

# OPHI

February 2010 Monthly OPHI Update

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

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### **Mexico Adopts New Poverty Measure Co-Developed by OPHI**

A new multidimensional poverty measure co-developed by OPHI researchers was adopted by the Mexican government last month. It is the first national model to reflect the full breadth of poverty at the household level, including social factors such as health, housing, education and access to food, as well as income. [read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#mexico>

### **Missing Dimensions Resources Available in French**

OPHI's colourful poster introducing the theme 'Missing Dimensions of Poverty' and an example of how the missing dimensions modules can be integrated into a multi-topic survey are now available in French. These materials form part of OPHI's collaboration with the Poverty and Economic Policy (PEP) Network and Institut National de la Statistique, des Etudes Economiques et Démographiques (INSEED) in Chad to test OPHI's missing dimensions survey modules.

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

### **New E-Chapter on Measuring Poverty Available ~ Free**

A non-technical, policy oriented summary of the Alkire and Foster method for measuring multidimensional poverty is now available to download as an e-chapter. The chapter, entitled 'Counting and Multidimensional Poverty' forms part of a new book 'The Poorest and The Hungry' published by the International Food Policy Research Institute, aimed at practitioners and researchers. Read more to find out how you can download or buy a copy. [read more...]

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

### **OPHI in Action**

**How do we measure development?** Watch OPHI's Director Sabina Alkire talking about our work on multidimensional poverty measurement in an interview at the 11th Annual Global Development Conference in Prague on 17 January. Alkire and a group of distinguished panellists including François Bourguignon, Andrew Clark and Jeni Klugman, discussed the challenges of measuring welfare and social progress and what advances are being made.

**Re-phrasing Human Development for the 2010 UNDP Human Development Report** Sabina Alkire delivered a lecture at the Institute of Development Studies, Brighton, on 28 January. She discussed how a new concept of human development is being formulated for the 2010 HDR. Read more to find out how you can listen to the podcast and contribute to the debate.

**Measuring Chronic Poverty** OPHI's Maria Emma Santos presented this paper (co-authored with James E. Foster) at the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Brazilian Econometric Society *New Frontiers in Poverty Analysis* held in Foz do Igazu on 9-11 December 2009.

**Ethics of Human Development and Global Justice: Responsibilities of Institutions and Citizens for Action on Poverty** Sabina Alkire was a plenary speaker at the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Development Ethics Association in Valencia, Spain.  
[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#ophiaction>

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### **International Conference on Measuring Multidimensional Poverty in Latin America**

OPHI is teaming up with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Chilean Government's Ministry of Planning and the Foundation for Overcoming Poverty to organise an international conference on 'Measuring Multidimensional Poverty in Latin America'. The conference will take place in ECLAC's prestigious Raúl Prebisch Conference Hall in Santiago, Chile on 4-5 March 2010, and will be closed by the President of Chile, Michelle Bachelet.  
[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#chileconf>

### **OPHI's Oxford Lunchtime Seminar Series**

OPHI's Lunchtime Seminar Series begins again on Monday 8 February, with 'On chronic poverty, time and human rights' presented by Yishai Mishor (Oxford Faculty of Law). These seminars will be held on Mondays from 13:00-14:00 in Meeting Room A, first floor, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford. Open to the public. [read more...]  
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OPHI Updates aim to highlight key resources and information materials. In addition, in the coming months our website will be developed <http://www.ophi.org.uk/> to enable access to our work in the most timely and convenient way for you. We welcome your feedback and participation.

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