

# What is MODA?

## MULTIDIMENSIONAL CHILD POVERTY

MODA is a framework that defines and measures multidimensional child poverty, based in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989. It shows what dimensions of poverty children are experiencing, helping in programming and policy response.

## MEASUREMENT

MODA is a practical and flexible tool that allows rigorous measurement of MD child poverty in different contexts, and monitoring of target 1.2 of the SDGs. There are over 60 national studies and 3 regional studies.

## PLANNING

MODA helps plan effective interventions and policies, by revealing the most deprived children, and highlighting the need for multisector interventions.



Find out more about MODA:  
[https://www.unicef-irc.org/  
research/multidimensional-  
child-poverty/](https://www.unicef-irc.org/research/multidimensional-child-poverty/)



**Multiple  
Overlapping  
Deprivation  
Analysis**

## WHY USE MODA?

MODA follows the life course approach, adapting the measure to different stages of the child's life. For example, educational attainment for school age children compared to attendance of early childhood education and care for preschool children.

### MODA IS THE ONLY MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY ANALYSIS TOOL THAT IS CENTERED ON THE CHILD

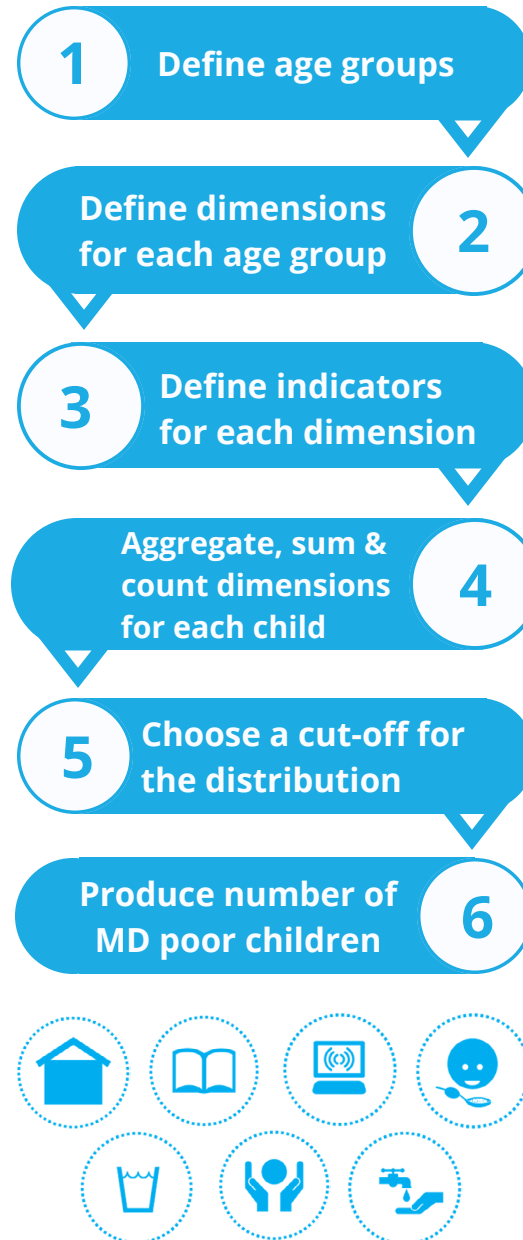
It is a flexible tool that can be **adapted to different contexts**. It has been applied regionally, to low income countries, the EU, and Arab countries. It has been applied in over 50 countries all over the world.

These different applications reflect the different standards of living around the globe, as well as different notions of deprivations and national priorities.

While the rights of children do not change, how these are reached and implemented in practice may vary. In a context where rigid winters are the norm, a child without access to heating or robust shoes may be deprived, while the same may not be adequate in a warmer climate.

## THE PROCESS

Besides the technicalities, **what makes the measure is what we put in the measure**. Defining deprivation for children is fundamental.



## RESULTS

### MODA GIVES MANY RESULTS, INCLUDING A DEPRIVATION NUMBER PER CHILD

The results show how many children are deprived in various dimensions, the intensity of this deprivation, and the adjusted headcount, that combines the sum and the intensity results.

MODA also provides a measure of **how the dimensions overlap** with each other.

