Normative choice when designing a poverty index

Thursday 14 August 2014, 9am.

Duration: 1hr and 30 mins.

Aim: To reach a consensus in your group on the normative justification behind the key steps in designing a multidimensional poverty measure t for the country assigned.

Outcome: Your group is expected to answer the questions and complete the table below

Welcome to the High-Level Panel meeting at the President's Office of XXX. You have been invited to offer your expertise and informed views on the development a MD Index. You should follow the capabilities approach in a way that is relevant and significant for the country. The measure should reflect the capabilities and functionings of people as close as possible. Along this guideline, you will receive a series of reports available from DHS, MDGs and WB, Voices of the Poor, NGOs, National Development Offices. Based on the countries information, along with the presentation on normative issues and the international experiences of adapting the AF method, you have to select and justify in detail:

1. The purpose of the measure: examples include
   a. measure national progress
   b. child/youth poverty measure
   c. performance monitoring and evaluation
   d. targeting for ministerial intervention
   e. local community measure
   f. many or all of them

2. The unit of analysis.
3. The possible dimensions, indicators, weight and deprivation threshold ALONG with normative justification for each

At this stage, you may consider that you are also setting up a survey instrument for new data collection. Then it is possible to include dimensions and indicators that are not available yet in the country. In further sessions your team will have to adapt the normative decisions made to the data currently available.

4. Threshold score of poverty or Poverty cutoff to identify the poor: Finally, determine how many 'weighted' deprivations are sufficient to be considered 'multidimensionally' poor? And how do you justify your decision?

The Office of the President would like to thank you for your time and thoughts!

Dimension	Indicator	Deprivation threshold Deprived = … Non-deprived = …	Weight or value of each deprivation
1. Justify:	1a. Justify:	1a. Justify:	1a. Justify: