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Nowcasting impact of COVID-19 on multidimensional child poverty
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Poverty as a multidimensional, multi-layered concept

Summary:

From the onset, it was clear that the impact of the global economic and social crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic was unlikely to affect all children equally. Thus, it was necessary to ascertain the impact of COVID-19 on child poverty as the events unfolded.

Many of the indirect effects of the pandemic – disruptions to health services, delayed vaccination programmes, widespread school closures, and increases in food insecurity – have significant impacts on the realisation of children's rights and, consequently, were expected to increase material deprivations across different dimensions. The question was by how much would child poverty increase?

In this article we explain the modelling and methodological approach to project or nowcast the answer to that question. The method is dynamic as it was revised as additional information emerged during 2020 and 2021.

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