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# 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 needed 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