data, the country has one of the highest fertility rates in the region at around 2.7 children born per woman. This has significant implications on women whose responsibilities include taking care of children and the elderly. Home production may give rise to market work intermittency and to a relatively disadvantageous position in the formal labor market.

Earlier efforts to analyze housework include Bayudan (2006) and Bayudan-Dacuycuy and Dacuycuy (2018), who have unlocked several important findings to better understand the consumption of time and how it is affected by various factors such as intrahousehold power, wages, and attitudes. Central to these studies are working women. However, around 49% of women in the Philippines are not economically active. A research on the potential factors affecting women’s participation in the labor market is also important so that policies, on top of existing ones, can be crafted to fully harness the maximum potential contributions of the country’s human resources.

At this point, we emphasize that even though the main focus of the paper revolves around the labor force participation and housework of women, it is also important to discuss the effects of housework on men’s labor force participation. Doing so provides a holistic perspective and hence, a better narrative to ensure that both men and women equally benefit from development.

2. **Women in the Philippines: Some background on policies and history**

From a broader policy perspective, the Philippines has made significant gains towards gender equality. A major achievement is the Magna Carta of Women 2009 (MCW) that implements the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). The MCW reiterates the duties of the State to protect women against discrimination and violation of their rights. In recent years, several laws have been put in place to protect and enhance the welfare of women and girls, and to some extent, the welfare of men and boys.

The role of women in the Philippine society has been shaped by the combination of various factors that can be partly traced prior to the period of Spanish colonization when customary laws have promoted gender equality and have given women the right to own and inherit property and engage in trade (Medina 2001). In addition, the 1987 Family Code stipulates that properties acquired during the course of marriage are jointly owned by both husband and wife.

Owing to the Spanish colonization of more than 300 years, various aspects of the family in the Philippines have shades of Spanish influences, the most pervasive of which is rooted in religion. Divorce remains a passionately contested social issue thus far. Possibly influenced by the Church teachings that men are the pillar and women the light, age-old norms and traditions ascribe roles to men and women: women nurture and their comparative advantages are in non-market work...
while men provide and their place is in the labor market. Over the years and potentially confounded by a host of factors, these social prescriptions persist.

Although earlier studies claim that Filipinas are still accorded lower social status (Williams and Domingo 1993), recent evidence points to Filipinas becoming more active in the majority of household decision-making domains (Upadhyay and Hindin 2007). This is validated by Bayudan (2006) who shows that in the Southern Philippines, consultation is a common practice between husbands and wives especially on the purchase of big-ticket items such as television or land, wives’ labor market participation, the hiring of household help, and the use of family planning method. In home production, housework in the Philippines appears to follow a male-female dichotomy, majority of which remains in the sphere of women’s responsibilities. In terms of market production, 41% of women in 2015 are in vulnerable employment although there are existing bills that aim to provide social security to the informal sector.

3. Market and non-market work: Review of related literature

Due to Becker’s theory of the family (1991), the effect of housework on wages is well documented. Central to this theory, the division of housework is dictated by comparative advantage. Therefore, the spouse that commands a higher price in the market work will specialize in market work and the other spouse will specialize in non-market work. In this setting, efficiency is central to the division of time devoted to non-market production.

In the Philippines, an earlier study on women’s labor market participation is that of Bayudan (2006) who analyzes women’s time allocation in the context of a collective bargaining framework. This improves on earlier frameworks that assume that the family acts as a single unit with the same preferences and maximizes a single utility function. In the collective bargaining framework, the role of intrahousehold power to determine intrahousehold outcomes is recognized and the consumption of time, such as those spent in recreation, child care, household chore, backyard production, working at home, and working outside of home, is given by $T^i = f(W_w, \varphi_w(a_h,a_w); d)$ where $W$ is woman’s wage and $d$ is a vector of other socioeconomic determinants.

Unlike the typical unitary framework that yields the consumption of time, $T^i = f(W_w, W_h, Y; d)$, the collective bargaining framework emphasizes the role of intrahousehold power of husband and wife, $\varphi_w(a_h,a_w)$. While the main objective of Bayudan (2006) is to establish the pareto efficiency in women’s time allocation, results of the paper also emphasize that power is an important determinant of women’s time use.

Following Akerlof and Kranton (2000) on identity economics that emphasizes the importance of attitudes in various labor market outcomes, Bayudan-Dacuycuy and Dacuycuy (2018) analyze how wage and attitudes to work and family life affect the time devoted to housework. In this particular research, the consumption of time is given by $T = f(W_w, attitudes; d)$ where $T$ is the total hours spent on housework. This paper attempts to control for two sources of bias: the sample selection bias arising from the fact that wages are observed only for working women and the endogeneity of wage.

