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## **ABSTRACT**

The Bank will describe a new methodological approach and some innovative graphical techniques for presenting consolidated information on income distributions and their relationship to poverty counts. These techniques are seen to be especially useful in describing regional and global distributional patterns and for assessing the number of people who fall below a predefined income or expenditure threshold, in particular in relation to poverty. This work is still in its early stage and thus it has not been possible in the time available to compile detailed country level data on income distributions over comparable periods to provide a comprehensive statistical perspective. The resulting measures are thus referred to as "quasi-exact". Work is in progress to obtain a better all-embracing measure of income and to define this on an international comparable basis using purchasing power parities (PPPs) and PPP adjusted GNP per capita data.