



## Concept Note

### ENVISIONING A MORE EQUITABLE FUTURE: USING MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY INDICES AS A POLICY TOOL

High-Level Side Event to the UN General Assembly

Thursday 23rd September 2021, 09:00 (New York Time)

Virtual Event

[Registration Link](#) \*

## Background

As the world continues to grapple with the Covid-19 pandemic, global leaders are considering how policies can go beyond guiding recovery to encourage a better and more equitable future. For many, this means working to improve the lives of those living in multidimensional poverty by using Multidimensional Poverty Indices (MPIs) as policy tools.

MPIs measure the multiple overlapping deprivations experienced by the poor, showing both the breadth and depth of poverty, as well as its composition and differences across disaggregated groups. This aligns with the 2030 Agenda and SDG 1, which calls for “ending poverty in all its forms everywhere”. These measures are being used by governments and non-state actors to better understand how the pandemic’s effects are being experienced by different populations, which groups might be particularly vulnerable, and how to coordinate integrated policies that effectively address interlinked deprivations.

This event will convene global leaders with a demonstrated commitment to tackling the multidimensional effects of the pandemic on the lives of people living in poverty. Speakers will share innovations in poverty measurement and reduction, as well as challenges and lessons learned from using MPIs to respond to the crisis and ensure that no one is left behind. The event will seek to catalyze action and foster collaborations for sustainable solutions.

## Format

This high-level virtual event, organized by the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network (MPPN), will be a two hour-long dynamic discussion. Speakers are High Level representatives of governments and international organizations. They are key actors in the need of the hour: to ensure that, during COVID-19 recovery, high-impact and integrated policies drawing on the MPIs are used in the hands of policy actors to drive back interlinked deprivations, so a more equitable future gathers momentum.

\* For quality purposes we suggest you register on zoom. Live streaming will be available on the [OPHI YouTube channel](#) and the [OPHI Facebook page](#).