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October 2010 OPHI Update

Welcome to the regular update of announcements, new publications and opportunities by the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI).

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Colombia Announces Proposal for National Multidimensional Poverty Measure

Colombia announced that it will introduce a set of new national measures of poverty, inequality and wellbeing at a recent international conference in Bogota organized by the Colombian Ministry of Planning in collaboration with OPHI, the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the World Bank. These include Colombia's first national multidimensional poverty measure, which will use the methodology developed by OPHI Director Sabina Alkire and James Foster, Professor at George Washington University and OPHI Research Associate. News, presentations and photos from the conference are available online.

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

Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) Launch

In July, OPHI and the UNDP Human Development Report jointly launched the Multidimensional Poverty Index or MPI – an innovative new measure that gives a vivid “multidimensional” picture of people living in poverty. The new index, which provided first-ever analyses of global multidimensional poverty in 104 developing nations, attracted extensive media and blog coverage around the world.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/policy/multidimensional-poverty-index/>

World Bank Multidimensional Poverty Measurement Workshop

OPHI presented the Multidimensional Poverty Index at a Washington DC workshop organized by the Poverty and Inequality Measurement and Analysis Practice Group of the World Bank on 30 August. About one hundred bank staff chose to participate in the meeting, including country offices of Brazil, Mauritius, Kenya and Uganda by video conference.

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

Missing Dimensions Programme in Chile and Philippines

OPHI collaborators presented initial results from OPHI's Missing Dimensions Programme work in Chile at the Chronic Poverty Research Centre International Conference in Manchester. OPHI's nationally representative dataset from Chile includes indicators of quality of work, empowerment, physical safety, the ability to go without shame and psychological wellbeing, in addition to standard indicators. Results of the piloting of OPHI's Missing Dimensions modules in the Philippines were also presented at the HDCA Conference in Jordan.

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

OPHI Summer School and HDCA Conference in Jordan

The OPHI team taught a summer school in Amman, Jordan in September. The course attracted 36 participants from 24 countries this year, ranging from Iraq to Indonesia. Participants include doctoral students, academics, those working in government offices of statistics and planning, and staff of international organisations. Conference papers for the Human Development and Capability Association Conference, which followed the summer school on 21-23 September are available now.

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

New Spanish Summer School on Multidimensional Poverty

OPHI will teach a new short course on multidimensional poverty on 6-17 December 2010 in Santiago, Chile. It will be taught in Spanish language to development practitioners from across Latin America. The new short course is being organised in collaboration with the Chilean Ministry of Planning, ECLAC and Chilean Foundation for Overcoming Poverty.

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

OPHI in Action

UNDP Meetings in Kathmandu and Delhi OPHI Director Sabina Alkire presented the Multidimensional Poverty Index in meetings hosted by UNDP and attended by government, media and international agencies in August.

Meetings in Bhutan Sabina Alkire gave a public lecture on the Multidimensional Poverty Index, organised by the Centre for Bhutan Studies in conjunction with the Royal Institute of Management.

DFID Seminar Sabina Alkire and OPHI Research Officer Maria Emma Santos presented a seminar in the Chief Economist Seminar Series at the UK's Department for International Development on the Multidimensional Poverty Index on 27 September.

University of Manchester Seminar Sabina Alkire will present a seminar on the Multidimensional Poverty Index at the University of Manchester on 12 October.

International Poverty Reduction Centre in China Sabina Alkire will participate in the 'Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum' give a keynote speech at the 'Celebrity Forum',

entitled ‘What can we learn from new multi dimensional poverty measurement for national poverty monitoring and analysis?’ in Beijing on 17-18 October.

OECD Multidimensional Welfare and Poverty Measurement Workshop Sabina Alkire and James Foster will present their methodology for measuring multidimensional poverty at this OECD workshop in Paris on 26 October.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news#ophiactionsep10>

PUBLICATIONS

New Working Papers

‘Acute Multidimensional Poverty: A New Index for Developing Countries.’ Sabina Alkire and Maria Emma Santos. (OPHI WP38 July 2010).

[available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/acute-multidimensional-poverty-a-new-index-for-developing-countries/>

‘Designing the Inequality-Adjusted Human Development Index (HDI).’ Sabina Alkire and James Foster. (OPHI WP37 July 2010).

[available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/designing-the-inequality-adjusted-human-development-index-hdi/>

New OPHI Brochure

The new OPHI brochure includes an overview, research outline, policy impacts, details of workshops and teaching activities. Printed copies are freely available on request.

[available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/OPHILeafletInDesignWEB.pdf>

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OPHI’s Oxford Seminar Series

OPHI’s Oxford Lunchtime Seminar Series begins again this October, with ‘Multidimensional Poverty Index and the 2010 UNDP Human Development Report’ by Sabina Alkire (OPHI) on Monday 11 October. These seminars will be held every Monday from 13:00-14:00 in Meeting Room A, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford. Open to the public.

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

Health Economics Research Centre Seminar: MPI in Practise

Sabina Alkire will present a seminar on the Multidimensional Poverty Index in the University of Oxford’s Health Economics Research Centre Series on 19 October at 4pm. The seminar is open to the public and will be held in the Richard Doll Lecture Theatre, Rosemary Rue Building, Old Road Campus, Headington, Oxford.

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