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August 2009 Monthly OPHI Update

Dear colleagues (with apologies for any cross-posting),

Welcome to the monthly update of opportunities, announcements and events by the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI).

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OPHI is pleased to announce a call for proposals for researchers to analyse a brand new dataset on the 'Missing Dimensions of Poverty' in Chile, the first nationally representative dataset of its kind. See the detailed Call for Proposals, the questionnaire that was administered (in English and Spanish) and a 5% sample of the data in STATA. Deadline 15 September. [read more]

<http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0>

Call for Participants for Missing Dimensions workshop, Durban, 16 August 2009

OPHI will be holding a workshop on 'Missing Dimensions of Poverty Data' immediately preceding the 57th Session of the International Statistical Institute in Durban, South Africa on 16 August 2009. The workshop is open to all conference participants and other interested parties.

[read more] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=workshop0>

To accompany the workshop, OPHI has produced a CD-Rom that includes the 'missing dimensions' background papers, survey modules and manuals. Limited copies are available for free upon request.

Get involved! Visiting and Sabbatical Fellows – next deadline 1 September 2009

The OPHI Visiting and Sabbatical Fellows programme has three application dates each year, and the next is 1 September 2009. We welcome short-term academic visitors whose work directly advances our current research agenda and who engage with OPHI's ongoing studies. For full details see: <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=involved0#research>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Multidimensional Measurement in Different Contexts: workshop report and papers

On 1–2 June 2009 OPHI ran a workshop with the unique characteristic of bringing together specialists from different subjects; academics as well as researchers from international institutions connected to policy design. There were representatives from UNDP, UNICEF and the IDB. Many of the fifteen presentations applied OPHI's method to measure multidimensional poverty to a variety of other contexts, finding that it is applicable, relevant and flexible to be implemented in areas other than poverty measurement. The workshop identified a number of common issues faced when constructing composite indices and outlined some lines for future research. The workshop summary, selected papers and presentations are now available on our website. [read more] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events217>

OPHI 'Multidimensional Poverty Measurement' poster available

We have produced a colourful poster in two sizes (A3 and A4) that introduces the theme of 'Multidimensional Poverty', available in PDF or printed upon request. [read more] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=research3>

Revised survey modules and the full Chilean survey for each Missing Dimension available

OPHI has identified five 'missing dimensions' of poverty data and developed survey questions for their measurement. Revised versions of these modules are available in English and Spanish; reflecting improvements that have been made over the last year. These new versions are available at: <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=research2>

The first national survey that uses these questions alongside standard household survey questions (available in English and Spanish) was recently conducted in Chile [read more] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=research2>

OPHI-CBMS collaboration in the Philippines on Missing Dimensions census

OPHI has begun collaborating with the Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS) research network in the Philippines on an 18-month project funded by AusAID that will collect census data on OPHI's 'missing dimensions of poverty' and propose new indicators to inform future CBMS work. [read more] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0>

Research in Progress – new postings

'Agency and Empowerment: A review of concepts, indicators and empirical evidence'. Emma Samman and Maria Emma Santos (OPHI RP10a, August 2009).

‘Testing for stochastic dominance among additive, multivariate welfare functions with discrete variable’, by Gaston Yalonetzky (OPHI RP9a, June 2009) [available at...]
<http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=publications0#Research>

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“Advancing freedoms and overcoming poverty.”

OPHI Updates aim to highlight key resources and information materials. In addition, in the coming months our website will be developed <http://www.ophi.org.uk/> to enable access to our work in the most timely and convenient way for you. We welcome your feedback and participation.

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