MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY MEASURES:
NEW POTENTIAL

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When poverty measures reflect the experiences of poor people, then this empowers those working to reduce poverty to do so more effectively and efficiently. The literature on Multidimensional Poverty Measures has surged forward in the last decade. This paper describes the broad directions of change, then presents a new and very simple measurement methodology for multidimensional poverty. It illustrates its application for poverty measurement, for targeting of social protection programmes, for monitoring and evaluation, and for poverty analysis. It also identifies how participatory input from communities can be directly reflected in the poverty measure.