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Career Synopsis

João Pedro Azevedo is UNICEF's first Chief Statistician, appointed in February 2023 at UNICEF Headquarters to lead the organization's global data and statistical work. He brings more than 15 years of experience in international development and five years in the Brazilian public sector, both at the federal and state levels. Previously, he worked at the World Bank as Lead Economist and EdTech Fellow, coordinating global initiatives on education and poverty. He holds a PhD in Economics from Newcastle University, and his research has been published in top journals like *Lancet* and *World Development*.

Work Experience

March 2023 – Present **Chief Statistician & Deputy Director, UNICEF Headquarters, New York, USA**

João Pedro Azevedo is UNICEF's first Chief Statistician, appointed in February 2023 at the organization's headquarters in New York. In this role, he leads UNICEF's global data and statistical work, focusing on harnessing the transformative power of data to achieve results for children. He also holds the role of Deputy Director, responsible for a section that comprises ten units, including Population, Education, Poverty, Equity and Gender, Nutrition, Health, WASH, Child Protection, Climate, Frontier Data, and Data Collection/Survey Methodology. With a team of 45 international staff and an annual budget of approximately \$20 million, Mr. Azevedo oversees the quality, timely production, and delivery of over 300 child-related indicators, including 19 Sustainable Development Indicators (SDGs). He also provides country-level technical assistance on child-centered household surveys, such as the Multiple Indicators Cluster Survey, and ensures the production of around 50 publications per year, including refereed journal articles and UNICEF's flagship reports on the progress of child-related SDGs.

October 2018 – February 2023 **Lead Economist & EdTech Fellow, World Bank Education Practice, Washington, D.C., USA**

João Pedro Azevedo served as a Lead Economist and EdTech Fellow at the World Bank's Education Global Practice. He was responsible for scaling the measurement and operationalization of educational outcomes as part of the World Bank's Human Capital Project. A core member in creating the World Bank Learning Poverty measure and global target, he worked on harmonizing over 1,000 learning assessments. He also led the EduAnalytics team and helped develop protocols for global learning assessments, which included ensuring the reproducibility of indicator work.

- June 2015 – **Lead Economist**, *World Bank Poverty and Equity Global Practice*, Washington, D.C., USA
- September 2018 As Lead Economist at the World Bank's Poverty and Equity Global Practice, João Pedro Azevedo led the Global Solution Group on Welfare Measurement and Statistical Capacity for Results. He was instrumental in the development of the Data for Goals agenda and oversaw the global harmonization of 1,200 household surveys for poverty monitoring. His work also included leading the joint poverty mapping project with the European Union and implementing the Croatian Index of Multiple Deprivation.
- February 2013 – June 2015 **Senior Economist**, *World Bank Poverty and Equity Practice*, Europe and Central Asia
- 2015 João Pedro Azevedo led the World Bank's knowledge and advisory work on poverty, equity, and shared prosperity for the Government of Turkey. He also co-led the World Bank's advisory services in Central Asia, engaging in active policy dialogues with Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan. As head of the ECA Statistical Team, he provided critical insights into welfare and poverty dynamics for the region.
- August 2011 **Senior Economist**, *World Bank PREM/LAC*, Colombia
- January 2013 During his tenure as Senior Economist at the World Bank's PREM/LAC department, João Pedro Azevedo led the organization's knowledge and advisory work on poverty, equity, and monitoring and evaluation for the Government of Colombia. He was responsible for the development and leadership of the LAC Statistical Team and the LAC Monitoring and Evaluation Network, which helped guide policy decisions in the region.
- February 2007 – **Superintendent for Public Policy Evaluation**, *Treasury of the State of Rio de Janeiro*, Brazil
- January 2008 As Superintendent for Public Policy Evaluation, João Pedro Azevedo led a team of econometricians that provided technical support to the State Treasury of Rio de Janeiro. His key projects included creating indicators to evaluate the state's fiscal policies and business environment, evaluating the efficiency of state auditors, and conducting an econometric analysis of the effectiveness of federal tax policies aimed at supporting micro-entrepreneurs.
- October 2004 **Executive Coordinator, National Evaluation of the Programme Brasil**
- December 2007 **Alfabetizado**, *Brazilian Ministry of Education / UNESCO / UNDP*, Brazil
- 2007 João Pedro Azevedo was responsible for the national evaluation of the Brazilian adult literacy program, "Brasil Alfabetizado." His work included designing the evaluation framework, implementing a panel survey of program beneficiaries, and providing technical assistance on instrument design, sample development, and data analysis. His findings offered critical insights into the program's targeting, efficiency, and overall effectiveness, influencing policy recommendations for future iterations of the literacy program.

