Poverty Measures

The headcount rate or poverty incidence or poverty rate is the proportion of population whose per-capita consumption is below the poverty line i.e. the poverty threshold of 1,255 Afs (approximately 25 USD) monthly consumption expenditure representing the typical cost of attaining 2,100 calories per person per day and of meeting some basic non-food needs.

The poverty line or poverty threshold is the minimum level of per-capita consumption expenditure at which the members of a household can be expected to meet their basic needs (comprised of food and non-food consumption).

Per-capita monthly total consumption is the value of food and non-food items consumed by a household in a month (including the use value of durable goods and housing) divided by the household size.

The poverty gap index measures the depth of poverty, by calculating the mean aggregate consumption shortfall relative to the poverty line across the whole population. The poverty gap gives an indication of the total resources required to bring all the poor up to the level of poverty line.