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4 Vulnerable employment is contributing family workers and own-account workers as a percentage of total employment. They are the least likely to have formal work arrangements, are the least likely to have social protection and safety nets to guard against economic shocks, and often are incapable of generating sufficient savings to offset these shocks (https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SL.EMP.VULN.ZS).
**4. Empirical Strategy and data sources**

This research uses the International Social Survey Program (ISSP) dataset that aim to conduct annual surveys on social science topics. Typically, the ISSP data collection focuses on a given topic each year and the 2012 ISSP collects data on family and changing gender roles and is the main dataset used in this research. Data for the Philippines are collected using a stratified multistage clustered random sampling by the Social Weather Stations through face-to-face interviews on voting-age adults in NCR, Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

The theoretical framework that establishes the relationship between market and non-market work is well-documented. The earliest versions are household production models that include market work, housework, and leisure in an individual’s utility function (Becker, 1965). These have been extended by Pollak and Wachter (1975) to account for the joint production of market work and housework, which essentially improves on the assumption of the perfect substitutability of market and home-based commodities. Housework, on the other hand, can be affected by attitudes to family and the labor market. In the Philippines, some studies have underscored the importance of attitudes in explaining housework (see for example Bayudan-Dacuycuy and Dacuycuy 2018).

To model labor market participation, we assume that the agents’ utility to work is represented by

$$LFP = g(LFP^*) = \begin{cases} 1, & LFP^* > 0 \\ 0, & LFP^* \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

where $g(LFP^*)$ is the link function that allows the linear model to be related to the response variable. $LFP^*_i$ is specified as $\beta_i x_i + \varepsilon_i$, where $x_i$ is a vector of observable characteristics and $\varepsilon_i$ denotes unobservable attributes.

For the purpose of the study and given the available information from the 2012 ISSP, the observed variable $LFP$ is defined as

$$LFP = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if both market work hours and wages are reported} \\ 0, & \text{if both market work hours and wages are not reported} \end{cases}$$

Assuming that $\varepsilon_i$ is an independent and identically distributed error term, the appropriate estimator is a Probit regression.

Housework, or the total hours spent per week on household work and on family members, is given by

$$HW_i = g(HW^*_i) = HW(\alpha_i z_i + \varepsilon_i)$$

where $z_i$ is a vector of observable characteristics. Assuming that $\varepsilon_i$ is an independent and identically distributed error term, the appropriate estimator is an ordinary least squares regression. The final models include the following specifications:

$$LFP = f(personal_{respondent}, HH\ chars, Y \ work\ history, HW_{respondent}, HW_{spouse}) \quad (1)$$

$$HW_{respondent} = f(personal_{respondent}, HH\ chars, Y, attitudes, personal_{spouse}) \quad (2)$$

$$HW_{spouse} = f(personal_{spouse}, HH\ chars, Y, attitudes, personal_{respondent}) \quad (3)$$

Given the assumptions on the error terms in equations (1) - (3), LFP and HW can be combined into a multi-equation system in which the error terms share a multivariate normal distribution (Roodman, 2011). Because the distribution of the errors is known, the parameters of the models in the system are estimated using the conditional mixed process estimator. In equations (2) and (3), personal pertains to the respondent’s attributes such as age, educational attainment, marital
status, and spouse’s educational attainment; *HH characteristics* pertains to households’ attributes such as location, and household size; and *𝑌* is family income.

*Work history* refers to the market work history of the mother of the respondent, the inclusion of which follows from two strands of literature that establish the effect of maternal employment on children’s future labor market outcomes. First, in the context of time inputs and home production, maternal employment affects children’s cognitive which in turn affect labor market outcomes. Second, in the context of gender identity, behavior is transmitted to children through demonstration and maternal employment may elicit positive behavioral responses from children that may be valuable in the labor market (Bayudan-Dacuycuy and Dacuycuy 2018). There also appears to be a role model effect on children’s subsequent labor market choices (Olivetti, Pattachini and Zenou 2013). *Work history* is used to identify the market work equation (1) from the non-market work equations (2 and 3).

Following Bayudan-Dacuycuy and Dacuycuy (2018), attitudes to family and labor market are also included as explanatory variables of housework in equations (2) and (3). Attitudes variables are culled out from the following questions: 1. *When mother works, preschool child is likely to suffer?* 2. *When women work, family life suffers?* and 3. *Men’s job is to earn money while women’s job is to look after home?* Responses include 1 for strongly agree; 2 for agree; 3 for neither agree/disagree; 4 for disagree; and 5 for strongly disagree. The responses are recoded to create binary variables equal to 1 when the response is 4 or 5 (positive attitude) and equal to 0 when the response is 1 or 2 (negative or indifferent attitude). Attitudes are used to further identify the market work equation (1) from the non-market work equations (2 and 3).

