

Developing a Social Budget for South Africa

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Abstract

Social Budgeting is a technique developed by the ILO to draw together, analyse, and project the major flows involved in a country's system of social protection within a fully articulated statistical framework. The Department of Social Development has embarked on a project to develop a Social Budget for South Africa. A novel feature of the DSD exercise is that it will incorporate a microsimulation element that will allow the analysis of costs and distributional impacts within the same analytical framework. The paper reports on the analytical challenges of this approach and (may) discuss preliminary results. [Note that the prior approval of the Department of Social Development will be required for presentation of the findings.]