

Putting poverty on the map in Albania

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Albania: Opportunity

- Quality and “Credible” data.
 - Census – 2001
 - LSMS - 2002
- “ Internalize” ...poverty definition?
- Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP).
- Poverty Assessment
- Operation – Social Service Delivery Project (Ndhima Ekonomika)
- Donor support

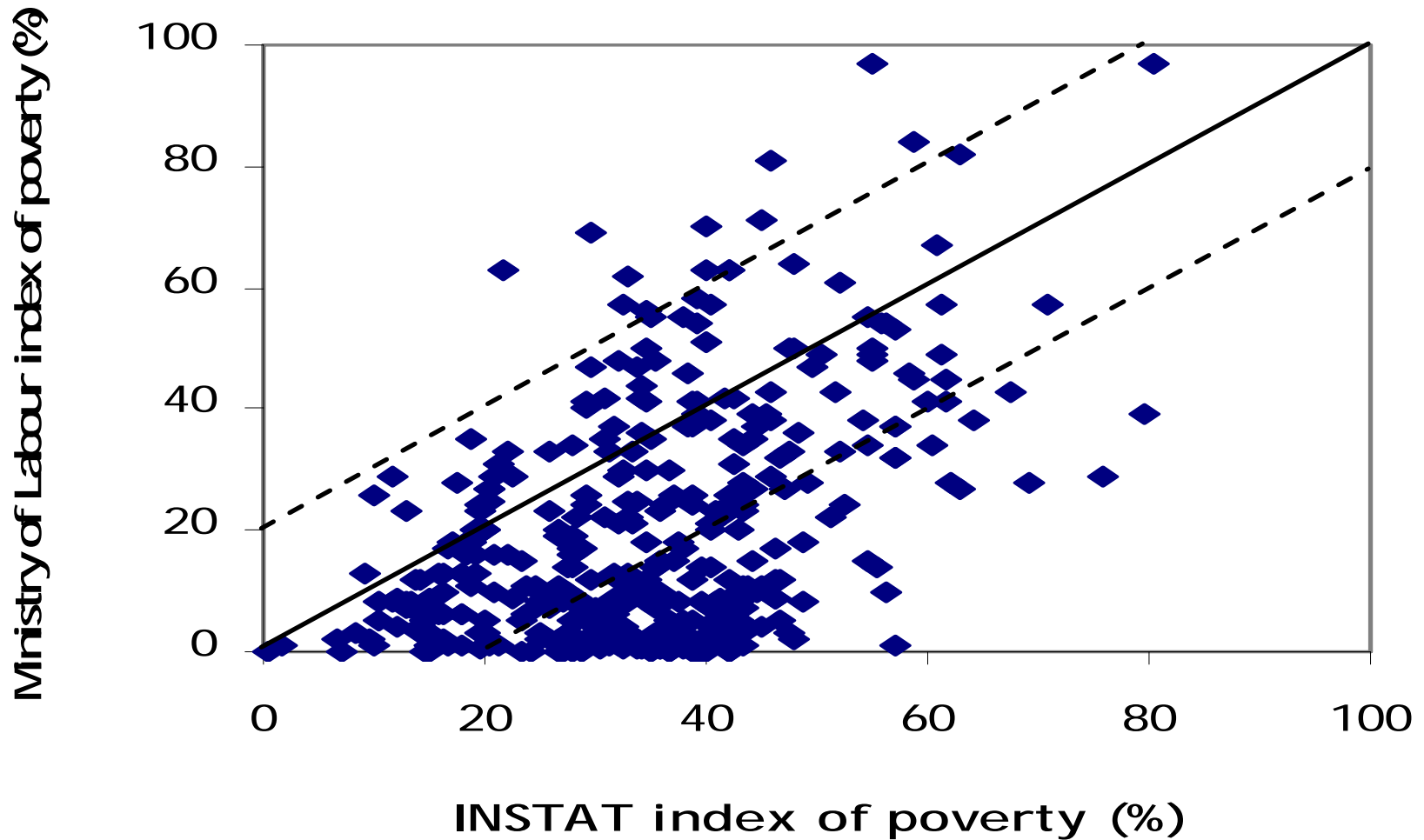
Step IV: Dissemination, Applications

- Publications: poverty map findings, 2003 PA, PRSP
 - Distributed to government ministries, International aid agencies and NGO.
- Presentations and workshops
 - International conference
 - Training of technical staff for line ministries
 - Training of journalists
 - Story made it to the newspapers (4 dailies)

Awareness and Policy Outcomes:

- Explicit targeting on poverty - ADF
- Regional Development Plans
- Benchmarking

MOLSA: Policy Impact Analysis: Distribution of Economic Assistance Block Grants



Policy Impact:

- Overall policy impact was not very big
- Why Not?
 - Dissemination is key – entry point matters (Adviser to policy maker, Poster??, integration of data?)
 - Political economy
 - Inertia – existing rules

WHAT NEXT? Increasing Impact and Sustainability

- Opportunities:
 - Updating of the National Strategy for Socio-Economic Development (NSSD),
 - Increasing efficiency of resource allocation:
 - Raising effectiveness of inter-governmental transfers:
- Poverty Assessment, PEIR, DPL – multi-year programs
- But challenges?
 - Data (census)
 - Local demand