Introduction

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Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network (MPPN)

- Connecting Policymakers Globally -

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MEASURING MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY

AF Methodology
Methodology for the National and Global MPIs

1. Select Indicators, Cutoffs, Values

2. Build a deprivation score for each person

3. Identify who is poor

4. Use the MPI, Incidence, Intensity & Composition

Ten Indicators
- Health
  - Nutrition
  - Child Mortality
- Education
  - Years of Schooling
  - School Attendance
- Living Standard
  - Cooking Fuel
  - Improved Sanitation
  - Safe Drinking Water
  - Electricity
  - Flooring
  - Assets

10 Indicators
- Years of Schooling
- School Enrolment
- Nutrition
- Child Mortality
- Cooking Fuel
- Sanitation
- Water
- Electricity
- Floor
- Asset Ownership

Education
Health
Standard of Living

3 Dimensions
The MPI (Alkire-Foster)

The MPI is the product of two components:

\[ \text{MPI} = H \times A \]

1) *Incidence* \(\sim H\) \(\sim\) the percentage of people who are poor.

2) *Intensity* \(\sim A\) \(\sim\) the average percentage of dimensions in which poor people are deprived

The MPI is can be decomposed by *groups* & broken down by *indicators*

Alkire and Foster *Journal of Public Economics* 2011
Using the MPI requires:

• **Communicating** MPI to policy actors, press and public:
  – Differences with established measures
  – What is it? How does it help us fight poverty?
• **Clarifying value-added** from established measures
  – Income, Unsatisfied basic needs
• **Motivating and engaging policy actors**
  – Provide Incentives to coordinate, and celebrate success
  – Learn emerging good practices at different levels of government.
• Sustaining MPI across **political cycles**, changes of personnel
• **Broadening awareness and support** for integrated MPI
  – Political parties, Private Sector, NGOs, Academia, Press,
  – Bilateral Multilateral & UN agencies, **Better data**
• **Coordinating our voice** so SDGs build on best practices.
Country Policy Uses of MPIs:

- **Track poverty** over time (official statistics)
- **Compare** poverty by region, ethnicity, rural/urban
- **Allocate** resources by sector and region
- **Monitor** indicator changes (measure to manage)
- **Coordinate** policy and policy actors
- **Target** marginalized regions, groups, or households
- **Evaluate** policy impacts
- **Map** interventions so NGOs/businesses engage
THE MPPN
Overview of MPPN

Nov 2016 – Oct 2017

• Three countries launched MPIs as official national statistics
• Business MPI tool launched in Costa Rica
• MPI included in Voluntary National Reviews of 17 countries
• UN Side Events to General Assembly & Statistics Commission
• South-South, bilateral, and agency activities continue strongly
• Two new countries and four new institutions joined the MPPN
• Dimensions: 4 issues in our bilingual Magazine
• MPPN Briefings: MPI as a Governance Tool – concrete cases
• MPPN Website: Many resources; country pages.
• SIDA Support for Dimensions (50%), and part of Secretariat
National MPIs launched as official statistics

Nov 2016 – Oct 2017

• Mozambique – First official African MPI launched (Feb 2017)
• Panama – MPI implemented as tool for ‘Zero Poverty’ plan (June 2017)
• Dominican Republic – First official Caribbean MPI (June 2017)
On Thursday, August 24, Costa Rica launched the Business Multidimensional Poverty Index developed by the Positive Horizon Association with the technical support of the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).
7 March 2017: Side-Event at UN Statistics Commission

Statistical Offices presented:
• Mauricio Perfetti, Colombia
• David Vera, Ecuador
• Lisa Grace Bersales, Philippines
• Pali Lehohla, South Africa
• Ben Paul Mungyereza, Uganda
• Hedi Saidi, Tunisia
• Nesma Amer, Egypt

Reflections from the floor were offered by UNICEF, ECLAC, and OPHI.
High Level Political Forum

• The theme for the 2nd UN High Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development was ‘eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions’

• Panelists included Colombia’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, UNICEF’s Tony Lake, and OPHI. Discussants who considered multidimensional poverty in their remarks included representatives from: China, Chile, Argentina, Comoros, Sudan, Mali, Sierra Leone, the International Women’s Development Agency, and the EU.

