MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY

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THE SPEAKER BIO:
Sabina Alkire directs the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) at the University of Oxford. Previously, she worked at the George Washington University, Harvard University, the Human Security Commission, and the World Bank. She has a DPhil in Economics from the University of Oxford.

Her research interests include multidimensional poverty measurement and analysis, welfare economics, the capability approach, the measurement of freedoms and human development.

Together with Professor James Foster, Sabina developed the Alkire-Foster (AF) method for measuring multidimensional poverty. This has been applied and implemented empirically to produce a Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), offering a tool to identify who is poor by considering the range of deprivations they suffer. It is used to report a headline figure of poverty (the MPI).

Worldwide, across 109 countries and 5.9 billion people:

• 1.3 billion people are multidimensionally poor.
• About 644 million are children under age 18.
• Nearly 85% live in Sub-Saharan Africa (556 million) or South Asia (532 million).
• More than 67 percent live in middle-income countries.

The 2021 Global Multidimensional Poverty Index, OPHI and UNDP