Education

- 2005 **PhD in Economics**, *University of Newcastle*, Newcastle, United Kingdom
- Supervisors: Prof. Peter Dolton and Prof. Nauro Campos

- 2001 **MSc in Economics**, *Universidade Federal Fluminense*, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Supervisor: Marcelo C. Neri
- 1998 **BA in Economics**, *Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro*, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Reports

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- 2016 **What Are the Impacts of Syrian Refugees on Host Community Welfare in Turkey? A Subnational Poverty Analysis**, *Inan, Osman Kaan; Yang, Judy; Azevedo, João Pedro, Policy Research Working Paper Series, 7542*
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Software Components Internal to the World Bank

- 2009 **DATALIB: Microdata extraction tool**, *In collaboration with Andres Castaneda*
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Software Components in Public Domain (Statistical and Econometric Routines)

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- 2018 **SAE: Stata module to provide commands and mata functions devoted to unit level small area estimation**, *Statistical Software Components S458525*, Boston College Department of Economics, revised 10 Sep 2018, Co-authored with Minh Nguyen, Paul Corral, and Qinghua Zhao
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- 2012 **ADECOMP: Stata module to estimate Shapley Decomposition by Components of a Welfare Measure**, *Statistical Software Components S457562*, Boston College Department of Economics, Co-authored with Minh Cong Nguyen and Viviane Sanfelice
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- 2011 **WBOPENDATA: Stata module to access World Bank databases**, *Statistical Software Components S457234*, Boston College Department of Economics, revised 09 Jul 2014
- 2010 **TURNBULL: Stata module to estimate the Turnbull empirical distribution estimator of willingness to pay**, *Statistical Software Components S457125*, Boston College Department of Economics
- 2010 **HOI: Stata module to compute Human Opportunity Index**, *Statistical Software Components S457191*, Boston College Department of Economics, revised 09 Feb 2011, Co-authored with Samuel Franco, Eliana Rubiano, and Alejandro Hoyos

- 2010 **SPIKE: Stata module to allow for a zero willingness to pay**, *Statistical Software Components S457126*, Boston College Department of Economics
- 2008 **MOL: Stata module to evaluate literacy level**, *Statistical Software Components S456987*, Boston College Department of Economics
- 2006 **AINEQUAL: Stata module to compute measures of inequality**, *Statistical Software Components S456748*, Boston College Department of Economics
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- 2006 **ALORENZ: Stata module to produce Pen's Parade, Lorenz and Generalised Lorenz curve**, *Statistical Software Components S456749*, Boston College Department of Economics, revised 09 Jul 2012, Co-authored with Samuel Franco
- 2006 **ISOPOVERTY: Stata module to generate data for Inequality-Poverty and Iso-Poverty curves**, *Statistical Software Components S456752*, Boston College Department of Economics, Co-authored with Samuel Franco
- 2006 **CHANGEMEAN: Stata module to compute Income and Inequality Contribution on Poverty Variation**, *Statistical Software Components S456751*, Boston College Department of Economics, revised 09 Oct 2006, Co-authored with Samuel Franco
- 2005 **DFL: Stata module to estimate DiNardo, Fortin and Lemieux Counterfactual Kernel Density**, *Statistical Software Components S449001*, Boston College Department of Economics, revised 13 Feb 2005
- 2004 **GRQREG: Stata module to graph the coefficients of a quantile regression**, *Statistical Software Components S437001*, Boston College Department of Economics, revised 11 March 2011
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- 2001 **OUTTABLE: Stata module to write matrix to LaTeX table**, *Statistical Software Components S419501*, Boston College Department of Economics, revised 19 Jun 2005, Co-authored with Christopher F Baum

--- Awards and Studentships

LAMES-LACEA Conference Grant, 2006

Global Development Network funding award, 2005

Overseas Research Award Scheme, Universities UK (2002-2005)

University of Newcastle Studentship (2001-2004)
Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Newcastle, 2001
Royal Economic Society Conference Grant (2003-2004)
CNPq Studentship for MSc and Undergraduate, Brazil

Innovations

Use of IoT to monitor quality of service delivery in Education
Designed and implemented microdata management system for rapid assessment in Stata (data.lib.ado); supported roll out in LAC, ECA, EAP, MNA, AFR, SAR
Developed Tableau dashboards (with DECDG and South Asia)
Collaborated on iBooks (with LCREXT and South Asia)
Utilized cell phones to collect high-frequency data (Listening to LAC)
Created Latin American Monitoring and Evaluation Community of Practice using Web 2.0 technology, with 5,500 members in Latin America and 5,600 in Brazil <http://redlacme/>
Leveraged social networks to inform policy making (collaborating with the Department of Computer Science, University of Colorado)
Created the concept of LAC Equity Lab
Developed and implemented the ECA Data Lab

Code Repositories in Public Domain

From the World Bank GitHub repository:

- [LearningPoverty](#)
- [GLAD](#)

From my personal GitHub repository:

- [jpazvd](#)

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