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Summary:

The national MPI for Moldova was designed with two main objectives. The first is to provide updated multidimensional poverty statistics for evidence-informed policy making. The second objective is to complement monetary poverty statistics released by the NBS, by providing an understanding of the multidimensional nature of poverty and the various deprivations faced by different groups of people in Moldova. The MPI will be used to monitor progress on NDPS and the SDGs, particularly SDG 1.2.2, of reducing, by half, the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions by 2030. Moldova’s MPI is not intended to replace the money-metric poverty statistics, which is based on national poverty lines (namely, absolute poverty line and the extreme poverty line). The MPI should be considered as a complementary measure, by providing an assessment of common deprivations. The data used for the national MPI is the Household Budget Survey (HBS), which is conducted – on a monthly basis and data development is on an annual basis. Since the monetary poverty statistics are deduced from the HBS, using it allows for comparisons of monetary and non-monetary poverty rates, which provides useful information in describing the nature of poverty in the country.

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