

OPHI

Oxford Poverty & Human
Development Initiative

Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI):

MPI is an international policy that measures the rates of poverty for over 100 different countries (respecting their education, health and living standards).

National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI):

National MPI is known as a country-specific organisation that measures poverty related situations. Such measures include; health, education, and living standards. Then afterwards, the supplement with different situations are measures by locally influential indicators.

Funding

The OPHI is funding by just grants and private donations. These funds can come from a range of governments, international agencies, foundations, and from individuals (OPHI, 2019).

What Do They Do?

The Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) aims to enhance their association with methodological and economic factors, which help reduce multidimensional poverty, and ground a person's experiences and values. OPHI has a few factors which can help to work towards their aim:

Broadening Poverty Measurement → develops the measures of poverty, wellbeing and inequality. Then goes beyond these specific factors and incorporate dimensions like health, education, living conditions, work quality etc.

Improving Data on Poverty → developed tools to advance research into poverty, but is sadly being overlooked within the international poverty studies: quality of work, empowerment, physical safety, the ability to go about without feeling shameful, psychological wellbeing, and social isolation.

Building Capacity → associated with academic and training courses on multidimensional poverty and human development, as well as working with universities and governments to enhance their work.

Impacting Policy → OPHI's methodologies have been established by policy makers; national governments, and the United Nations Development Programme Human Development Report.

Who Founded OPHI?

The OPHI was established in 2007, which was led by Sabina Alkire. Its economic framework and policy scheme was created within the Oxford Department of International Development at the University of Oxford (OPHI, 2019).

OPHI research is categorised into two themes:

Multidimensional Poverty & Wellbeing and Inequality → used to develop methodological ways to measure multidimensional poverty, chronic poverty, wellbeing and inequality (OPHI, 2019).

The Missing Dimensions of Poverty Data → used to develop survey-related modules, for 5 'missing dimensions' that appear IMPORTANT to people living in poverty: Quality of Work, Empowerment, Physical Safety, Without Shame, and Psychological Wellbeing.

Stay Updated

OPHI offer many social media pages which include their latest updates, publications and any announcements that are seen to be important for their organisation; e.g. Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

OPHI has also created an e-Update: every two months, OPHI sends out their latest news reports and other informal information about their organisation, using a persons email address and their current location.

Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA)

"Human development is the expansion of people's freedom to live long, health and creative lives" (HDR, 2010).

HDCA enhances their research using practitioners, to develop their human development and capability approach. They provide ways in which people can connect with others with similar interests.

sOPHle Oxford

Oxford university and OPHI has created sOPHle Oxford to help businesses fight poverty. They have developed tools to help businesses provide support for their employees and their families, contractors, and in their supply chain (OPHI, 2019). sOPHle Oxford has built its association upon the OPHI; expanding their resources when measuring multidimensional poverty. sOPHle has also launched its association in partnership with Horizonte Positivo. Results have shown, that bMPI (Business Multidimensional Poverty Index) has discovered, 12% of its employees (BAC Credomatic, Costa Rica) in poverty and has created measures to help those in need.

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