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compute\_mpi

Compute Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)

#### **Description**

This function uses the Alkire-Foster (AF) counting method developed by Sabina Alkire and James Foster. It requires a deprivation profile created using the (define\_deprivation) fuction containing all indicators defined in the specification files.

#### Usage

```
compute_mpi(
    .data,
    .deprivation_profile,
    ...,
    .mpi_specs = getOption("mpi_specs"),
    .include_deprivation_matrix = TRUE,
    .generate_output = FALSE,
    .formatted_output = TRUE,
    .mpi_output_filename = NULL,
    .include_table_summary = TRUE,
    .include_specs = FALSE
)
```

### **Arguments**

list of deprivation profile created using define\_deprivation.

.. Grouping columns (supports tidyselect), e.g. area (country, urbanity, region, province), sex, ethnic group, etc.

.mpi\_specs MPI specifications defined in define\_mpi\_specs.

.include\_deprivation\_matrix

Whether to include deprivation matrix in the output.

.generate\_output

Whether to generate an output (Excel file) as side effect.

.formatted\_output

NOT YET IMPLEMENTED. Whether formatting is to be applied to the output.

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```
.mpi_output_filename
Output filename.
.include_table_summary
NOT YET IMPLEMENTED. Whether to include summary information in the generated output.
.include_specs NOT YET IMPLEMENTED. Whether to include MPI specification in the generated output.
```

#### Value

Returns list of objects: index (the MPI), contribution (contribution by dimension), headcount\_ratio (censored and uncensored), and deprivation\_matrix (censored and uncensored). If poverty\_cutoffs defined in define\_mpi\_specs contain more than one (1) value, index and contribution object will output each cutoff in a separate table.

#### References

```
Alkire-Foster Method
How to Apply the Alkire-Foster Method
```

#### See Also

```
define_mpi_specs, define_deprivation, save_mpi
```

```
# Load MPI specs from the built-in specs file
specs_file <- system.file("extdata", "global-mpi-specs.csv", package = "mpindex")</pre>
mpi_specs <- define_mpi_specs(specs_file, .uid = 'uuid')</pre>
# -----
# Create an empty list to store deprivation profile for each indicator
deprivation_profile <- list()</pre>
deprivation_profile$nutrition <- df_household_roster |>
 define_deprivation(
   .indicator = nutrition,
   .cutoff = undernourished == 1 & age < 70,
   .collapse = TRUE
deprivation_profile$child_mortality <- df_household |>
 define_deprivation(
   .indicator = child_mortality,
   .cutoff = with_child_died == 1
deprivation_profile$year_schooling <- df_household_roster |>
 define_deprivation(
   .indicator = year_schooling,
   .cutoff = completed_6yrs_schooling == 2,
   .collapse = TRUE
```

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```
deprivation_profile$school_attendance <- df_household_roster |>
define_deprivation(
   .indicator = school_attendance,
   .cutoff = attending_school == 2 & age %in% c(5:24),
   .collapse = TRUE
deprivation_profile$cooking_fuel <- df_household |>
define_deprivation(
   .indicator = cooking_fuel,
   .cutoff = cooking_fuel %in% c(4:6, 9)
)
deprivation_profile$sanitation <- df_household |>
define_deprivation(
   .indicator = sanitation,
   .cutoff = toilet > 1
)
deprivation_profile$drinking_water <- df_household |>
define_deprivation(
   .indicator = drinking_water,
   .cutoff = drinking_water == 2
)
deprivation_profile$electricity <- df_household |>
define_deprivation(
   .indicator = electricity,
   .cutoff = electricity == 2
deprivation_profile$housing <- df_household |>
define_deprivation(
   .indicator = housing,
  .cutoff = roof %in% c(5, 7, 9) | walls %in% c(5, 8, 9, 99) == 2 | floor %in% c(5, 6, 9)
deprivation_profile$assets <- df_household |>
dplyr::mutate_at(dplyr::vars(dplyr::starts_with('asset_')), ~ dplyr::if_else(. > 0, 1L, 0L)) |>
dplyr::mutate(
   asset_phone = dplyr::if_else(
     (asset_telephone + asset_mobile_phone) > 0,
     1L,
     0L
) |>
 dplyr::mutate(
  with_hh_conveniences = (
    asset_tv + asset_phone + asset_computer +
       asset_animal_cart + asset_bicycle +
       asset_motorcycle + asset_refrigerator) > 1,
  with_mobility_assets = (asset_car + asset_truck) > 0
) |>
 define_deprivation(
   .indicator = assets,
   .cutoff = !(with_hh_conveniences & with_mobility_assets)
```

