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OPHI e-Update

Welcome to the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative's regular update email of announcements, new publications and opportunities. This edition features announcements about 2012 OPHI-HDCA Summer School on Capability and Multidimensional Poverty and the launch of the new Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Launch of the Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI)

OPHI, the United States Agency for International Development ([USAID](#)) and the International Food Policy Research Institute ([IFPRI](#)) have collaborated to develop the new **Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index** which directly captures women's empowerment and inclusion levels in the agricultural sector. The innovative index, which uses an adaptation of OPHI's Alkire Foster method for measuring multidimensional poverty, was launched at the UN Commission on the Status of Women meetings in New York on 28 February and in the UK at Houses of Parliament on 7 March. [[About the WEAI...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/the-womens-empowerment-in-agriculture-index/>

Apply now for the 2012 OPHI-HDCA Summer School

Applications are now open for the annual OPHI-HDCA Summer School on Capability and Multidimensional Poverty, this year taking place in Jakarta, Indonesia, 23 August - 4 September 2012. The intensive two-week course provides a thorough conceptual and technical introduction to current literature and techniques of multidimensional measurement and of statistical analysis. Deadline for applicants requesting funding is 7 May. For others it is 15 June. [[Information and application details...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/summerschool2012>

New Chad project will collect data on OPHI's Missing Dimensions of Poverty

OPHI is partnering with the Government of Chad and UNICEF-Chad on a new study to explore the multi-layered connections between poverty and vulnerability in Chad. The project involves a nationally representative household survey using OPHI's survey modules on five 'missing dimensions of poverty data' to help better understand the hidden links behind persistent deprivations in Chad. [[About the project...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/research/missing-dimensions/chad-understanding-the-connections-unicef-government/>

OPHI side event at the UN Statistical Commission

On 28 February, Sabina Alkire, OPHI Director, presented at the UN Statistical Commission on '**Multidimensional measures of deprivation and living conditions**' including how national governments are adapting multidimensional measures specifically for their purposes. A two-page briefing document from the session is available. [[Two page briefing...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/OPHI-UNSC-2012.pdf>

OPHI to collaborate with ECLAC to promote multidimensional poverty

OPHI and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC/CEPAL) have formed a partnership to help develop and implement initiatives to promote the adoption of multidimensional poverty measurement methods in the region. [[About the partnership...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/policy/national-policy/partnership-with-eclac/>

PUBLICATIONS

New paper on Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2011 data

‘Sub-national Disparities and Inter-temporal Evolution of Multidimensional Poverty across Developing Countries’, a new paper by Sabina Alkire, José Manuel Roche and Suman Seth, focuses on sub-national decompositions and changes over time for 1.4 billion of the 1.65 billion MPI poor people identified by the MPI in 2011. It analyses the incidence, intensity and composition of multidimensional poverty for 683 sub-national regions of 66 countries and compares changes over time for 10 countries by sub-regions and indicators. [[OPHI RP 32a...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/OPHI-RP-32a-2011.pdf>

New OPHI Working Paper: ‘Measurement Errors and Multidimensional Poverty’

New paper by Cesar Calvo and Fernando Fernandez considers how multidimensional poverty measures using the Alkire-Foster method typically attenuate the data measurement errors that can cause an (upward) bias in unidimensional poverty estimates. [[OPHI Working Paper 50...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/measurement-errors-and-multidimensional-poverty/>

Paper on Measuring Corruption forthcoming in World Bank Economic Review

OPHI Working Paper 29, ‘An Axiomatic Approach to the Measurement of Corruption: Theory and Applications,’ by OPHI Research Associate James Foster, Andrew W. Horowitz and Fabio Méndez, is to be published in The World Bank Economic Review. [[OPHI Working Paper 29...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/working-paper-number-29/>

‘Multidimensional Poverty and its Discontents’ published by AFD and EUDN

OPHI Working Paper 46, ‘Multidimensional Poverty and its Discontents,’ by Sabina Alkire has been published in the new 2011 volume *Measure for Measure: How Well Do We Measure Development? (Proceedings of the 8th AFD-EUDN Conference, 2010)*. [[OPHI Working Paper 46...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/multidimensional-poverty-and-its-discontents/>

New PEP Working Paper on OPHI’s Missing Dimensions of Poverty data

Results from a PEP-funded project analysing a household survey in Chad show that the contribution of ‘five missing dimensions of poverty data’ developed by OPHI – such as job insecurity or lack of physical safety – is considerable in the general level of deprivation for households’ well-being in one of the world’s poorest countries. [[About the PEP-funded project...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/new-results-on-missing-dimensions-of-poverty-in-chad/>

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

Podcasts on Multidimensional Poverty

Podcasts from some of OPHI’s lunchtime seminars are now available on the OPHI website, including Suman Seth, OPHI Research Officer, presenting the paper ‘Sub-national Disparities and Inter-temporal Evolution of Multidimensional Poverty across Developing Countries’. [[Visit the podcast page...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news/ophipodcasts/>

Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) conference, Pakistan

Sabina Alkire presented a keynote speech on Multidimensional Poverty across South Asia at the 14th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) from 13—15 December 2011 in Islamabad, Pakistan where she also chaired a panel on ‘Revisiting Poverty Debate: Alternative Ways for Conceptualization, Measurement and Targeting’. [[Read more...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news/##sdc2011>

Upcoming ~ OPHI to present at CSAE Conference 2012

José Manuel Roche and Suman Seth, OPHI Research Officers, will present MPI 2011 analysis and results at the annual Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) conference on 20 March 2012 in Oxford, UK. They will present the paper ‘Sub-national Disparities and Inter-temporal Evolution of Multidimensional Poverty across Developing Countries’ (authored jointly with Sabina Alkire). [\[Read more...\]](http://www.ophi.org.uk/news/#csae12) <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news/#csae12>

OPPORTUNITIES

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New OPHI online training portal

A new set of videos and resources on multidimensional poverty measurement is now live on the OPHI website. The section is being re-organised and will be refined in the next month, but the materials can be accessed through the OPHI website now. We welcome your feedback on the section. [\[Online teaching materials...\]](http://www.ophi.org.uk/teaching/online-training-portal/) <http://www.ophi.org.uk/teaching/online-training-portal/>

OPHI PEOPLE

Two new Researchers have joined the OPHI team in 2012. Mauricio Apablaza joins us full-time following the completion of his Ph.D at the University of Nottingham, UK and will focus on OPHI’s training course development and delivery, as well as academic research. Adriana Conconi, who is studying for a Ph.D at the Universidad Nacional de La Plata (UNLP), Argentina, will assist across OPHI’s research work including conducting MPI calculations for 2012 and analysis

OPHI is also pleased to have two Visiting Research Fellows with us in Oxford at the moment. **Murilo Fabel**, a Professor and Researcher at Fundação João Pineheiro (FJP) and Associate Visiting Professor at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), is visiting from February-December 2012, and **Norihito Sakamoto**, Lecturer at the Graduate School of Economics, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan, is visiting from February-March 2012. [\[OPHI People...\]](http://www.ophi.org.uk/about/people/) <http://www.ophi.org.uk/about/people/>

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March 2012 - OPHI e-Update “Advancing freedoms and overcoming poverty.”

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