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April 2010 OPHI Update

Welcome to the monthly update of announcements and opportunities by the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI).

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UNDP 20th Anniversary Human Development Report

OPHI is collaborating with the United Nations Development Programme Human Development Report Office (UNDP HDRO) on their 20th Anniversary edition Report. The 2010 report will feature a conceptual re-statement of human development and exciting new work on multidimensional poverty. To mark the anniversary, UNDP HDRO is posting a monthly online column on some of the key concepts that contribute to the human development approach and the upcoming report. Read more to see columns by Jeni Klugman and Francisco Rodríguez, to find out how you can subscribe to key updates and participate in the debate.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#povertyundp>

How Can We Improve Measures of Poverty and Wellbeing? ~ Interview with Sabina Alkire

Sabina Alkire talks about the shortcomings of relying on monetary measures of progress, such as income or Gross Domestic Product (GDP) alone, and explains how broader measures can complement income to guide economic policies better.

[available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#focusinterview>

Lecture by Helen Clark, Administrator of UNDP ~ Podcast Available

OPHI co-hosted a lecture by Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and former Prime Minister of New Zealand, with the Global Economic Governance Programme and Oxford Department of International Development on 4 March 2010. Watch the podcasted lecture entitled 'The UN's Role in Overcoming Development Challenges'. [available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#helenclarklecture>

OPHI Research Featured in Chronicle of Higher Education

The Alkire Foster approach to measuring multidimensional poverty was featured in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* last month. Highlighting increasing attention government officials and academics are paying to the measure, the feature goes on to explain how it was conceived. An article by the same author discusses the US's announcement that they will move to a new poverty measure and asks whether they might consider a multidimensional approach. [read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#chronicle>

Improving Equality of Educational Opportunity in India

New OPHI research on equality of educational opportunities in education across India was presented at the Royal Economic Society's Annual Conference last month. Read more on the findings of the study by Niaz Asadullah and OPHI's Gaston Yalonetzky. [read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#resconf>

OPHI in Action

UNDP Seminar Sabina Alkire presented OPHI's work for UNDP's Human Development Report Office on a new international multidimensional poverty measure to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in New York on 12 April. The talk was introduced by Selim Jehan, BDP and chaired by Francisco Rodriguez, HDRO.

OPHI Collaboration on Empowerment Survey in East Africa OPHI collaborated with Twaweza in Tanzania, an East African NGO, and the Centre for International Education, University of Massachusetts Amherst, on the design of a nationally representative survey on empowerment. José Manuel Roche and Emma Samman visited Tanzania in February to work on the questionnaire which will be administered across three countries – Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya.

Kolkata Group Calls for Legal Right to Food for All in India Sabina Alkire was among fifty participants who convened for the Kolkata Group's eighth annual workshop to examine inequality, deprivation, human development and democracy in February, chaired by Professor Amartya Sen.

Indo-Bangladesh Dialogue Sabina Alkire participated in the 'Indo-Bangladesh Dialogue on Health and Education: Learning from Neighbours' organized by BRAC, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) and Praticchi Trust in Dhaka in February. [read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#action>

Piloting of OPHI's Missing Dimensions Modules in Chad, Nigeria and Sri Lanka

OPHI's collaboration with the Poverty and Economic Policy Research Network (PEP Network) has continued with the piloting of OPHI's missing dimensions survey modules among communities in Chad, Nigeria and Sri Lanka. The questionnaires that were administered in French, Igbo, Sinhala and

Tamil are available to download. [available at...]

<http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#pilotsrilanka>

New Working Papers

‘Freedom, Opportunity and Wellbeing.’ James E. Foster. (OPHI WP35 April 2010).

‘Notes on Effective Freedom.’ James E. Foster. (OPHI WP34 March 2010, Revised 1993).

[available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=publications0>

New Research in Progress

‘Capability and Group Inequalities: Revealing the Latent Structure.’ José Manuel Roche (OPHI RP18a April 2010).

‘Quality of Employment and Job Satisfaction: Evidence from Chile.’ Lea Cassar (OPHI RP17a April 2010).

‘A Comparison Between the Pearson-based Dissimilarity Index and the Multiple-Group Overlap Index.’ Gaston Yalonetzky (OPHI RP16a April 2010).

Updated ~ ‘Child Poverty Measurement: An assessment of methods and an application to Bangladesh.’ José Manuel Roche (OPHI RP11b Rev. March 2010).

[available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=publications0#Research>

OPPORTUNITIES

International Conference on Measuring Multidimensional Poverty in Latin America

We followed the earthquake in Chile with deep regret and send our sincere feelings of sympathy and solidarity to all those affected. In view of the events, the international conference scheduled for March in Chile was cancelled, and will now be held on 13-14 May 2010. The conference ‘Measuring Multidimensional Poverty in Latin America’, organised by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in collaboration with OPHI, the Chilean Government’s Ministry of Planning and the Foundation for Overcoming Poverty, will take place in Raúl Prebisch Conference Hall in Santiago.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#chileconf>

Summer School on Capability and Multidimensional Poverty

Organised by the Human Development and Capability Association and OPHI, at the University of Jordan Amman Jordan: 11-20 September 2010.

Applications are now open for this intensive summer school, which will provide a thorough conceptual and technical introduction to current literature and techniques of measuring and comparing capabilities, drawing on various techniques of multidimensional measurement and of statistical analysis. The deadline for applications is 14 May 2010.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=teaching1>

Get Involved! Student Grants and Visiting Fellows

Get involved with OPHI through your thesis research or as a Visiting Fellow. The next deadline for Visiting Fellows applications has been extended to 1st May. In addition, OPHI is offering a small

number of grants of up to £500 to MPhil and DPhil students from relevant departments at the University of Oxford. The grants are for quantitative work or fieldwork related to our research themes – read more to see the guidelines for applications. The deadline for student grant applications is 25th April.

[Visiting Fellows...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=involved0#visiting>

[Student Grants...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=involved0#studentgrants>

OPHI Lunchtime Seminar Series

OPHI's Lunchtime Seminar Series begins again on Monday 26 April, with Matthew Powell (Senior Consultant, Oxford Policy Management) and Mark Chandler (UK Centre for the Measurement of Government Activity, Office of National Statistics) presenting 'The Sarkozy Commission Recommendations and the Future for Measurement of Non Market Output'. OPHI seminars are open to the public and are held every Monday at 1-2pm at Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#events>

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