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```
# ------
# Compute the MPI
mpi_result <- df_household |>
    compute_mpi(deprivation_profile)

# ------
# You may also save your output into an Excel file
## Not run:
save_mpi(mpi_result, .filename = 'MPI Sample Output')
## End(Not run)
```

define\_deprivation

Define deprivation cutoffs

#### **Description**

A deprivation cutoff must be set for each indicator defined in the MPI specifications. This step establishes the first cutoff in the methodology where every person/household (defined as the unit of analysis) can be identified as deprived or non-deprived with respect to each indicator.

For each indicator, 0 will be used to indicate "not deprived", 1 if deprived, and NA if missing or non-response. Additional column containing the product of the value of the indicator obtained and its corresponding weight will also be computed for convenience.

#### Usage

```
define_deprivation(
   .data,
   .indicator,
   .cutoff,
   .mpi_specs = getOption("mpi_specs"),
   .collapse = FALSE,
   .set_na_equal_to = 0,
   .collapse_condition = NULL
)
```

# Arguments

.data	A data frame or tibble
.indicator	Name of indicator defined in MPI specs (must exactly match the specs).
.cutoff	A conditional logic that defines the poverty line to determine whether deprived or not.
.mpi_specs	MPI specifications defined in define_mpi_specs.
.collapse	A boolean indicating whether to collapse the data frame or not. This is useful, for instance, if the original data where the .cutoff argument above applies to an individual person but your unit of analysis in household.

define\_deprivation

```
.set_na_equal_to
```

Coerce value from NA to either 0 (not deprived) or 1 (deprived). Default is 0.

.collapse\_condition

NOT YET FULLY IMPLEMENTED. ONLY WORKS WITH DEFAULT. A condition when . collapse is set to TRUE. If NULL, max() will be used as default.

#### Value

A data frame of deprivation value for the indicator (.\*\_unweighted): 0 for "not deprived", 1 for deprived, and NA for missing and non-response; and product of .\*\_unweighted and its corresponding weight (.\*\_weighted).

#### References

How to Apply the Alkire-Foster Method

#### See Also

define\_mpi\_specs

```
# Use sample specs file included in the package
specs_file <- system.file(</pre>
"extdata",
 "global-mpi-specs.csv",
package = "mpindex"
specs <- define_mpi_specs(specs_file, .uid = 'uuid')</pre>
# Using built-in dataset
df_household |>
 define_deprivation(
    .indicator = drinking_water,
    .cutoff = drinking_water == 2
df_household_roster |>
 define_deprivation(
    .indicator = school_attendance,
    .cutoff = attending_school == 2,
    .collapse = TRUE
```

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define\_mpi\_specs

Define MPI specifications: dimensions, indicators, and weights

#### **Description**

Use to define MPI dimensions, indicators and its corresponding weights using any of the accessible file types: .xlsx (Excel), .json, .csv, or .txt (TSV). You can also set the poverty cutoff or list of poverty cutoffs (to achieve gradient list of MPIs) that will be used in the computation of MPI.

#### Usage

```
define_mpi_specs(
   .mpi_specs_file = NULL,
   .indicators = NULL,
   .poverty_cutoffs = 1/3,
   .unit_of_analysis = NULL,
   .aggregation = NULL,
   .uid = NULL,
   .source_of_data = NULL,
   .names_separator = ">",
   .save_as_global_options = TRUE
)
```

# Arguments

.mpi\_specs\_file

Accepts .xlsx (Excel), .json, .csv, or .txt (TSV) file format. This file should contain the following columns/variables: Dimension, Indicator, Variable, Weight, and Description (optional). See example below.

.indicators

A data frame of MPI indicators. Useful if prefer define your indicators instead of using an external file.

.poverty\_cutoffs

Accepts single value or a vector of poverty cutoffs. This parameter (usually denoted by k) reflects the minimum level of deprivations or deprivation score an individual or household must be suffering simultaneously to be considered poor. See example below.

.unit\_of\_analysis

e.g. individuals, families, households, or communities. Default value is  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NULL}}$  .

.aggregation

Column name in the dataset that defines an aggregation level.

.uid

Column name containing unique ID of the dataset which defines the lowest level of disaggregation (usually unit of analysis).

.source\_of\_data

Source of data used in the computation. This will be used in the footnote of the table when generating an output.

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```
.names_separator
```

[**Deprecated**] Column separator that defines the hierarchy of the column header. .save\_as\_global\_options

Whether to save the specs globally. Equivalent to invoking options().

#### Value

MPI specifications data frame required in compute\_mpi function. As as side effect, a global option named 'mpi\_specs' will be saved for efficiency. See 'getOption('mpi\_specs')'.

