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Abstract

Within Subjective Poverty, Multidimensional Poverty and Food Security: A Glance at the Living Conditions of Households and Children in Colombia

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1 Description of the issues addressed in the paper

By monitoring of Millennium Development Goals this paper explores the measurements and relationship between subjective poverty, multidimensional poverty and food security for Colombian households with special emphasis on children and single parent households. Thus, we analyze at regional level the objective features of poverty and how they can impact the perception of households' realities, from the daily life and the material conditions.

This paper combines the Colombian objective-quantitative and the subjective qualitative methods of poverty analysis. Therefore, the results indicate the existence of a positive relationship between the question on the perceived adequacy of poverty and the fuller set of consumption components.

Poverty is a multifaceted phenomenon. The deficiencies in income, which translate into an inability to consume certain basic commodities, are central to this phenomenon. The perception of poverty is increased when the lack of food is present in the households. The food security is relevant in the perception of poverty.

We find that the size of the family and single parent households increase the perception of poverty. As a whole, this paper shows the pattern of associations and overlaps across the core dimensions of well-being. The market-centric perspective is consistent to this research as the subjective well-being culminates from individuals' innocuous efforts to satisfy their needs through consumer products.

Keywords: subjective poverty, living conditions, multidimensional poverty rate, child poverty, food security, poverty measurements.

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Research Questions

How is the measurement of personal perception of poverty and multidimensional poverty in Colombia? Which are the structural features of households that are considered poor? Which are the objective depictions of child poverty? How does food security impact the perception of poverty in households?

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