Normative Issues in Multidimensional Poverty Measurement

Suggested basic readings on this topic:


ALKIRE, S. (2002), “Dimensions of Human Development” World Development 30: 181-205. (This article surveys the ‘lists’ of dimensions of human development that have been proposed – on the basis of participatory planning or research, philosophy, synthesis of existing literature, cross-cultural psychology, psychology of human development, and so on).

ALKIRE, S. (2007), “Choosing Dimensions: The Capability Approach and Multidimensional Poverty.” (This paper observes how researchers have, in practice, selected dimensions of poverty, and finds they generally use one of five methods).


Further readings:

On the choice of dimensions:


RANIS, G., F. STEWART, and E SAMMAN. (2006). "Human Development: Beyond the Human Development Index." Journal of Human Development 7(3): 323-358. (This paper draws on various approaches to well-being, proposes eleven categories of human development, and identifies and examines certain indicators).


SEN, A. K. (1992), *Inequality Reexamined*. Chapter 7: “Poverty and Affluence”. (This chapter lays out the case for considering multiple dimensions of well-being or poverty – in Sen’s cases, through measures of capability – rather than focusing on income or utility).


**On the choice of weights:**


**On discussions of these issues all-together:**