#### See Also

```
compute_mpi
```

#### **Examples**

```
# Use sample specs file included in the package
specs_file <- system.file(
   "extdata",
   "global-mpi-specs.csv",
   package = "mpindex"
)
# To see other sample specs file (with different supported file format)
system.file("extdata", package = "mpindex") |>
   list.files()
```

df\_household

Sample dataset of households

#### **Description**

This is a synthetic dataset containing household information primarily used for demonstration purposes on how to use the mpindex package.

#### Usage

```
df household
```

#### **Format**

A tibble with 198 rows and 21 variables:

```
    uuid Unique ID
    class Urbanity: Rural or Urban
    drinking_water Acess to drinking water: 1 - improved; 2 - unimproved
    toilet Service level of toilet or sanitation facility: 1 - basic; 2 - limited; 3 - unimproved; 4 - open defecation
```

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with\_child\_died With at least one (1) child died in the last five (5) years: 1 - with child died; 2 - without child died

roof Main construction material of the roof: 1 - galvanized iron/aluminum; 2 - concrete/clay tile;
 3 - half galvanized iron and half concrete; 4 - wood/bamboo; 5 - cogon/nipa/anahaw; 6 - asbestos; 7 - makeshift/salvaged/improvised materials; 9 - other construction material

walls Main construction material of the outer walls: 1 - concrete/brick/stone; 2 - wood; 3 - half concrete/brick/stone and half wood; 4 - Galvanized iron/aluminum; 5 - bamboo/sawali/cogon/nipa;
6 - asbestos; 7 - glass; 8 - makeshift/salvaged/improvised materials; 9 - none; 10 - concrete hollow blocks; 11 - concrete hollow blocks/wood; 12 - shear walls; 99 - other construction material

**floor** Main construction material of the floor: 1 - concrete; 2 - wood; 3 - coconut lumber; 4 - bamboo; 5 - earth/sand/mud; 6 - makeshift/salvaged/improvised materials; 9 - other construction material

electricity Access to electricity: 1 - with access to electricity; 2 - without access to electricity

cooking\_fuel Fuel use for cooking: 1 - electricity; 2 - kerosene (gaas); 3 - liquified petroleum gas (LPG); 4 - charcoal; 5 - wood; 6 - none; 9 - other cooking fuel such as dung, agricultural crop, or shrubs

asset\_radio Number of working radio owned by the household

asset\_tv Number of working television owned by the household

asset\_telephone Number of working telephone owned by the household

asset\_mobile\_phone Number of working mobile phone owned by the household

asset\_computer Number of working computer owned by the household

asset\_animal\_cart Number of animal carts owned by the household

asset\_bicycle Number of bicycle owned by the household

asset\_motorcycle Number of motorcylce owned by the household

asset\_refrigerator Number of working refrigerator owned by the household

asset\_car Number of car owned by the household

asset\_truck Number of trucks owned by the household

#### See Also

df\_household\_roster

#### **Examples**

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df\_household\_roster

Sample dataset of household members

#### **Description**

This dataset contains a many-to-one relationship with the df\_household dataset. Hence, you can apply joins using the uuid.

#### Usage

```
df_household_roster
```

#### **Format**

A tibble with 905 rows and 8 variables:

uuid Unique ID

line\_number Number identifier for each member within the household

class Urbanity: Rural or Urban

sex Sex of the household member

age Age of the household member

**attending\_school** Whether the household member (aged 5-24 years old) is currently attending school: 1 - currently attending; 2 - currently not attending

**completed\_6yrs\_schooling** Whether completed at least six (6) years of schooling: 1 - completed; 2 -not completed

**undernourished** Whether the household member (aged below 70 years old) is undernourished: 1 - undernourished; 2 - not undernourished

#### See Also

df\_household

```
df_household_roster
```

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Save MPI output

#### **Description**

Save the MPI output into an Excel file format.

#### Usage

```
save_mpi(
   .mpi_output,
   .mpi_specs = getOption("mpi_specs"),
   .filename = NULL,
   .formatted_output = TRUE,
   .include_table_summary = TRUE,
   .include_specs = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

. include\_specs Whether to include MPI specification in the generated output.

#### Value

Returns the file location of the output generated.

```
## Not run:
# It requires an MPI output (list type) in the first argument
save_mpi(mpi_result, .filename = "MPI Sample Output")
## End(Not run)
```

```
use_global_mpi_specs     Use Global MPI specification
```

# Description

Use built-in specification file for Global MPI.

# Usage

```
use_global_mpi_specs(...)
```

# Arguments

... Accepts all arguments in define\_mpi\_specs

# Value

Global MPI specs

```
use_global_mpi_specs()
```

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