



Measuring vulnerability to child poverty: Material and social deprivation

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Abstract:

In childhood, vulnerability to poverty is a crucial issue because it compromises not only the present and the future of children but also the future of society as a whole in terms of economic and social stability. In this study we address this issue by focusing on two crucial concepts. The material deprivation as fragility factor and the social deprivation that can counteract or amplify the effects of material deprivation. The combination of these two factors will determine the vulnerability of children to poverty, since failing to provide a material and relational environment that supports the development of children can have long-term adverse consequences.

The data analysed come from the Children's Worlds Study dataset 2016-19. From a methodological point of view, we used a multidimensional and fuzzy methodology that is able to preserve the richness of the available data from the Children's Worlds study.

Differently from previous studies based on the same methodology and similar scope, the present study it is likely to be the first based on data having a child's perspective. In this sense, the study presents new insides on the study of children's vulnerability to poverty in a comparative perspective.

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