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Side Event: Is Target 5.2 a Utopia?
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Statement of National Association of Large Families (NOE), Hungary

- On behalf of my association, that was awarded by the IFFD last year, I would like to congratulate all organizations receiving the IFFD Family Award this year.
- The topic of today’s event, “unpaid work”, is especially important for the members of our association. In the Hungarian language we refer to unpaid work as “invisible” work, because most of us recognize its value only when this type of duty is not performed.
- In Hungary, as well as in other parts of the world, women spend a lot more time on domestic work and on family care than men, and - although there is a slight increase in the time men spend on housekeeping - there is no real progress in the burden sharing of childcare.
- NOE believes that the value of unpaid work lies in its personalized nature. In the world of paid work basically anybody can be substituted, while care duties effecting personal connections cannot be and should not be outsourced, rather recognized as a contribution for the well-being of our societies.
- We are therefore committed to make invisible unpaid work visible as well as paid and unpaid work reconcilable.