

APPENDIX III

DESCRIPTIVE DEFINITIONS OF THE HOUSEHOLD TASKS

Household Activity: All tasks intended to provide goods and services for the family. Tasks allied to personal care, leisure, farm work, family occupation and gainful employment including care of livestock are not included in this.

Food Preparation: Preparation of dishes served to the members of a household. The activity starts with collection of the requirements for food preparation and ends when the prepared dishes are kept aside ready for serving.

Dish Washing: Centres round the cleaning of utensils used for cooking, serving and dining. The activity starts with the act of collection and removal of utensils to the washing area and lasts till the cleaned utensils are stacked in appropriate place.

Care of House: It centres round the cleaning and maintenance work carried out in the house in order to keep it in good condition. This comprises of sweeping and cleaning of the interior and the yards, cowdung coating/mopping/washing of the floor, & hearth, disposal of waste and gardening.

These activities extend from the time necessary implements are collected for use and lasts till the implements are cleaned and kept intact.

Shopping: Deals with the purchase of goods and supplies needed for the family. The task begins when a member of the household starts from the house for making the family purchases and finishes when he / she reaches home with the required items.

Physical Care of members of the family: This comprises the physical care given to children, adults and the aged. This includes activities like feeding, bathing, dressing, putting child to sleep, putting him to school, carrying food to the school, health care and helping him in studies and home work.

As far as adults and grown up children are concerned the activities of specific interest are serving of food, keeping water ready for bathing and carrying food to work place. For aged, feeding, serving of food and health care are treated as the major sub-tasks.

Collection of Water: The task begins when the individual starts cleaning of water tubs and further continues with picking of containers / buckets for collection and transfer of water from the source to the house. It ends

when the equipment/utensils used for the same are stored intact after use.

Collection of firewood: Confines to the time spent for collection of fire-wood, its breaking, drying and orderly placement. Starts with specific task mentioned and finished when the manual work involved gets over.

Care of clothing: Comprises tasks like washing of clothes and its further care. The activity time includes the time taken for washing of clothes and spreading the same for drying. The tasks begin with intentional collection of clothes for the same and ends with the completion of the intended tasks.