• At the HLPF, countries also reported progress toward the SDGs in Voluntary National Reports. Between 2016 and 2017, the 17 countries that included multidimensional poverty in their VNRs include: Bangladesh, Belize, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Nepal, Panama, Philippines, Sierra Leone, and Tajikistan.
19 Sept 2017: Side-Event at UNGA – Honduras

- H.E. Juan Orlando Hernández, President of Honduras
- H.E. Dasho Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of Bhutan
- H.E. Juan Manual Santos, President of Colombia
- H.E. Pena Nieto, President of Mexico
- H.E. Ana-Helena Chacón, Vice President of Costa Rica
- H.E. Isabel de Saint Malo de Alvarado, Vice President of Panama
- Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator of UNDP
- Mr. Ángel Gurría, Secretary-General of OECD
- H.E. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary-General of League of Arab States

Plus 11 speakers from South Africa, Egypt, Philippines, Bangladesh, UN-ESCWA, SIDA, UN-DESA, UNICEF, World Bank, and OPHI
20 Sept 2017: Side-Event at UNGA – Chile

- **H.E. Michelle Bachelet**, President of Chile
- **H.E. Juan Orlando Hernández**, President of Honduras
- **H.E. Ana-Helena Chacón**, Vice President of Costa Rica
- **Liu Zhenmin**, UN Under-Secretary General for Social and Economic Affairs
- **Mr. Achim Steiner**, Administrator of UNDP
- **Ms. Alicia Barcena**, Head of ECLAC

Plus 7 ministers and agency directors
21 Sept 2017: Side-Event at UNGA – League of Arab States
Launch of the Arab poverty Report

- Ms. Ghada Wali, Minister of social solidarity, Egypt
- H.E. Hala Bsaisu Lattouf, Minister of social Development, Jordan
- Mr. Tarek Nabil El Nabulsi, Director of development and social policies department
- H.E. Dr. Badre Edinne Allali, Assistant secretary general head of social affairs sector, League of Arab States.
- Mr. Minister Arthur Van Diesen, Regional social policy adviser.
Some South-South MPPN Activities

Nov 2016 – Oct 2017

• Week-long training in Colombia with 43 participants from 12 countries, co-organized with DPS, scholarships provided by OAS

• Two-week training in Rwanda

• Arab Multidimensional Poverty Report launched on 21 September, co-written by UN-ESCWA, League of Arab States, and OPHI

• Honduras, Ecuador, and a Costa Rican NGO visited Panama to share their experiences with MPIs
Some South-South MPPN Activities

Nov 2016 – Oct 2017

• Costa Rica attended Panama’s MPI launch
• Iran delegation visited Mexico to learn about their MPI
• DANE supported the Dominican Republic and Panama in the preparations and communications for their launches
• Pakistan shared their MPI experience at the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation meeting in Kenya
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MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY AT HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

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CONEVAL: Institution-building for Multidimensional Poverty Measurement in Mexico

Diego Zavaleta and Carolina Moreno

In the early 2000s, Mexico launched a process of institution-building for its social development policy and the formulation of an official poverty measure, which led to the creation of the National Council for the Evaluation of Social Development Policy (CONEVAL) and the establishment of the first official multidimensional poverty measure in the world. During its first years of work, CONEVAL worked on the methodological definition of the new official measure of multidimensional poverty and the collection of data that made this measure possible. Today, CONEVAL generates official multidimensional poverty estimates with representative data every two years at the state level and every five at the municipal level. Moreover, since its creation, it has published 1,500 evaluations of social policies and programs based on the multidimensional measure and four reports on the social development policy. CONEVAL’s measurements and evaluations also have an impact on the work of subnational entities.

