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## Recent activities in the measurement of multidimensional poverty





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## Measurement of relevant poverty dimensions

- Focus on how to improve the measurement of poverty dimensions in household surveys
- Joint initiative with UN Regional Commissions (ESCWA, ESCAP and ECE)
  - Development Account Programme on Statistics and Data to support measurement of SDGs (2017-2019)
  - Study on non-monetary indicators to monitor SDG Targets 1.2 and 1.4: Standards, availability, comparability and quality (forthcoming)
  - Challenges in designing national multidimensional poverty measures (forthcoming)
- Working Group on Poverty Measurement of Statistical Conference of the Americas (with DANE Colombia)
  - Identification of current practices in the measurement of non-traditional dimensions of poverty (quality of employment, empowerment, physical security, subjective welfare, perceived discrimination, etc.).
- Regional seminar in 2019 to discuss innovations and challenges in the measurement of poverty.

## Analysis of regional trends and regional comparability

- In 2014, ECLAC published a regionally comparable MPI for Latin America
  - "Living standards" dimension included income poverty
  - "Employment and social protection" dimension (with a lower weight)
  - (Social Panorama of Latin America 2014, OPHI Working Paper 79, Santos & Villatoro, 2016)
- Revision of the index planned for 2019 offers an opportunity to discuss issues such as:
  - Inclusion of income deprivation in the MPI
  - Access to social protection, subjetive welfare: to what extent the MPI concept of poverty overlaps social exclusion or other wellbeing approaches
  - Group-specific MPI vs. General MPI with group-specific indicators