

Utility Services Poverty: Addressing the Problem of Household Resource Services Deprivation in Mayotte

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- Les habitats de fortune représente 33% du parc de logement
- 6 logements sur 10 n'ont pas d'installations sanitaires de base (toilettes, douche, accès à l'eau)
- 77% de la population vit sous le seuil de pauvreté



Le journal de Mayotte

Mayotte : la vie misérable à Kawéni, plus grand bidonville de France. L'OBS. 14/05/2018



Mayotte la 1^{ère}. 01/07/2020

1/3 de la population n'a pas accès à l'eau.
20% n'ont pas accès à l'électricité



A few days after the start of confinement, the regional health agency decided to facilitate access to standpipes for the most precarious populations, but also to install water distribution ramps.

Mayotte hebdo 2020



Le Monde, 2019

Motivation

Goals for development (United Nations, PNUD)



Goal 6 : Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

46% of individuals, 3,6 billions, lack safety management sanitation,
29% lack basic hygiene,
26% lack safely managed drinking water



Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

One third of population use dangerous and ineficient cooking system
759 million people lack access to electricity,
annual energy efficiency improvement rate is equal to 3% and needs acceleration)

Theoretical background

As Energy and water are essential needs → relevant to broaden the concept of fuel and water poverty to also address the issue of access to basic utilities.

Generally fuel poverty and water poverty are treated independently.

While there is an abundant literature on fuel poverty since the 1980's the concept of water poverty is more recent and largely inspired by the definitions and measures of fuel poverty

- **Water poverty:** The concept of 'water poverty' has been developed in 2000 to consider both a lack of access to clean water and sanitation and the cost of consuming. (Salameh, 2000; Feitelson and Chenoweth , 2002)
- **Fuel and energy poverty:** The concept of fuel poverty refers to difficulties in satisfying a set of essential energy services in housing. While there is a large body of literature on measuring fuel poverty, there is no consensus on either a common definition or fuel poverty indicators

Theoretical background

Fuel and energy poverty:

However, the recent academic literature has begun to highlight the need for a unified theoretical framework for analyzing fuel poverty based on Sen's work on *Capabilities*.

Day *et al.* (2016) defined Energy Poverty as “*an inability to realize essential capabilities as a direct or indirect result of insufficient access to affordable, reliable and safe energy services, and taking into account available reasonable alternative means of realizing these capabilities*”

Fuel poverty and water poverty together?

Few studies have treated fuel and water poverty together (Martin *et al.*, 2019; Yoone *et al.*, 2019; Fankhauser and Tepic, 2007; Browne *et al.*, 2018, Laskari *et al.*, 2016). Some of the studies addressed partially the fuel and water poverty focussing mainly on the affordability issue related to water and fuel poverty (Fankhauser and Tepic (2007).

Finally, energy and water are essential utility services for a decent life. These services are extremely linked, why shouldn't we treat them together?

In this paper we propose to enlarge the concept of fuel and water poverty to essential utility services poverty.

Objectives

In this paper, we want to define and characterize the concept of utility services poverty in Mayotte

Main objectives of the paper:

DEFINE UTILITY SERVICE POVERTY AND IDENTIFY UTILITY SERVICES POOR HOUSEHOLDS

- 1- A definition of the new concept of utility services poverty
- 2- Identify utility services poor households → Latent class Model
- 3- Propose a scale of vulnerability to better target policies (maybe it's not a binary phenomenon)
- 4- Provide evidence that utility services poors are not necessary monetary poors