5. **Discussion of results**

*Results from the simultaneous estimations*

The estimation results are presented in table 1A. Looking at the estimates for female respondents, those who are married are more likely to participate in market work (also referred to as *working* in the succeeding discussion). They are also more likely to work given that their mothers have participated in market work and given higher family income and higher household size. They are less likely to work when they spend more time on housework but are more likely to work when their spouses spend more time on non-market production.

The time spent on housework by female respondents is negatively correlated with household size and positively correlated with the presence of toddlers. None of the variables pertaining to the respondents’ attitudes significantly affects the respondents’ time allocated to non-market work. However, the attitudes of female respondents positively correlate with the time spent by their partners in non-market work.

Looking at the estimates for male respondents, those who are older, belong to bigger households, and reside in the urban areas are less likely to work. Men from households with high family income are more likely to work. While the probability of male respondents to join the labor market is not significantly affected by the time they devote to housework, it is positively correlated with the time devoted by their spouses to non-market production.

The time spent on housework by male respondents is positively correlated with the household size and having a college degree. Their partners’ housework, on the other hand, is negatively correlated with male respondents’ positive attitudes towards gender roles at home and in the labor market.
Marginal effects of housework on the probability of working

Given these estimates, the probabilities of working are predicted for a set of attributes related to the respondents and their households. These include the following: the respondent is a 40-year-old college graduate and married to a partner who is a college graduate as well. In addition, the respondent’s mother had worked when the respondent was young, and the respondent has positive attitudes towards gender roles at home and in the labor market (e.g., respondent disagrees with the notion that preschool children and family life suffer when women work, and with the dichotomy of men as earners and women as homemakers). In addition, the family income is around PhP20,000 and the household resides in urban Luzon.

To assess the contribution of non-market work, the probabilities of working are predicted by assuming different amounts of time allocated by the respondents and their spouses to housework given benchmark characteristics above. We consider three combinations in terms of the respondent’s and spouse’s input to housework: 1) each spends 10 hours (benchmark), 2) the respondent devotes 20 hours while the spouse devotes none, and 3) the respondent devotes 0 hour while the spouse devotes 20 hours.

Results of the prediction exercise are presented in figure 2. Given the benchmark, the probability of market participation by males is around 60% while the probability of market participation by females is around 53%. Relative to the benchmarks, the respective probabilities associated with male and female market participation are higher when both are completely disengaged from housework. While this is the case, it can be noted that the increase in the female’s probability of working relative to the benchmark is bigger compared to that of the male. In particular, the former increases by around 42 percentage points while the latter increases by around 25 percentage points.

While the probabilities of working for both male and female respondents are lower given that they devote 20 hours to housework and their spouses devote none, the decrease in the female’s probability of working is noticeably bigger. In particular, relative to the respective benchmarks, the female’s probability of working decreases by around 43 percentage points while the male’s probability of working decreases by around 34 percentage points.
These results point to two key observations. First, housework affects both men and women's participation in market work in the Philippines. Compared to men in other Asian countries, men in the Philippines have a more highly-evolved response in performing household tasks. For example, based on the IDRC’s Counting Women’s Work project, women in India spend an average of 40 hours per week on unpaid work and care economy while men, only 3.5 hours\(^5\). In the Philippines, men spend more time on unpaid work and care economy. From the 2012 ISSP data, the weekly average time spent on care work, or housework related to child and elderly care, is 18 hours for men and 30 hours for women. The weekly average time spent on non-care work, or housework related to preparation/cooking of dishes, washing clothes, and cleaning the house, is 16 hours for men and 25 hours for women. From these, it is also evident that there are discernible disparities in terms of inputs, with women spending more time in care work. Non-care work can be scheduled after office hours while care work demands more attention and often does not have the flexibility in terms of timing. This plausibly explains why female’s involvement in market work varies more with non-market work.

Second, the LFP of men and women is affected although that of the women is more so. This is shown in the bigger increase in the women’s market work participation when they do not engage in non-market work and in the bigger decrease when their spouses do not share in the household production. This highlight the importance of crafting policies that will help families in home production and care economy. Legislations related to child care economy are not wanting and have been in place since 1970s.

