Group of Experts on Measuring Poverty and Inequality – UNECE

Better understanding and measurement of extreme poverty in France
MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY

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01 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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- 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”
A COMPLEX AND MULTIPLE PHENOMENON

- 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
CONCLUSIONS AND FOLLOW-UP

– **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


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ANNEXE 1 : SOCIAL ISOLATION

- 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