

# Child poverty and social rights in Mexico: an approach from the multidimensional poverty measurement

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#### Why is it relevant?:

- Child poverty has greater chance of becoming permanent or with irreversible effects.
- Greater potential for its reproduction in the future, i.e. intergenerational transmission.
- Children's economic, social and legal dependence of adults.

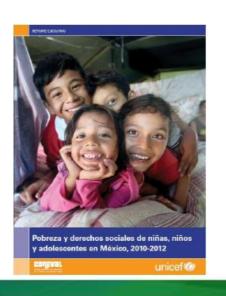




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#### **Contributions:**

- Characterization of child poverty.
- Disaggregation of the information by groups of population (age, sex, regions, etc.)
- Public policy recommendations based on evidence.







#### **Background**

## Measure poverty based on a multidimensional perspective



Evaluate social development policy



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The 1st multidimensional poverty measurement

Methodology for Multidimensional Poverty Measurement in Mexico Objectives:
To measure poverty
and the state of social
development

Institutional planning 2018-2026





Evaluation report on social development policy IEPDS 2018

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## Multidimensional Poverty Measurement in Mexico Poverty Dimensions

(General Law of Social Development, Article 36)

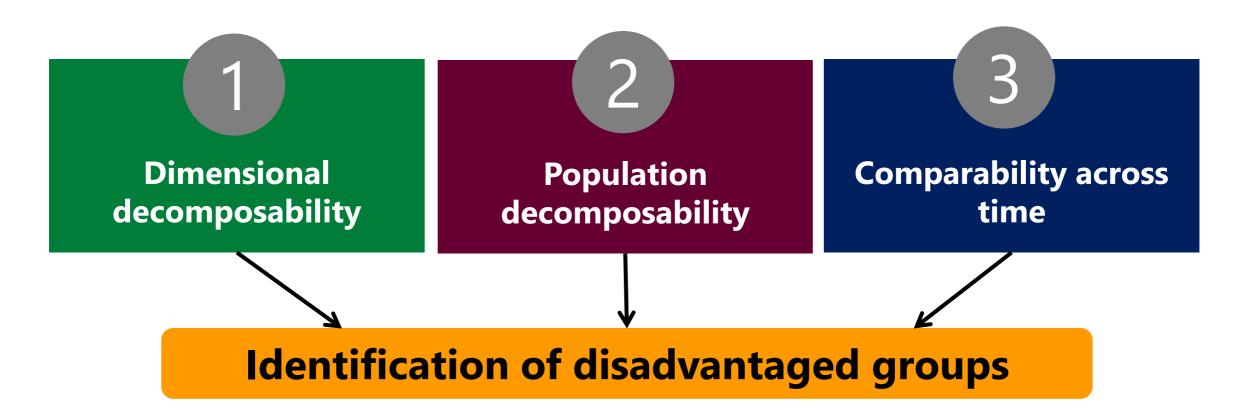


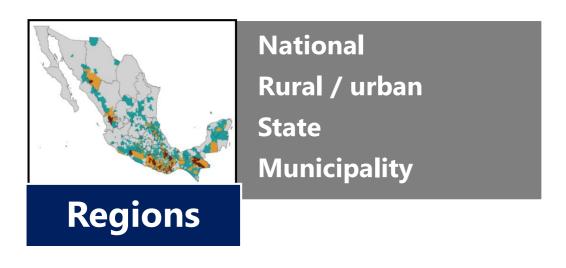
Data Source of information by the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía, INEGI) Periodicity Federal entities: 2 years

