# PAID WORK AND DOMESTIC WORK: HOW DO THEIR CONDITIONS AFFECT WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH?

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#### I. BACKGROUND

#### **WORK** → SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH



#### **CURRENT CONTEXT**

- Increasing participation of women in the labour market
- Greater involvement of men in household chores
- → WOMEN STILL CARRY THE MOST OF THE HOUSEHOLD WORK
- Some forms of employment precarious more widespread among women



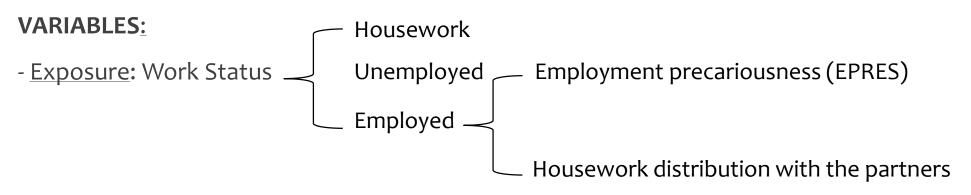
DOUBLE EXPOSURE TO FACTORS THAT CAN DAMAGE WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH

#### II. OBJECTIVE

To analyse the impact of work status on women's mental health, considering the degree of employment precariousness and the share of domestic work in the household among employed women

### III. METHODS

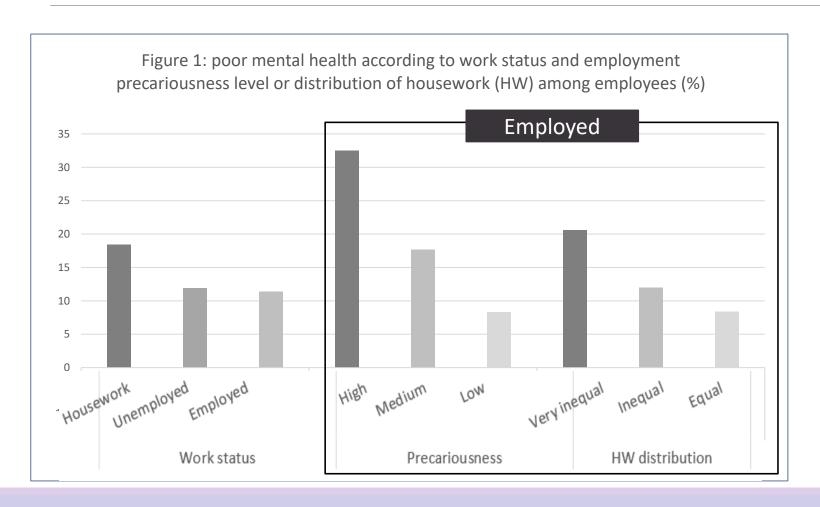
**SAMPLE** → 2018 Basque Country Health Survey (subsample of women living with their partners)



- Outcome: Depression-Anxiety (Mental Health Inventory-5)
- Adjustment: Age, Social occupational class

**ANALYSES:** Standardized prevalences (%) + Prevalence ratios (PR), IC95% (Robust Poisson Regression Models) of poor mental health according to exposure variables

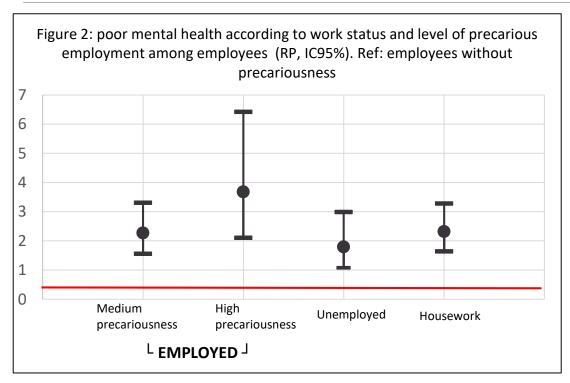
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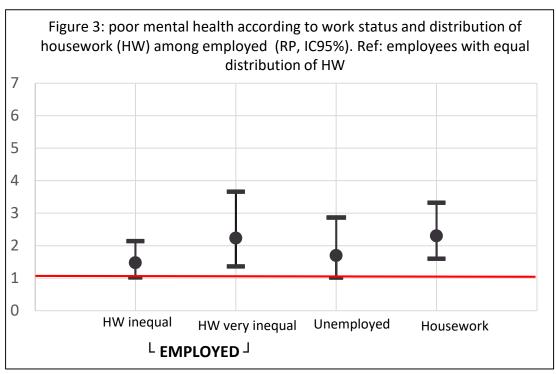


In general, poor mental health higher among women dedicated to household

Among employed women, the greater precariousness and inequality in the distribution of HW, the greater the prevalence of poor mental health

# IV. RESULTS (II)





Compared to non-precarious employees, unemployed women (PR: 1.79 [1.64-3.27]), those engaged in domestic work (PR: 1.79 [1.08-2.99]) and those employed but with precarious employments (PR: 2.47 [1.74-3.51]) have higher risk of poor mental health. Similar pattern considering HW distribution.

#### V. CONCLUSIONS

PAID WORK→ Fulfills important material and symbolic functions, BUT...

... need to consider both conditions of paid and unpaid work AND...

... ensure adequate employment conditions AND equitable distribution of housework

Future researchs → also analyse CARE WORK

## THANK YOU! ESKERRIK ASKO!