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On Pro-Poor Government Fiscal Policies:

With Application to the Philippines

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Abstract

This paper provides a methodology of assessing government fiscal policies to reduce poverty. It develops a poverty reform index, which measures the degree of pro-pooriness of individual components of a government fiscal system. This index can be utilized to reform fiscal policies in order to achieve a maximum reduction in poverty. The methodology is applied to assess the Philippines's fiscal system using Annual Poverty Indicator Survey data.

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