Building a Handbook on How to Create National MPIs

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Why a Handbook?

– SGD 1.2: poverty in *all its dimensions*

– Many countries are now building national MPIs to complement monetary measures.

- Clear and pragmatic guidance on how to build an MPI

- Including many examples from different regions

Details on the Handbook

– Developed by OPHI, supported by UNDP and partner countries

– Audience: technical designer of the MPI, but also at champions of MPI from the policy world, like government members and other politicians

– Language: non-technical and jargon free

  • Annexes with more technical details and OUP book

– Two main sections: political/communications and technical

  • Each self-contained

– First draft: end of 2018

  • Revision with partners & UN agencies

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Outline of the Handbook

- Introduction
  - Motivation
  - What's the MPI?
  - Purpose of the Handbook and Audience
  - Content and structure
  - Online resources
- Political buy-in
  - High level buy-in
  - Engaging key actors
- Communicating a multidimensional poverty measure
- Process to make a sustainable measure
  - Political constraints and space
  - Timeline and key meetings
  - Costs and time of building a national MPI

Outline of the Handbook

- A MPI for what: the purpose

- The Alkire Foster method

- Design of the MPI
  - Introduction
  - Unit of identification
  - Dimensions and indicators
  - Deprivation cutoffs
  - Analysis of potential indicators
  - Selection of weights
  - Poverty cutoff

- Data sources
  - Selection of data sources
  - Merging different data sources
  - MPPN light powerful survey

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Outline of the Handbook

- Calculating and understanding trial measures
    - Building trial measures
    - Robustness analysis
    - Statistical inference
    - Analyzing your final measure
        - Dimensional breakdown
        - Subgroup decomposition
        - Maps
        - Comparisons among poverty measures
- Changes over time
    - Ensure strict comparability
    - Absolute and relative changes
    - Changes across groups
    - Changes and indicators

Outline of the Handbook

- Policy implications of the national MPI

- Presenting the final measure
  - Launch and communication
  - Including the MPI into policy agenda
  - How to report the MPI as SDG 1 indicator?

- Annexes
  - Summary: Normative decisions in existing MPIs
  - Structure of existing MPIs
  - MPPN's light powerful survey
  - The Global MPI
  - Working with Stata