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Presentation will cover the importance of multidimensional approach and specifically child deprivations and illustrate the experience of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Belarus in development of multidimensional child poverty indices. Analysis will include empirical justification of correlation between monetary and multidimensional child poverty, providing the evidence that children living in non-poor households with sufficient level of income may still experience multiple deprivations, moreover there is a share of children from both monetary and multidimensionally poor households that require specific social protection measures.

The presentation will include the review methodologies applied in each country-specific case-study, such as national MPI based on Alkire-Foster approach, national MODA (Multiple Overlapping Deprivation Analysis), EU child deprivation index. The reasoning of choosing specific methodology will include review of dimensions and indicators, pros and cons of applying weights, review of practice to include monetary poverty as one of the dimensions, the examples of disability-sensitive indicators.

A comparison analysis of different methodologies will be performed based on availability of data and frequency of data collection, the composition of indices that measure household level data and child specific deprivations, applicability of indices to adequately reflect socio-economic context of the country, alignment of the indices with other vulnerability measures in the country, time trend and necessity to update the indices composition to make it relevant to country needs.

Presentation will also include a country example of application the multidimensional approach that is based on administrative data – national social registry. There will be a review of global examples of practical implication of the index, such as vulnerability assessment of families and providing the targeted government services, budget allocation and fiscal policy, strengthening inter-ministerial coordination, strengthening the design and effectiveness of social protection programs, strengthen government accountability. Analysis will also include the discussion of existing issues in linking the index with national strategies and priorities, data requirements for more granular disaggregation, cross-country comparison, relevance of global MPI for middle-income and upper-middle income countries.

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