

Poverty and poverty measurement in Africa

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Abstract

Africa is still the poorest continent in world. Poverty measurement is improving in the continent. Some sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) countries developed poverty reduction strategy papers through household surveys the last ten years. The surveys and analyses provide rich information to document the poverty reduction papers and allow undertaking deep studies on growth, financial crisis, shocks and its impacts on the household vulnerability, risk management and resilience. Household surveys in SSA are diversified and allow poverty measurement following different methodologies and approaches derived from international research and applications. The paper presents the amount of data available to analyze poverty trends in Africa and go ahead with specific applications and study on poverty measurement and analysis by the World Bank.

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