While child care is well-legislated, elderly care is less so. The elderly population is still low, which is around 6% in 2000 and 7.5% in 2015. However, the proportion of the elderly to the total population is expected to reach a double-digit mark by 2020 assuming a moderate fertility and mortality decline (National Economic and Development Authority 2017). The government needs to anticipate this eventuality and should look into designing systems for elderly care, which typically falls within the women’s sphere of responsibility. The potential increase in caregiving demand due to aging or health deterioration should be included in the policy space since this could affect labor market outcomes such as absenteeism and tardiness that will adversely affect labor productivity.

6. Summary and conclusions

The Philippines has achieved several milestones to advance gender equality in the country, although there are areas that can still benefit from further government interventions. One such area is the degree of female participation in the labor market, which barely improved in the last 25 years. The lackluster participation of women in the labor force is a continuing concern and this is reflected in the space devoted to it in the Philippine Development Plans and in legislations designed to support working women. However, other important factors remain to be addressed. One such factor is the non-market production, which goes into the heart of issues related to the perpetuation of women’s time poverty and lack of social mobility.

While the main interest of the paper is to understand the role of non-market work in women’s market work, its role in men’s market work is also analyzed. This is consistent with the Gender and Development framework that seeks to recognize the importance of both gender in economic development. This is also to recognize the interrelatedness of men and women’s housework in the country considering the evidence that points to the marital benefits of doing housework together. The paper models the probability of working and the time spent on housework as simultaneously determined. It uses the mother’s work history to identify the equation related to

\(^5\) https://www.idrc.ca/en/resources/perspectives/can-south-asia-address-barriers-womens-paid-work
working. It also uses attitudes towards gender roles at home and in the labor market to identify the equations related to housework.

**Housework affects both men and women’s participation in market work.** Second, *while the labor market participation of both men and women is affected, that of the women is more so.* This is shown in the bigger increase in the women’s market work participation when they do not engage in non-market work and in the bigger decrease when their spouses do not share in the household production. It is, therefore, important to craft policies that will help families in home production and care economy. These include:

1) the provision of child care services that coincide with the 8-hour work load,  
2) ensuring the good quality of services provided in child-development centers,  
3) promoting work-life balance through a 4-day work week, and  
4) designing systems for elderly care to accommodate the eventual rise of the elderly population in the country.

At this point, it is important to emphasize that the paper is an ongoing effort to understand housework and their potential effects on various socioeconomic outcomes. As such, there are some issues that the current research is not able to empirically address but are needed to be highlighted as future research directions.

**Women’s contribution to society does not necessarily have to be in the labor market. Mothers are vital in instilling the value of learning and are considered vital partners of education institutions in realizing and reinforcing learning outcomes.** It is already well-established that mothers have a big role to play in fostering a good learning environment especially during the children’s early years in life when all types of development (physical, emotional, social, language, and cognitive) take place. Hence, the women’s contribution can also be in rearing and nurturing the next generation of potential leaders and healthy and productive citizens.

While it is hard to dispute these contributions, the next question that needs to be confronted is *what happens after the children have grown-up and started to go to school? For women in households facing financial constraints, market work becomes inevitable, although finding a new job or easing into it may become a challenge.* A clear understanding of the effects of care economy and unpaid work on the start-stop-start of market work can help in strengthening programs for labor market re-entrants and in strengthening policies for work-family life balance.

**For some, unpaid work and care economy are life’s choices while for others, these are life’s roles that they need to assume.** Hence, it is important to have an in-depth understanding of the motivations and preferences of men and women to do (or not do) market and non-market work. A clear understanding of these elements can help in determining what can be done to help men and women who seek to engage into the market work after (or during) the pursuit of their life’s roles.

**Third, partly due to gender roles, men, as household providers, are expected to participate in market work. However, emerging narratives show that fathers have equally (if not more) important roles to play in children-rearing.** Evidence shows that paternal presence and involvement in child rearing and nurturing can result in the increased academic test scores (Yeung 2004), reduced aggression (Chang et al 2003), and reduced criminality and substance abuse and misuse (Sarkadi et al 2008) of children. In the Philippines, researches on the roles of men in
children’s outcomes are yet to flourish and future research in the country should also investigate this issue so that policies can be designed to enhance the household presence of working men and strengthen their involvement in child-rearing in the process.

Fourth, this paper provides an initial assessment of the effects of housework on the men and women’s labor force participation and it has done so using a cross-section dataset. Further analysis will benefit from the use of panel data to establish the evolution of housework over the men and women’s life course. Given that more evidence is needed to develop convincing narratives for policies that address housework/unpaid work/care economy, the PSA should consider including time use questions as riders to its existing surveys such as the Labor Force Survey.

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APPENDIX
Table 1A: Determinants of work and housework of respondent and spouse

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