



Ministers and senior officials from nearly 30 countries currently participate in the Network, including: Angola, Bhutan, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Germany, Honduras, India, Iraq, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Seychelles, South Africa, Saint Lucia, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay, and Vietnam.

A growing number of institutions also participate in the Network, including the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC), Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC).

CONTACT THE MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY PEER NETWORK

For more information about the Network and how to join, please contact the Secretariat at OPHI by email at mppn@ophi.org.uk or visit www.mppn.org.

OPHI – ADVANCING A FRAMEWORK FOR REDUCING MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY

OPHI is an economic research centre at the University of Oxford which develops and implements multidimensional measures of poverty that are tailored to a specific context, in order to capture the complexity of poverty and better inform policies to relieve it. www.ophi.org.uk



THE MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY PEER NETWORK

Connecting Policymakers Globally



- A global network connecting the growing number of countries developing multidimensional poverty measures
- Harnessing multidimensional measurement for more effective poverty reduction
- Participation of over 30 countries and institutions, including: Bhutan, China, Colombia, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Philippines, and Vietnam

WHY MULTIDIMENSIONAL MEASURES?

Poverty is often defined by one-dimensional measures, such as income. But no one indicator alone can capture the multiple aspects that constitute poverty.

A rapidly increasing number of policymakers around the world are working to establish **multidimensional poverty measures**, using the Alkire Foster (AF) methodology developed at the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI). These measures enable them to:

- **Target social programmes to those who need them.** Can be disaggregated by both geographic area and dimension/indicator to show which deprivations are driving poverty among and within groups.
- **Monitor the effectiveness of policies over time.** Can be used to evaluate the impact of policy initiatives, allowing policymakers to improve programming and better reach beneficiaries.
- **Improve policy design.** Has the benefit of a single societal poverty measure but with the ability to enable precise resource allocation.



Alfonso Porres

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR POLICYMAKERS

The Network provides international support to officials constructing multidimensional poverty measures, including input into the design of the measures as well as the political processes and institutional arrangements that will sustain them.

Through its promotion of multidimensional poverty measurement in the context of the post-2015 development agenda, the Network is making the case for a new, **Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2015+**.

The Network provides technical support, executive training courses and access to a repository of lessons learned. In addition, early adopters of multidimensional poverty measures share their experiences directly with interested policymakers in other countries (**'South-South' learning**).

I am a firm believer that it is our duty to lead ambitious social changes within our countries. Fortunately, the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network will be the platform to help this happen. The sole idea of applying this tool (the AF method) in more countries is inspiring.

– PRESIDENT JUAN MANUEL SANTOS OF COLOMBIA

A GROWING GLOBAL COMMUNITY

The governments of Bhutan, Colombia, Mexico, and Philippines, along with the state of Minas Gerais in Brazil, are among those to have used the AF method to create multidimensional measures to shape social policies or inform the targeting of anti-poverty programmes.

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