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Financial Times Coverage ~ Sabina Alkire on OPHI's Approach to Poverty

Read coverage of OPHI's approach to poverty published in the Financial Times on 2 July: 'Oxford economists draw up system to reveal more detailed picture of poverty'. The article highlights the technique for multidimensional measurement designed by Sabina Alkire and James Foster, which is behind a new international poverty measure being launched by OPHI and the 2010 UNDP Human Development Report later this month.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news#ft2july>

OPHI to Launch New Poverty Measure with the UNDP Human Development Report

OPHI will launch a new international measure of poverty with the UNDP Human Development Report at a special policy forum at the Commonwealth Club in London on 14 July and on the OPHI and UNDP HDRO websites. OPHI developed the measure, which will be featured in the

2010 UNDP Human Development Report, and used it to evaluate poverty in 104 developing nations worldwide.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news#undphdro>

OPHI Measure Attracts High Level Interest in Latin America

A recent international conference in Chile generated great interest in developing and implementing OPHI's multidimensional approach to poverty measurement in Latin America. The conference, organized by the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, with Chilean Ministry of Planning, the Chilean Foundation for Overcoming Poverty and OPHI was oversubscribed, with more than 320 participants and government representatives from 13 countries across Latin America. Read more for media, photos, podcasts, presentations and papers from the conference.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news#Latin>

New OPHI Website!

OPHI has developed a new website, which we hope will be informative and easy to use. The new website contains new research content, a where we work page, podcasts page and more about OPHI. More content will be added in the coming weeks. We are keen to receive your comments and feedback on the site.

[available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk>

OPHI Workshop on Multidimensional Poverty and Inequality

OPHI co-hosted a workshop 'Multidimensional Poverty and Inequality: New Methods and Research Directions' on 14-16 June in Oxford with the UNDP Human Development Report. The workshop included a public lecture by François Bourguignon, Director of the Paris School of Economics and former Chief Economist of the World Bank.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/multidimensional-poverty-inequality-new-methods-research-directions-3/>

Results of OPHI's Missing Dimensions Modules Pilots in Nigeria, Philippines and Sri Lanka

Results of the piloting of OPHI's Missing Dimensions modules were presented at the Poverty and Economic Policy Research Network General Meeting in Dakar, Senegal in June. The pilots have yielded data on quality of work, empowerment, physical safety, the ability to go about without shame and psychological wellbeing, which have been used to create rich multidimensional analyses of poverty in the areas of Nigeria, Philippines and Sri Lanka surveyed.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news#pilotresults>

Qualitative Work on Missing Dimensions in Mali, Philippines and Bolivia

Several graduate students will work with OPHI to conduct qualitative work and cognitive interviews in the Philippines and Bolivia to validate and refine the Missing Dimensions modules on Empowerment and Shame and Isolation this summer.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news#qualmiss>

PUBLICATIONS

New Working Papers

'Human Development: Definitions, Critiques, and Related Concepts.' Sabina Alkire. (OPHI WP36 May 2010).

[available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/human-development-definitions-critiques-and-related-concepts/>

New Research in Progress

'Multidimensional Targeting: Identifying Beneficiaries of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs.' Viviane Azevedo and Marcos Robles (OPHI RP20a 2010).

'The Multidimensionality of Child Poverty: an Empirical Investigation on Children of Afghanistan.' Mario Biggeri, Jean-Francois Trani and Vincenzo Mauro (OPHI RP19a 2010).

[available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/publications/ophi-research-in-progress/>

New Book on Missing Dimensions of Poverty Available in Mandarin Chinese

The new publication is based on OPHI papers that introduce aspects of poverty that deprived people cite as important in their experiences of poverty, but have been largely overlooked in large-scale quantitative work on poverty and human development. These include Quality of work, Empowerment, Physical safety, the Ability to go about without shame and Psychological wellbeing.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news#mandarin>

OPPORTUNITIES

International Seminar on New Techniques for Measuring Poverty, Wellbeing and Inequality of Opportunity in Colombia

The Colombian Ministry of Planning, Departamento Nacional de Planeación, will hold an international seminar on new techniques for measuring poverty, wellbeing and inequality of opportunity on 28-29 July in Bogota, Colombia. Its aim is to focus discussion on new trends in measurement of poverty, wellbeing and inequality of opportunity and to establish an agenda to advance these in the region. OPHI is actively involved in the seminar, with Sabina Alkire helping to open the meeting and James Foster presenting the Alkire Foster method for multidimensional measurement.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news#colombia>

Multidimensional Measurement and Analysis of Poverty and Progress in the Next Decade

OPHI's Sabina Alkire is presenting on poverty and progress in the next decade in a panel at the 4th ESRC Research Methods Festival, St. Catherine's College, Oxford on Thursday 8 July at 11am.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/events/>

OPHI Summer School and HDCA Conference

This year's OPHI Summer School on capability and multidimensional poverty, to be held in Amman, Jordan in September, received more than 120 applications; a 50% rise on last year. The course will be held just prior to the Human Development and Capability Association Annual

Conference to be held September 21-23 at the University of Jordan on the theme Human Rights and Development. Read more to find out more about the HDCA conference and to access online materials from the 2009 summer school.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news#summerschool>

OPHI in Action

Read about OPHI's recent and forthcoming presentations in Belgium, UK, Moscow, Switzerland and Sweden.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news#ophiactionjul>

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