

# Ex·Ed

OPHI Executive Education

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Oxford Poverty & Human  
Development Initiative

## Leaders Programme: Using the MPI as a policy tool

May 9–13, 2022 | Online



# What is an MPI?

A Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) is a measurement and policy tool that captures the overlapping deprivations a person experiences and provides information for policymakers about who is poor and how they are poor. Data from an MPI can help guide and inform many areas of policy, from planning and targeting to coordination and responding to crises. Recognised in the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), MPIs offer a complementary perspective to traditional monetary poverty metrics and are part of the solution to tackling poverty globally.

# What is OPHI Executive Education?

OPHI Executive Education was established in 2021 to train senior policymakers and leaders from all sectors in how to use MPIs to reduce poverty. The Leaders Programme shares the rich experience of a growing network of global champions committed to poverty reduction to inspire today's leaders while also equipping them with practical knowledge and resources to implement high-impact strategies.

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**The MPI provides you not just with a tool to look at those who are most vulnerable, but also to be able to extract and extrapolate from it precisely the kind of targeted measures that are needed right now in a context of fiscal constraints.**

**Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP**

This course explores how the MPI can be used as a policy tool for effective poverty reduction. Through interactive lectures, workshops, conversations with global leaders, and practitioners' panels, this 5-day programme will leverage open discussions and high-level networking with fellow policymakers from around the world.



# Learning objectives

**By the end of the programme, participants will be able to:**

- Confidently interpret and communicate MPI results
- Set policy goals and lead strategies for poverty reduction
- Coordinate multisectoral teams using the MPI as a tool for:
  - Planning, targeting, and budgeting
  - Strengthening governance
  - Reporting on SDG target 1.2 and other international/national goals
  - Responding to and recovering from the pandemic and other crises
- Use the MPI as a tool to bridge technical and political efforts to accelerate poverty reduction

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**In the wake of the pandemic, we are in a moment of history when policy leadership to confront poverty is essential. The hope is that leaders can use the MPI to, against all odds, definitively turn a corner on poverty. To support them in this effort, we are glad to offer the OPHI ExEd Leaders Programme.**

**Sabina Alkire, Director, OPHI**

## Eligibility

OPHI ExEd Leaders Programme is **aimed at senior professionals with a strong interest in multidimensional poverty and a capacity for influencing public policy priorities** at international, national, subnational, and institutional levels. This includes decision makers in the highest levels of a ministry, secretariat, development agency, commission, or multilateral organization, in roles such as minister, deputy minister, permanent secretary, director general, secretary general, executive director, department head, or equivalent.

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**In governance, if the eradication of poverty is not important, then nothing else should be important.**

**Tshering Tobgay, Former Prime Minister of Bhutan**



# Course format

## Keynote speeches

Inspirational remarks from renowned global leaders and OPHI's advisors based on their vast knowledge and experience in multidimensional poverty reduction and global development.

## Conversations with global leaders

Dialogue space where participants will have the unique opportunity to talk with global leaders and engage in detailed discussions of policy successes and challenges in a candid and informal setting.

## Live lectures

Case-based sessions facilitated by experienced practitioners who have led multidimensional poverty reduction strategies both at national and international levels. These are informative and interactive sessions where participants will learn about different scenarios in which the MPI has been used to address specific policy challenges and explore ways to adapt it to their specific contexts.

## Workshops

Interactive learning spaces where participants will have the opportunity to deal with real-world challenges to reduce multidimensional poverty and co-develop strategic policy solutions guided by the MPI. Breakout groups may be organized to explore specific policy challenges in depth. Workshops will be facilitated by experienced practitioners and global forerunners in multidimensional poverty measurement.

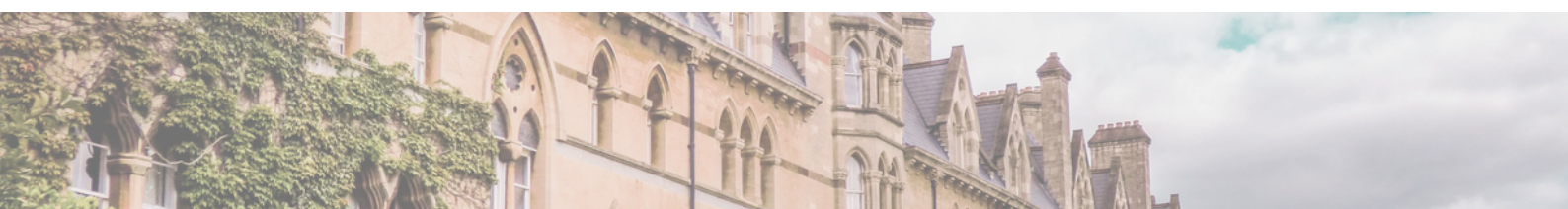
## Practitioner panel

Peer-to-peer learning space where practitioners will have the opportunity to share and discuss their experiences using the MPI to address specific policy challenges.