Municipalities: 5 years



#### Properties of the multidimensional poverty measurement





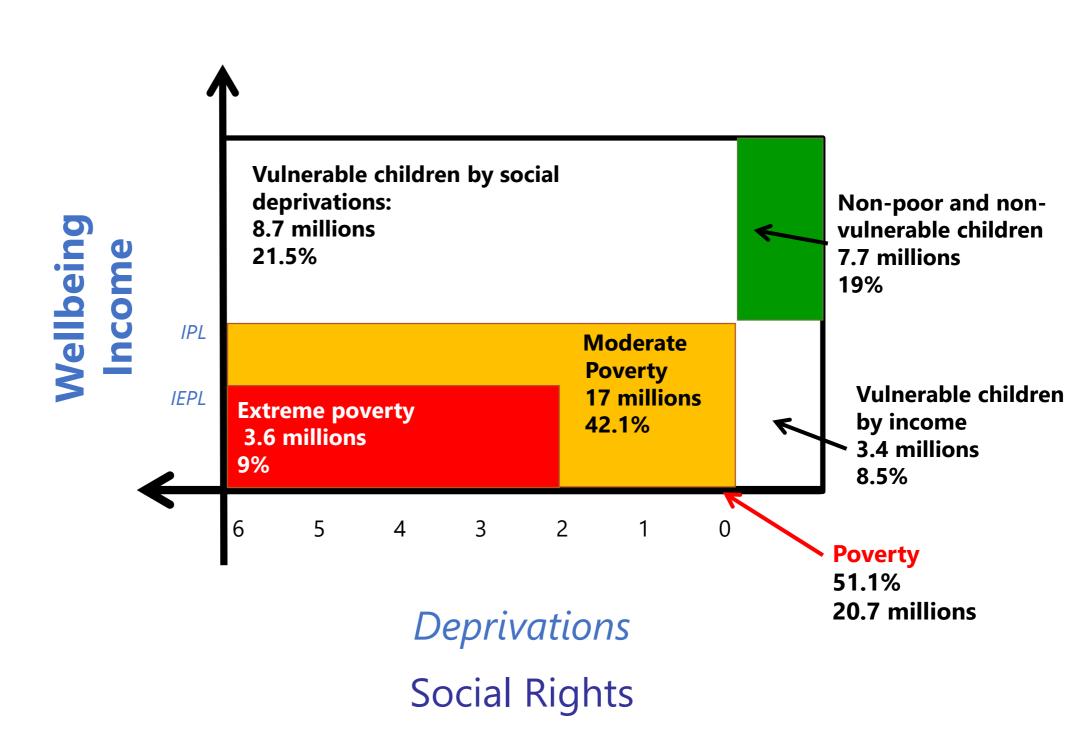




#### **Child poverty results**

#### **Findings:**

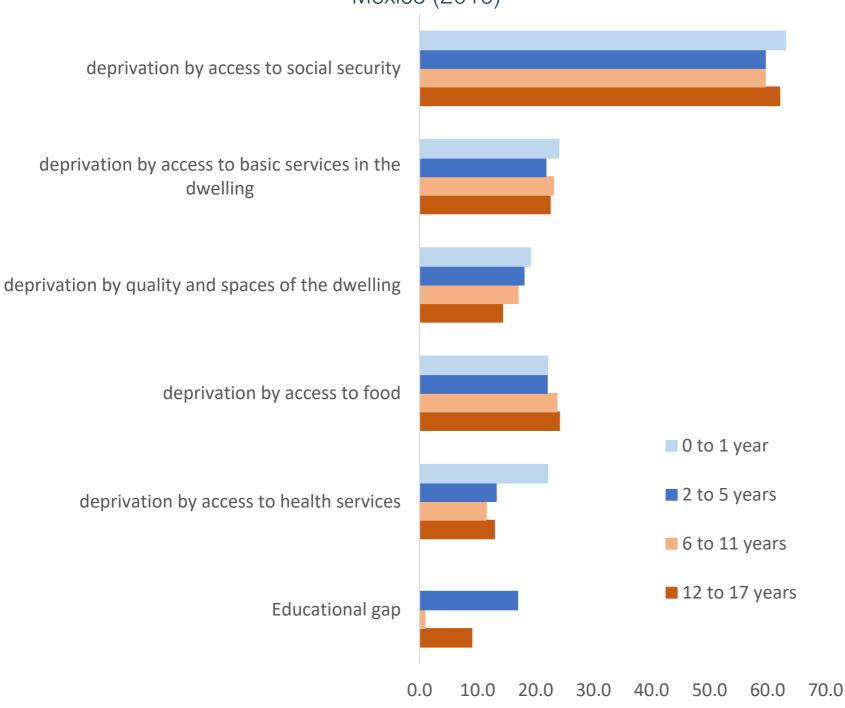
- In 2016, half of the Mexican child population (20.7 million) lived in **poverty**.
- Among them, 3.6 million (9%) lived in **extreme poverty**.
- Only one in five was free of any economic or social deprivation.





