Q-Squared in Practice:  
A Conference on Experiences of Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Poverty Appraisal

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The last ten years have seen recognition of the strong complementarities between qualitative and quantitative methods in poverty appraisal. There is a growing consensus that both approaches have much to contribute to understanding and policy formulation. The question is no longer if the two methods should be combined, but how. This conference aims to bring together the very best in recent efforts in the “Q-Squared” tradition. We are looking for papers that discuss in detail the design and implementation of mixed methods, the difficulties encountered as well as the positive results produced. The object is to collect and synthesize the lessons of experience, with a view to better designing such analyses in the future.

The conference organizers are Ravi Kanbur (Cornell University) and Paul Shaffer (University of Toronto).

Submissions, of completed papers or substantial abstracts, should be sent electronically to Ravi Kanbur (rsk145@cornell.edu) by September 30, 2003. Decisions will be conveyed by December 31, 2003.

The conference will meet the travel costs of one presenter per paper accepted. The papers presented at the conference will in turn be considered for publication in a special issue of a journal or a volume.