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Topic E: Inclusion of social transfers in kind, housing wealth and imputed rent in the measurement of poverty

Social transfers in kind, housing wealth and imputed rent in poverty measurement in the Russian Federation

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Abstract

The report gives an overview of the major results of work in the field of social transfers in kind and imputed rent in poverty estimates.

The grounds for analysis are the results of annual population income sample survey and participation in social support programs, conducted by Rosstat in the framework of a special project aimed at development of a system of sample surveys on socio-demographic issues in the Russian Federation.

For survey purposes the method of conditional cost was applied to social transfers presented in kind. Along with traditional indicators of consumed products conditional cost, the results obtained allowed to derive additional poverty dimensions that would help to analyze the effectiveness of targeted assistance to the most vulnerable population groups. At the same time, the report presents an example of data combining on the level of household monetary incomes with other financial components. Analysis of this example will contribute to discussion on the balance of transaction costs and etc.