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Home-Based Workers: Profile and Short-Term Trends

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Abstract: Although Home-based workers constitute 7 percent of total employment in the country as per Labour Force Survey (LFS) 2017-18, women’s HBW’s share in total women employment and in total HBW’s is much larger. In manufacturing it has grown more rapidly in recent years. Based on a comparison of population weighted LFS sample surveys of 2013-14 and 2017-18, the presentation looks at the size and short-term sectoral trends of HBW’s (male and female) in the economy and selected socio-economic characteristics of HBW’s in the recent past. The presentation also speculates on the reasons for increased feminization in the manufacturing sector and its implications for ILO’s Decent Work Agenda (DWA) and deficits related to quality of employment.

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