Multidimensional Child Poverty

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National MD Child Poverty

Legacy of pre-SDG period

- Bristol and MODA for **'child only'** MD poverty in many countries

SDG period and beyond

- Crucial need for robust measurement over time to achieve 50% reduction (e.g. is the MD measure 'fit for purpose' – monotonic etc)

- Crucial need to inform and influence applied policy to achieve poverty reduction

- So…. Key questions on 'measurement' and on whether children are disaggregated in the main 'population' poverty measure and/or have their own index.

Children and MD Poverty

Sustainable Poverty reduction must break inter-generational poverty

- Children have 'lifetime outcomes' that are bad, and bad for the national economy & society

But measurement of child poverty has to happen at two levels:

- **On 'common' aspects of deprivation and MD poverty:**
  - sanitation, water, household assets, & others
  - We never see allocation or share according to needs (as per $)
- **On specific Child level deprivations that vary by age**
  - Health, nutrition, access to education & others

Options for MDP
(Multi-dimensional Child Poverty)

1 Disaggregated National Measure

- % of children living in MD poor households (as per global MPI @ household level) BUT limited for child level

2. Separate National Child Level MDP

- Using the same methodology (eg Bhutan – MPI)
- Using different methodologies (eg MPI and MODA)

3 Integrated National and Child Level MDP

- Using same methodology (Alkire-Foster or other)
  - Disaggregating national measure for child population
  - Adding new child level indicators & dimension(s)
  - Reweighting new version of index for child level
- Achieving consistency in both key numbers as well as methodology

Progress on Child MPIs

- More in place: Bhutan, Viet Nam, Afghanistan

- More underway: Bangladesh, Maldives, states/provinces in India & Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Panama…..

- Methodological work to understand differences in

   A-F to other current child specific indices

    - 'Exaggeration' of poverty levels from MODA/ECLAC
    - Problems of tracking poverty change for MODA/ECLAC (monotonicity)

  - Work on Liaison with World Bank and UNDP on SDG indicator support