

# Global Multidimensional Poverty Index

## CASE STUDY



## AMUDHA, India

Amudha is a 14-year-old student in 10th grade at a school in a small rural community near Madurai. She lives with her father, mother, sister, nephew and niece.

Her father's hand was broken while picking coconuts. This stopped him from working as a manual labourer. While he was recovering, he worked as a watchman and her mother became a construction worker. Both parents now work in construction. Her father earns Rs 400 per day and her mother earns Rs 350 and has severe knee and back pain due to the strenuous work.

Amudha's parents cook with wood, unable to afford a liquid petroleum gas (LPG) cylinder. The family live in a rented primitive shack next to a dried-up pond on wasteland owned by the local government. They have no drinking water or toilet facilities. They defecate in the open next to the pond. They obtain electricity from a neighbour's supply. The meagre wages are not sufficient to maintain a family of six. Amudha's mother dreams of hut of their own before she dies.

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Amudha's day starts at 6:00am. She helps her mother at home and then walks to school. Her Government provided bicycle is broken and there is no money to repair it. The Prisoners of Hope Trust sponsors her education. After school, she attends remedial classes until 9:00pm. She then comes home for dinner. Later she helps her mother wash dishes and goes to sleep by 10:00pm. Amudha's ambition is to become a doctor. Her mother lost two babies, giving birth at home with no access to medical care. Amudha wants to help rural women like her mother. She works hard to achieve this goal. Amudha is poor according to the 2018 global MPI.

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Amudha's deprivation chart.

The coloured boxes show the deprivations that her household faces across the global MPI.

