

Group of Experts on Measuring Poverty and Inequality – UNECE

Better understanding and measurement of
extreme poverty in France



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MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY

- **Monetary approach unavoidable...**
 - Traditional indicators has many advantages :
 - **Based on objective criteria, statistically observable**
 - **Allowing for international comparisons**
- **... but probably incomplete**
 - Coverage problems of the indicators
 - **Indicators based on general population surveys**
 - Other dimensions exist
 - **The Hidden dimensions of poverty (ATD, Oxford University...)**
 - **... remain very complex to measure**

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A PROJECT WITH ATD AND SECOURS CATHOLIQUE

PARTNERSHIP : INSEE, ATD, SECOURS CATHOLIQUE

- Objectives : compare the tools used by Insee to measure poverty and the experiences of people that are actually living poverty
- Methodology : « croisement des savoirs »
 - Locals groups of people experiencing extreme poverty
 - Animation techniques by the associations
- Two phases :
 - Phase 1 : build a base of knowledge and common benchmarks to define poverty
 - Phase 2 : specific work on two dimensions : “social isolation” and “institutional mistreatment”

- **Poverty, a multitude of representations**
- **Experiences and feelings**
 - Important of non monetary determinants
- **Entries into and exits from great poverty**
 - Negative and positive spirals
 - Importance of being part of a social network
- **Systemic approach, with very close links and interactions between the different dimensions of poverty**

- **On conception of Insee questionnaires :**
 - Questionnaires are :
 - **relevant on many issues...**
 - **... but does not cover exactly all the elements identified by the local groups**
 - Some avenues for reflection to develop the module « **Administrative Difficulties** » of French EU-SILC
- **In the long run, avenues for research work :**
 - How to operationalise statistically non monetary dimensions ?
 - Partnership with a research Lab in France

... in French

- Document de Travail de l'Insee n°2023-21, Octobre 2023, « *Rapport du Groupe de travail sur le thème “Mieux comprendre et mesurer la grande pauvreté”* », ATD Quart Monde, Secours Catholique - Caritas France, Insee

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !



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– Exclusion mechanisms

- Self-exclusion
- From others
 - Reject and judgment
 - Words and looks

– Characteristics

- Losses and ruptures of social ties
- Lack of networks
- Rupture of trust

– Adaptation strategies

- Violence to « survive »
- Addictions

- **Strong link with all the other dimensions**
- **Lack of recognition of competencies**
 - Volunteering and other competencies acquired in daily life
- **Judgment and disregard**
- **Dependancy to other people's decisions**
- **Difficulty of access**
 - Digitalization