An Institution for transparency

Until 2002, Mexico did not have an official poverty measure. Different public entities and academic institutions had carried out various estimates, and each government had presented its figures based on its own calculations. Likewise, evaluations of social policies were carried out by the institutions in charge of implementing them. In 2001, as part of a restructuring process and seeking greater credibility in their poverty figures, the federal government consulted with national and international experts to establish standard criteria for the measurement of poverty. After gathering their recommendations, the federal government published for the first time in 2002 official figures on monetary poverty.(

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National Roundtable and Dashboard for Poverty Reduction in Colombia

Diego Zavaleta and Roberto Angulo

Colombia launched its official multidimensional poverty measure in 2011 – the Colombian Multidimensional Poverty Index (C-MPI). The index was first used to establish specific policy goals for multidimensional poverty reduction (headcount ratio) as well as sector-specific targets within the National Development Plan – a mandatory and binding strategy that all incoming administrations must have approved by Congress at the beginning of their mandate. These goals were defined based on microsimulations using the public investment programme and sector-specific budgets. A crucial innovation in the Colombian process was the design of a monitoring system to track the progress of the Development Plan. This system was based on two main components. The first was a poverty roundtable – a board chaired by the President of Colombia and attended by all ministers and authorities whose work affected particular indicators of the C-MPI. The second component was a dashboard system where progress in different indicators, including the 15 components of the C-MPI, was reflected. The monitoring system based on the C-MPI indicators achieved important successes as a policy coordination and accountability tool.

Birth of a monitoring system Informed by the C-MPI
In 2010, a new administration took office in Colombia. The incoming president, Juan Manuel Santos, had campaigned on a platform of poverty reduction, employment, and security, and thus instructed his team to define a National Development Plan based on these pillars. He also instructed that management instruments be designed to guarantee the fulfilment of the plan. A crucial innovation for the poverty reduction pillar was the use of microsimulations to produce concrete goals for

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Defining MPI Dimensions through Participation: The Case of El Salvador

Carolina Moreno

Introduction

In late 2009, El Salvador began the process of creating a multidimensional poverty measure. A central question was how to define the constitutive dimensions of this new multidimensional poverty index. How should the dimensions that best reflect what Salvadorian society considers to be the core aspects of poverty be chosen? The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) of El Salvador and the TECHO organisation, with the support of the Technical and Planning Secretariat (STPP in Spanish) of the Presidency, held a series of 23 focus groups in different areas of the country that asked people living in poverty what poverty meant to them, the dimensions of poverty, and the strategies that they used in order to survive.

An analysis of the focus groups’ responses identified the key deprivations from the participants’ perspective. Five dimensions and 20 indicators that are currently part of the multidimensional measurement of poverty were established. The series of focus groups determined the definition of the dimensions and indicators of the Multidimensional Poverty Index of El Salvador (MPI-ES). [1]
Countries

Ministers and senior officials from more than 50 governments currently participate in this growing global network.
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Global MPI 2017: 0.230

National MPI: 39% (in 2015)
Launch date of national MPI: June 2016
Institution responsible for national MPI: Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform
Dimensions of national MPI: education, health, and living standards


Joined MPPN: 2014
The Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network

Launched in June 2013 at University of Oxford with:
• President Santos of Colombia
• Ministers and Vice-Ministers Sharing experience
• A lecture from Professor Amartya Sen
• http://www.ophi.org.uk/policy/policynetwork/
The Global Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network (MPPN) had 22 countries in 2013:

Angola, Bhutan, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, ECLAC, Ecuador, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Germany, India, Iraq, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, OECD, the Organization of Caribbean States, OPHI, Peru, Philippines, SADC, and Vietnam.
MPPN Second Meeting, Berlin 2014
32 country members + 9 agencies
MPPN Third Meeting, Colombia 2015
40 country members + 10 agencies
MPPN Fourth Meeting, Mexico 2016
51 country members + 11 agencies
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