#### **Child poverty gaps**

Percentage of child population due to social deprivation, by age groups, México (2016)



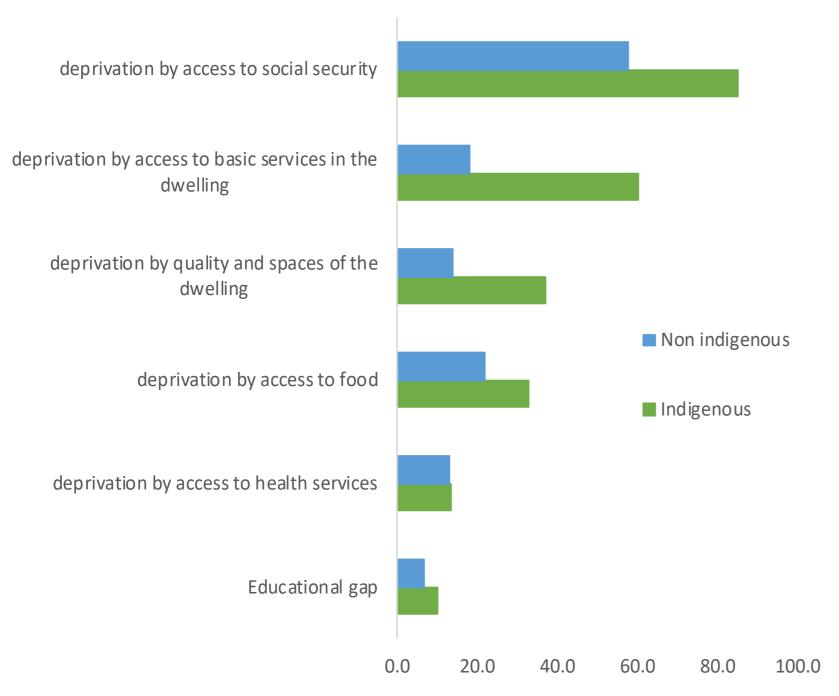
 Early childhood presents a particular vulnerability: children at younger ages live in dwellings with a lower, greater deprivation in access to health care services.

 Other deprivations are accentuated for older children, such as educational gap and access to food.