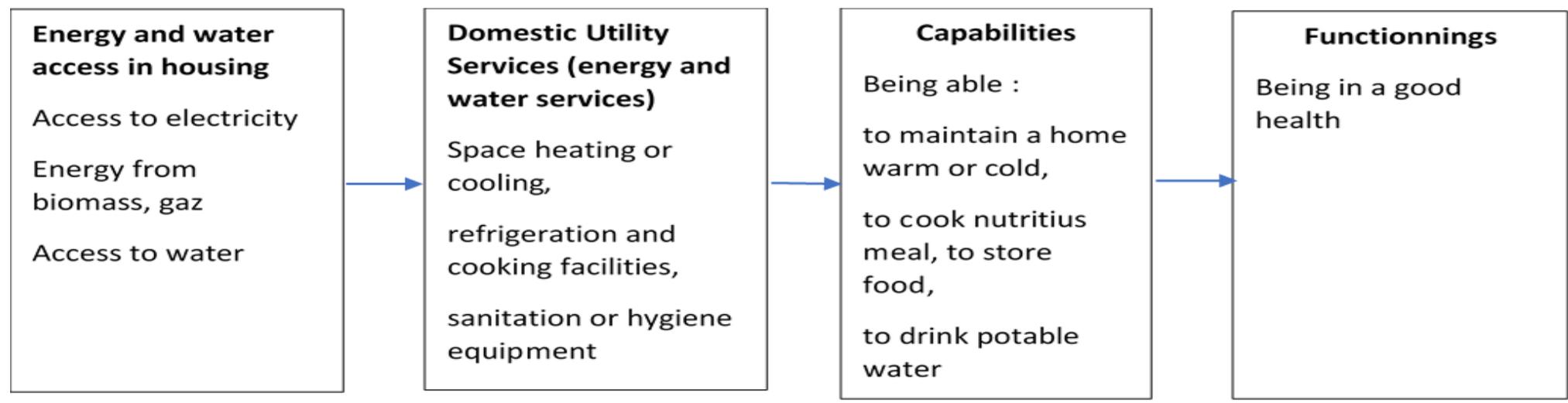
Definition of utility services poverty

We propose a definition of utility services poverty based on the capabilities framework developed by Amartya Sen and Martha Nussbaum (Nussbaum, 2003; 2011; 1999; 2003; 2004; 2012; Nussbaumer, Bazilian, & Modi, 2012; Sen, 1979) and the work of Day *et al.* (2016)

The capability approach developed by Sen considers human life as a set of doings and beings termed **functionings**. The **capability** of a person is a derived notion that reflects the combination of functionings and the freedom to choose a way of life. **According to Sen, poverty can be seen as not having the capability to achieve crucial and valued functionings.**

The relevant literature on utility services access and affordability suggests that basic utility services, particularly potable water, improved sanitation and electricity, can impact human health, education, social interactions and women conditions (Njoh *et al.*, 2019; Martin *et al.*, 2019; Howarth *et al.*, 2001).

Definition of utility services poverty



Utility services poverty definition

“the inability to realise essential functionnings due to difficulties in satisfying a set of essential utility services in housing”

Data

« Enquête Logement Mayotte 2013 » - 2058 households

Module a little different from the one in the French metropole → specific questions about housing conditions + materials for walls, roof and floors + access to electricity and water

To measure income poverty the local poverty rate at 60% of the median living standard

Descriptive statistics

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Utility Services					
Cooling system	2058	0.169	0.375	0	1
Water access	2058	0.741	0.438	0	1
Bathroom	2058	0.436	0.496	0	1
Electricity access	2058	0.943	0.233	0	1
Toilet	2058	0.409	0.492	0	1
Kitchen	2058	0.713	0.452	0	1
Energy for cooking:					
Coal & Wood	2058	0.099	0.299	0	1
Butane	2058	0.746	0.435	0	1
Electricity	2058	0.124	0.33	0	1
Oil	2058	0.191	0.394	0	1
Monetary Poverty					
Income	2058	7050.982	9719.735	0	94125
Monetary poor 60%	2058	0.365	0.482	0	1
Monetary poor 50%	2058	0.325	0.468	0	1

Descriptive statistics

Comparing utility services poverty and monetary poverty :

- Poor households also appear more satisfied with their housing conditions (**43,1% of poors** have a positive perceived situation of their dwelling condition **against 22,3% of non poors**).
- No differences between poors and no poors according to housing conditions

