



March 2015 OPHI e-Update

Welcome to the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative's regular email update of announcements, opportunities, new publications and events. If you have any problems viewing this email, you can read it [online](#).

HIGHLIGHTS

OPHI staff visit Ivory Coast to discuss multidimensional poverty measurement in Africa

OPHI researcher Bouba Housseini and co-founder John Hammock were in the Ivory Coast from 16-21 March where they gave presentations on the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) at the African Development Bank and the UNDP Africa Economists Cluster Meeting. They also attended the International Conference on the Emergence of Africa. [Read more](#).

OPHI and MPPN host UN side-event on multidimensional poverty measurement

OPHI and the [Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network](#) (MPPN) - a group of senior representatives from over 40 governments and international institutions - hosted a side-event on multidimensional poverty measurement at the 46th session of the UN Statistical Commission on Monday 2 March. [Read more](#).

All Draft Chapters of OPHI's book on multidimensional poverty now online

Draft chapters of OPHI's forthcoming book, ['Multidimensional Poverty Measurement and Analysis'](#), are now available to download as [working papers](#). The book provides an in-depth account of multidimensional poverty measurement, with a particular focus on the [Alkire Foster method](#). The draft chapters will also be made available electronically on the [book website](#) over the coming weeks, alongside a range of study and teaching resources. The book will be published in hardcopy by [Oxford University Press](#) in June 2015.

Vacancy: Research Officer

OPHI is seeking a full-time, postdoctoral Research Officer who will join the team working on multidimensional poverty measures. Only applications received before 12.00 midday GMT on Wednesday 8 April 2015 can be considered. [Further information and details on how to apply](#).

EVENTS

Apply by 30 March for OPHI's 2015 Summer School

Applications are open for OPHI's annual summer school on multidimensional poverty analysis, taking place this year from 3-15 August at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. Application deadline: 30 March 2015. [Find out more](#).

Special Side-Event at the 21-22 April Data Festival in Cartagena Colombia

This side event will highlight a new multidimensional poverty measure that can help to “end poverty in all its forms everywhere” – a key component of the first goal of the final Open Working Group proposal for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is hosted by the Government of Colombia, the [Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network](#), and OPHI. [More](#).

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

[A Multidimensional Poverty Index for Latin America](#) – OPHI working paper 79 by Maria Emma Santos, Pablo Villatoro, Xavier Mancero and Pascual Gerstenfeld.

This significant paper proposes a new Multidimensional Poverty Index for Latin America (MPI-LA). It includes very extensive robustness analysis, and a discussion of the treatment of the income. Findings from the paper were included in the first chapter of [‘Social Panorama of Latin America 2014’](#), a report released by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in January 2015.

[Multidimensional Poverty Index 2015+](#) - OPHI briefing paper

This briefing note gathers existing documentation on multidimensional poverty from recent documents, and outlines what a Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) is and what a new version of it (MPI 2015+) could look like in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

[New Working Papers of draft chapters in Multidimensional Poverty Measurement and Analysis](#) by Sabina Alkire, James E. Foster, Suman Seth, Maria Emma Santos, Jose M. Roche and Paola Ballon:

[Chapter 10: Some Regression Models](#): presents micro and macro regression models that are appropriate for use with different elements of the AF measures.

[Chapter 9 – Distribution and Dynamics](#): shows how the AF measurement methodologies can be extended to analyse inequality among the poor and changes in poverty over time using both repeated cross-section and panel data.

[Chapter 8 – Robustness Analysis and Statistical Inference](#): defines dominance and rank robustness tests to assess poverty comparisons as parameters change.

[Chapter 7 – Data and Analysis](#): introduces empirical and data issues that are distinctive to counting-based multidimensional poverty methodologies.

[Chapter 6 – Normative Choices in Measurement Design](#): describes the normative choices made in the design of a multidimensional poverty measure.

[Chapter 5 – The Alkire-Foster Counting Methodology](#): provides a systematic overview of the Alkire Foster multidimensional measurement methodology.

BLOGS

Read recent blog posts by John Hammock, OPHI Co-Founder and Director of Outreach: [A Tale of Twos: Two months, two new policies, two parts of the world](#), March 2015

[Calling for a Multidimensional Poverty Index in the Sustainable Development Goals](#), February 2015

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