#### **Child poverty gaps**

#### Percentage of child population due to social deprivation, by ethnicity, México (2016)



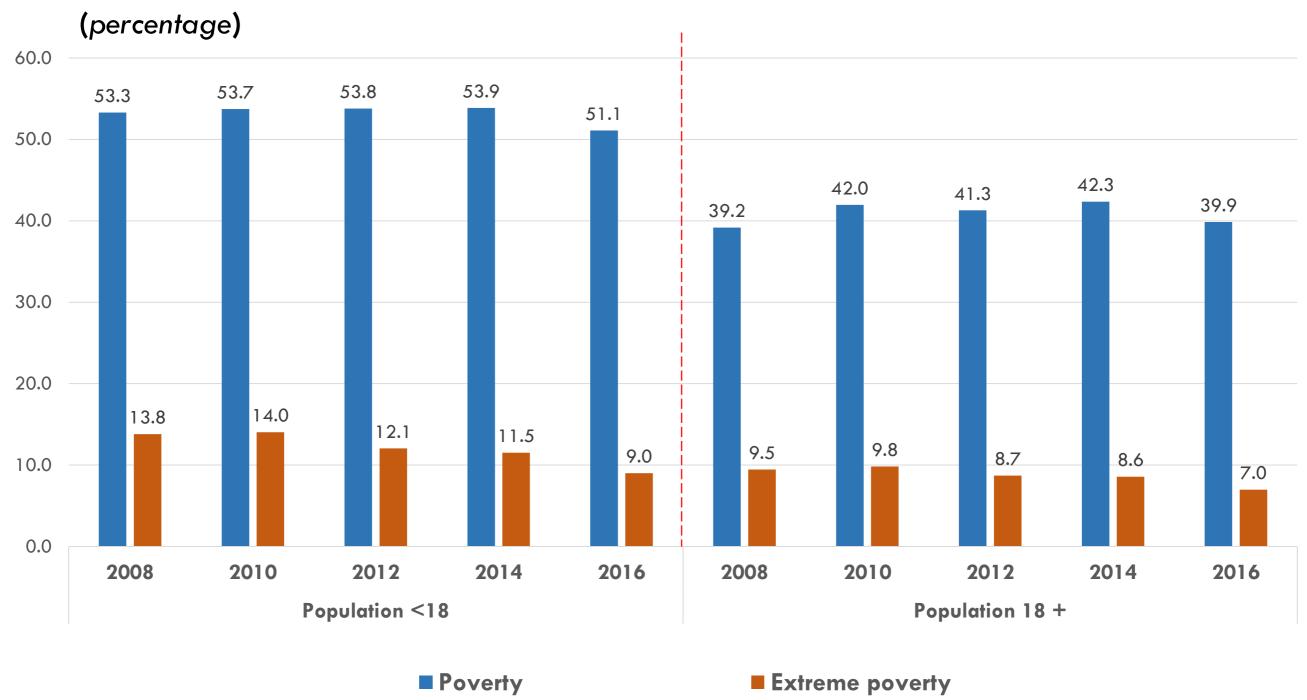
 Attributes such as ethnicity are linked to racial discrimination that keep indigenous children in a situation of historical backwardness.

 The level of poverty of these abovementioned children is of 78.5% vs. 47.8% of non-indigenous children.



#### **Child poverty results**

#### Poverty and extreme poverty in population under and over 18 years old, 2008-2016





### Do we need specific child poverty indicators?: different approach, different implications for public policy

## Specific child poverty indicators

Disaggregated indicators for childhood

We need a new political agreement

Vs. National multidimensional poverty measure



Complementar y studies

Holistic approach including a human rights perspective & wellbeing.

Provide aditional evidence for specific populations

Political agreement since 2005.
MPI is being used.



Targeted policies for children in parternship with UNICEF



#### **Conclusions and recommendations:**

- > Breaking the intergenerational reproduction of poverty is a core aspect for the design of public policies for children.
- > Strengthen access and quality of basic services in early childhood, childhood and adolescence, through coordinated work and a long-term vision between various social and economic development sectors.
- > Strengthen social protection mechanisms against all forms of violence, discrimination or exploitation that violate the fundamental rights of children and adolescents.



### Appendix

| Indicators                                      | Population aged 0 to 17 years |      | Population aged 18 and over |      |
|---|-------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
|   | 2008                          | 2016 | 2008                        | 2016 |
| Poverty   |                               |      |                             |      |
| Population living in poverty                    | 53.3                          | 51.1 | 39.2                        | 39.9 |
| Population living moderate poverty              | 39.5                          | 42.1 | 29.7                        | 32.9 |
| Population living extreme poverty               | 13.8                          | 9.0  | 9.5                         | 7.0  |
| Social deprivations                             |                               |      |                             |      |
| Educational gap                                 | 10.5                          | 7.1  | 28.6                        | 22.5 |
| Access to health services                       | 39.0                          | 13.3 | 38.1                        | 16.6 |
| Access to social security                       | 73.9                          | 60.8 | 59.8                        | 53.4 |
| Quality and spaces of the dwelling              | 23.0                          | 16.5 | 14.6                        | 9.9  |
| Access to basic services in the dwelling        | 27.3                          | 22.7 | 20.3                        | 17.7 |
| Access to food                                  | 25.7                          | 23.3 | 19.5                        | 18.5 |
| Wellbeing (Income)                              |                               |      |                             |      |
| Income below the extreme poverty line by income | 21.3                          | 22.3 | 14.1                        | 15.1 |
| Income below the poverty line by income         | 58.1                          | 59.6 | 43.7                        | 46.2 |

Source: CONEVAL based on MCS-ENIGH 2008 and MEC of the 2016 ENIGH survey.