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**What I did was establish poverty as a priority, but then construct a system to coordinate all the different ministries and institutions in government to work together, not competing but collaborating, in order to achieve that objective.**

**Juan Manuel Santos, Nobel Peace Laureate,  
Former President of Colombia**



# Booking details

## Technical requirements

The programme will be delivered in English, via Canvas and Zoom. Please see below the system requirements to run these platforms:

[Canvas system requirements](#)

[Zoom system requirements](#)

## Programme fee: £1,500

This special online fee covers registration and programme tuition, all academic materials, continuous support throughout the programme, and upon successful completion, a digital Certificate of Completion from OPHI and the Oxford Department of International Development.

### Limited financial support is available.

Places are limited and applicants will be evaluated on the basis of the information provided in their application.

**\*A Leaders Programme will be offered in Spanish in Autumn 2022.**



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OPHI Executive Education focuses on the policy uses of the MPI and the implementation of the measure. Those wishing to delve deeper into the technical side of measurement and learn how to construct and analyse the MPI are invited to apply for the [OPHI Summer School](#).

# About OPHI

**The Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI)** is an economic **research and policy centre** within the Oxford Department of International Development at the University of Oxford, co-founded in 2007 by [Sabina Alkire](#) and [John Hammock](#). Drawing on Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen's [capability approach](#), OPHI's purpose is to build and advance a more systematic methodological and economic framework for reducing multidimensional poverty, grounded in people's experiences and values.

Poverty and wellbeing are multidimensional. Over a decade after Sabina Alkire and James Foster developed the Alkire-Foster (AF) method at OPHI, it has been used to develop international, national, subnational measures of poverty, wellbeing, and empowerment tailored to specific contexts and priorities. Applications include the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index, Bhutan's Gross National Happiness Index, Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index, Multidimensional Vulnerability Indices, the Business Wellbeing Index, and a rapidly growing number of national Multidimensional Poverty Indices (MPIs).

Measures based on the AF method have proven to be powerful tools for governments, development agencies, the private sector, and NGOs to design and coordinate policies, allocate resources, and target beneficiaries. Such actors have found that **to reduce multidimensional poverty effectively and create wellbeing for all, it can be highly efficient to implement integrated strategies that consider the multiple and interconnected deprivations that affect people's lives.**

The Alkire-Foster (AF) method, developed by Sabina Alkire and [James Foster](#) at OPHI, is a flexible technique for measuring multidimensional poverty, inequality, and wellbeing that goes beyond traditional one-dimensional approaches such as income. It can incorporate different dimensions and indicators to create measures adapted to specific contexts and purposes.

***For further information, please visit [OPHI ExEd](#)  
or contact us at: [ophi-exed@qeh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ophi-exed@qeh.ox.ac.uk)***



# Testimonials

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**I used to ask myself “Are we making policy blindly?” Then came the OPHI ExEd Programme and with the support of UNDP Cambodia, I was exposed to how powerful and instrumental a national MPI can be in putting our beloved citizens’ deprivation at the forefront of our policymaking.**

Boros Samheng, Secretary of State, Ministry of Social Affairs, Veteran and Youth Rehabilitation, Cambodia

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**The Programme has been of great help to understand the scope and uses of this measure of poverty.**

Adilio Celle Insfrán, Vice Minister of Economic & Social Coordination of the Technical Secretariat of Economic & Social Development Planning, Paraguay

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**As a Welfare Statistician, my only concern was the production of quality statistics for policymakers, including the MPI. It was through this Programme that I realized that the Statistics Office has an important role to play after launching the national MPI. I learnt that it is our mission as Statisticians to produce policy snapshots and generate buy-in for the Cabinet and consequently initiate budget allocation for the MPI.**

Fransina Amutenya, Senior Statistician, Namibia Statistics Agency, Namibia

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