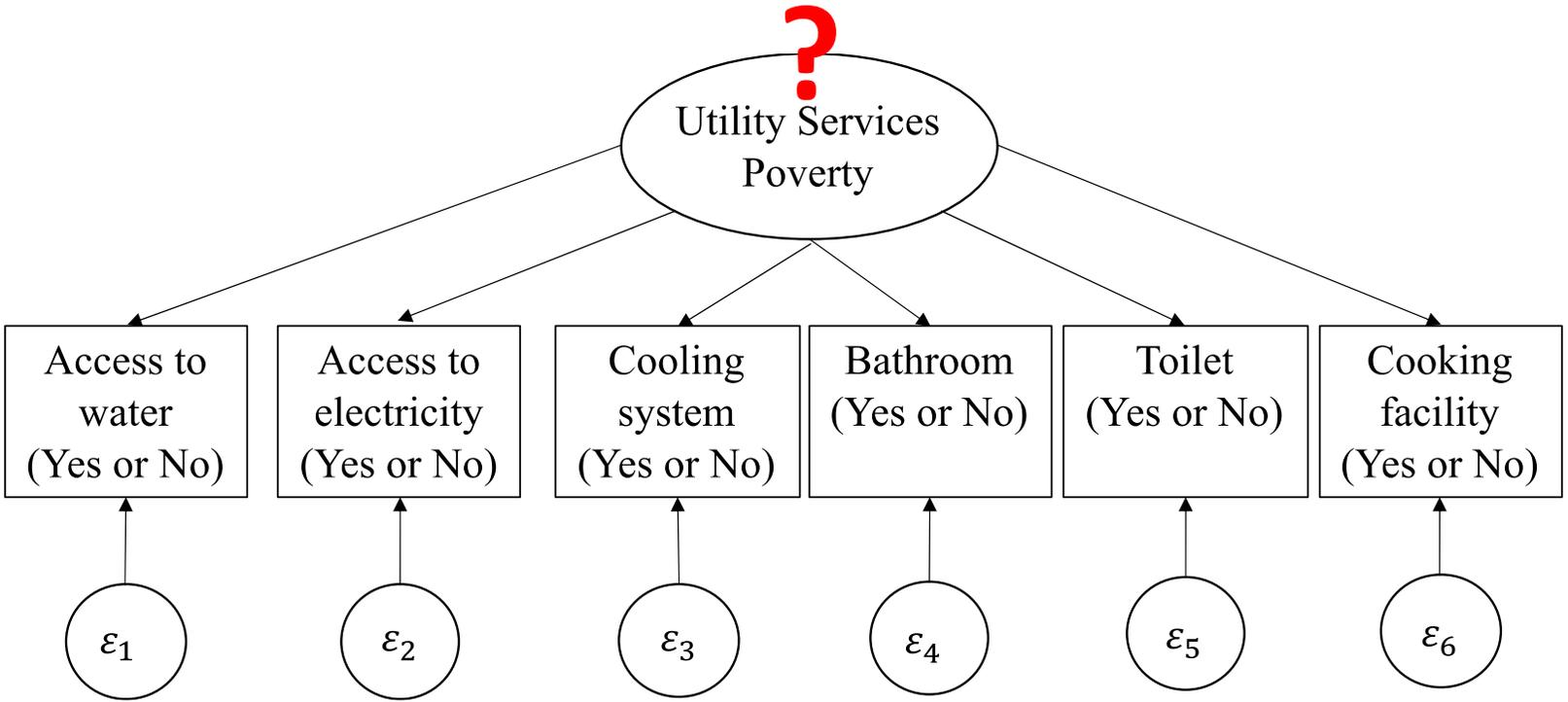
		Monetary poor 60%			
	Sample means (n=2058)	No Poor (n=1307)		Poor (n=751)	
	%	%	Obs	%	Obs
		Dwelling characteristics			
Humidity			1026		334
Yes	24.5	25	256	23.1	77
No	75.5	75	770	77	257
Cooling system			1307		751
Yes. entire dwelling	3.3	4.7	62	0.7	5
Yes. just a room	13.6	20.4	266	2.0	15
No	83.1	74.9	979	97.3	731

Descriptive statistics

		Monetary poor 60%			
	Sample means (n=2058)	No Poor (n=1307)		Poor (n=751)	
		Cooking facilities			
Having a place for cooking			1307		751
Yes	71.3	49.7	1023	21.6	445
No	28.7	13.8	284	14.9	306
Energy for cooking			1307		751
Butane, propane, tanker	74.6	85	1111	56.5	424
Oil	19.1	10.7	140	33.8	254
Electricity	12.4	15.1	197	7.7	58
Wood	7.4	2.8	36	15.6	117
Coal	2.9	3.3	43	2.1	16

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	%	%	Obs	%	Obs
Access to water and sanitary facilities					
Access to water			1307		751
Yes	74.2	85.5	1117	54.5	409
No	25.8	14.5	190	45.5	342
The individual has a bathroom (shower, bath)			1307		751
Yes	43.6	57.1	746	20.2	152
No	56.4	42.9	561	79.8	599
Household has a toilet in their home			1307		751
Yes. inside	24.3	54.9	717	16.5	124
No. outside	16.6	31.5	412	53.7	403
No	39.6	13.6	178	29.8	224
Access to electricity					
Electricity access			1307		751
Yes	74.3	83.1	836	64.6	485
Yes. connected to another home's meter	18.7	13.2	133	24.6	185
No	7.00	3.7	37	10.8	81

Class latent model



Objective: to identify household profiles ([Lazarsfeld and Henry, 1968](#)). But, the dependent variable here, “utility poverty variable” assumed discrete and unobservable, and, the latent class methodology let to categorized observations into latent classes using observed variables or indicators ([Goodman, 2002](#)).

