

Understanding Poverty in Kenya: A Multidimensional Analysis

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24 February 2020 – Kisumu, Kenya – Access to a new resource has been added to the PM World Library (PMWL) related to solving global human and social problems. The new resource is a report titled “Understanding Poverty in Kenya: A multidimensional analysis”, by Vidya Diwakar and Andrew Shepherd, created through the Chronic Poverty Advisory Network at the Overseas Development Institute in London, published by the Swedish International Development Corporation Agency (SIDA) in 2018.

This report finds that an overwhelming majority of Kenyans, almost 80%, are either income poor or near the poverty line with huge regional differences. The report analyses development trends in Kenya on account of income poverty, status, gender, age, disability, area of residence and intersecting inequalities. It explores how individuals and households are poor according to their resources, opportunities and choices, power and voice, and security. It contextualizes who is multidimensionally poor in an understanding of the political, socio-economic, environmental and conflict settings that affect life in the country today to get a sense of why these groups may continue to experience disadvantages on various fronts and often interlocking.

The report states that Kenya has seen an upswing in its economic growth and an improvement in its living standards. Poverty in Kenya, according to the report findings, dropped by 11% since 2005/6 to rest at 36.1% in 2015/16. Poverty rates are slightly higher in rural areas at 40% although poverty has also increased in urban centers. If managed well, devolution could offer a new platform on which vulnerable groups can securely develop their resources and expand their set of opportunities to increase their voice and agency. Devolution has highlighted the geographical inequalities across the country and the Kenyan government has begun to develop measures to address this.

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Diwakar, V. and Shepherd, A. (2018): *Understanding Poverty in Kenya: A multidimensional analysis*, created through the Chronic Poverty Advisory Network, published by the Swedish International Development Corporation Agency (SIDA) in December 2018 and is available online on <https://www.sida.se/contentassets/4ecfd42348644d32abbfdccbed6f15c0/kenya-mdpa.pdf> (Ogutu)

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