

A Study of Multidimensional Poverty Index in the Gambia: Alkire-Foster Approach

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By utilizing the most recent nation's representative Gambia Demographic and Health Survey (GDHS) 2013, this paper shall empirically measure multidimensional poverty both at the national and subnational level. Build on the Alkire-Foster methodology and focusing on three dimensions of wellbeing: health, education and living standard this study shall estimate the level and depth of multidimensional poverty for the Gambia in 2013. The multidimensional nature of Alkire-Foster methodology provides a deeper understanding of poverty and deprivation, thus it complements income poverty estimates by informing policymakers about the joint distribution of several deprivations. This information can be used to better design and target poverty alleviation programs, as well as better allocate resources at the regional and local level.

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