Multidimensional Poverty Measurement: A Tool for Public Policy

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Nothing works better for public policy than a politically sensitive indicator

- There are thousands of indicators around, but not all of them are used as a guide for public policy.
- What is need are indicators....
  - Technically robust
  - Supported by good information
  - Reliable
  - Which pressure policy makers in a political way
The Multidimensional Poverty Indicator is a good candidate

- The MPI developed in Mexico in 2009 is being used for social policy.
- It includes education, health services, social security services, housing, food, income
- The President and State Governors know this is a politically sensitive indicator ....
- Individual indicators by dimension are less sensitive
- Federal and state budgets have been modified to reduce MPI
- The National Development Plan includes this indicator
A Global MPI is needed for the same reasons.... and more

- The **MPI** developed at OPHI...
- Technically **robust**
- Countries already have **good data**
- **Poverty** is a more **sensitive** word than housing or education or......
- A **Global MPI includes** these dimensions
- A **Global MPI can decompose** to understand better world and regional poverty, as well as the dynamics of dimensions.
- Separate indicators for dimensions **cannot** do this