Multi-dimensional Poverty Index 2022

Unpacking deprivation bundles
to reduce multi-dimensional poverty

*Briefing note for countries on the 2022 Multidimensional Poverty Index*

**Mali**

**What is the global Multi-dimensional Poverty Index?**

Sustainable Development Goal 1 aims to end poverty in all its forms everywhere. The global Multi-dimensional Poverty Index (MPI) measures acute multi-dimensional poverty across more than 100 developing countries. It does so by measuring each person’s overlapping deprivations across 10 indicators in three equally weighted dimensions: health, education and standard of living (see figure). The health and education dimensions are based on two indicators each, while standard of living is based on six indicators.

All the indicators needed to construct the MPI for a country are taken from the same household survey. Each indicator is equally weighted within its dimension, so the health and education indicators are weighted 1/6 each, and the standard of living indicators are weighted 1/18 each. The MPI is the product of the headcount or incidence of multi-dimensional poverty (proportion of people who are multi-dimensionally poor) and the intensity of multi-dimensional poverty (average share of weighted deprivations, or average deprivation score, among multi-dimensionally poor people) and is therefore sensitive to changes in both components. A deprivation score of 1/3 (one-third of the weighted indicators) is used to distinguish between the multi-dimensionally poor and non-poor. If the deprivation score is 1/3 or greater, the household (and everyone in it) is classified as multi-dimensionally poor. Individuals with a deprivation score greater than or equal to 1/5 but less than 1/3 are classified as vulnerable to multi-dimensional poverty. Finally, individuals with a deprivation score greater than or equal to 1/2 live in severe multi-dimensional poverty. The MPI ranges from 0 to 1, and higher values imply higher multi-dimensional poverty. The MPI complements the international $1.90 a day poverty rate by identifying who is multi-dimensionally poor and also shows the composition of multi-dimensional poverty.

**Structure of the global Multi-dimensional Poverty Index**

![Diagram of multidimensional poverty structure](image)

Source: HDRO and OPHI.

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1 The deprivation score of a multi-dimensionally poor person is the sum of the weights associated with each indicator in which the person is deprived.
Multidimensional Poverty Index for Mali

The 2010 Human Development Report introduced the MPI and since 2018 the Human Development Report Office (HDRO) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative jointly produce and publish the MPI estimates. The latest release from October 2022 covers 111 developing countries (countries that lack survey data that allow for the calculation of the MPI are not included): ‘Unpacking deprivation bundles to reduce multidimensional poverty’. The full table with MPI estimates is available at https://hdr.undp.org/content/2022-global-multidimensional-poverty-index-mpi. Definitions of deprivations in each indicator, as well as the full methodology are given in the MPI Technical note. Continuing with the practice from the previous years, HDRO is making public the statistical programs used in the calculation of the 2022 MPI in Stata format for a large selection of countries (see https://hdr.undp.org/mpi-statistical-programmes). In 2020 HDRO released for the first time programs that calculate the MPI in R, a free software available at https://www.r-project.org/. For now, these programs are available for 4 selected countries (Benin, Republic of Congo, India and Iraq). Finally, a set of MPI frequently asked questions is available at https://hdr.undp.org/mpi-faqs.

The most recent survey data that were publicly available for Mali’s MPI estimation refer to 2018. Based on these estimates, 68.3 percent of the population in Mali (14,503 thousand people in 2020) is multidimensionally poor while an additional 15.3 percent is classified as vulnerable to multidimensional poverty (3,239 thousand people in 2020). The intensity of deprivations in Mali, which is the average deprivation score among people living in multidimensional poverty, is 55.0 percent. The MPI value, which is the share of the population that is multidimensionally poor adjusted by the intensity of the deprivations, is 0.376. In comparison, Burkina Faso and Niger have MPI values of 0.523 and 0.601, respectively.

Table A compares multidimensional poverty with monetary poverty measured by the percentage of the population living below 2011 PPP US$1.90 per day. It shows that monetary poverty only tells part of the story. The headcount or incidence of multidimensional poverty is 52.0 percentage points higher than the incidence of monetary poverty. This implies that individuals living above the monetary poverty line may still suffer deprivations in health, education and/or standard of living. Table A also shows the percentage of Mali’s population that lives in severe multidimensional poverty. The contributions of deprivations in each dimension to overall poverty complete a comprehensive picture of people living in multidimensional poverty. Figures for Burkina Faso and Niger are also shown in the table for comparison.

Table A: The most recent MPI for Mali relative to selected countries and region

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