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General Comments on the Interim Report of the High Level Panel on the Development of a Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI)

1. It is clear that extensive research and review of the literature was used to inform the report. It contains definitions, theoretical explanations, and justification for broad-based use of an Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI). However, the document does not sufficiently respond to the main elements outlined in the scope of work such as the MVI methodology to be used, the approach to be taken to achieve consensus and validation, and the appropriate governance arrangements for the MVI.
2. While the report indicates that the final report will have methodological details and indicators, it would have been good to get an idea of what methodology is being considered for the MVI at the Interim Report stage. Also, what are the potential indicators that will be considered for the Index within the framework as outlined. This would help to cement the concepts of Structural Vulnerability and Structural Resilience, which are relatively new.
3. The report could benefit from a clear outline of what has been done to date and the activities to be undertaken before project completion. This would inform a discussion on the feasibility of establishing an MVI by the proposed December 2022 end date.
 - At this stage, it appears that the technical aspect of creating the MVI has not yet commenced, leaving about four months for the actual development of the MVI and writing of the final report.

4. The report should include evidence of consultations that may have taken place, for example, with SIDs regarding the specific indicators they deem necessary and from that, an indication of data availability/limitations.
5. The report should address the implications for countries regarding eligibility for concessional funding where data limitations may restrict or skew their results for the global-level assessment.
6. Consideration should be given for the inclusion of a glossary of terms in the report.