The Latent class model is estimated by the maximization of the log-likelihood through an expectation-maximization (EM) algorithm

Models comparison

	AIC	BIC	LL	df
2 classes	10219.24	10292.42	-5096.619	13
3 classes	10009.43	10110.76	-4986.714	18
4 classes	9981.925	10117.03	-4966.962	24

3 is better to 2 classes model

3 or 4 → meaning of adding an additional class?

Steps of analysis :

- Model with 2 classes (benchmark) to ensure the quality of the model
- Model with 3 classes → Some vulnerable households ?
- Model with 4 classes → Differentiated vulnerable household profiles in services utility ? Differentiated policies?

Results – 2 Classes (benchmark)

	Class 1 Utility services poor 43.4%			Class 2 Utility services -sufficient 56.6%		
	Coeff.	Std. Err	Margin	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin
0.No access to water			base outcome			base outcome
1.Access to water	0.173	(0.068)**	0.5432	25.426	(0.965)***	1
0. No access to electricity			base outcome			base outcome
1.Access to electricity	2.183 ^a	(0.100)***	0.8987	17.075	(7.607)**	1
0.No cooling system			base outcome			base outcome
1.Cooling system	-4.873	(0.415)***	0.0076	-0.491	(0.076)***	0.3796
0.No bathroom			base outcome			base outcome
1.Bathroom	-2.607	(0.187)***	0.0687	2.384	(0.144)***	0.9156
0.No toilet			base outcome			base outcome
1.Toilet	-3.402	(0.207)***	0.0322	2.190	(0.186)***	0.8993
0.No kitchen facility			base outcome			base outcome
1.Kitchen facilities	0.149	(0.060)***	0.5371	2.807	(0.179)***	0.9430
Observations			2.058			

Robust standard errors are presented in parentheses; *** $p < 0.01$. ** $p < 0.05$. * $p < 0.1$
 Note: ^aThe probability of being in Class 1 increases if households have electricity access compared with those without electricity access.

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	Class 1 Utility services poor 43.4%			Class 2 Utility services -sufficient 56.6%		
	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin
0.No access to water			0.4568			
1.Access to water	0.173	(0.068)**	0.5432	25.426	(0.965)***	1
0. No access to electricity			0.1013			
1.Access to electricity	2.183 ^a	(0.100)***	0.8987	17.075	(7.607)**	1
0.No cooling system			0.9924			
1.Cooling system	-4.873	(0.415)***	0.0076	-0.491	(0.076)***	0.3796
0.No bathroom			0.9313			
1.Bathroom	-2.607	(0.187)***	0.0687	2.384	(0.144)***	0.9156
0.No toilet			0.9678			
1.Toilet	-3.402	(0.207)***	0.0322	2.190	(0.186)***	0.8993
0.No kitchen facility			0.4629			
1.Kitchen facilities	0.149	(0.060)***	0.5371	2.807	(0.179)***	0.9430
Observations			2.058			

- Profile of fuel poors :
- Less access to water, electricity but main variables are :
 - No Cooling system
 - No Bathroom
 - No Toilet

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	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin
0.No access to water				base outcome		9.07e-12
1.Access to water	0.173	(0.068)**	0.5432	25.426	(0.965)***	1
0. No access to electricity				base outcome		3.84e-08
1.Access to electricity	2.183 ^a	(0.100)***	0.8987	17.075	(7.607)**	1
0.No cooling system				base outcome		.06204
1.Cooling system	-4.873	(0.415)***	0.0076	-0.491	(0.076)***	0.3796
0.No bathroom				base outcome		0.0843
1.Bathroom	-2.607	(0.187)***	0.0687	2.384	(0.144)***	0.9156
0.No toilet				base outcome		0.1007
1.Toilet	-3.402	(0.207)***	0.0322	2.190	(0.186)***	0.8993
0.No kitchen facility				base outcome		0.0569
1.Kitchen facilities	0.149	(0.060)***	0.5371	2.807	(0.179)***	0.9430
Observations						

Profile of Fuel-sufficient :

- Access to hot water
- Access to electricity
- More cooling system
- More bathroom
- More toilet
- More kitchen facilities

Results – 3 classes

	Class 1 Utility services poor 27,8 %			Class 2 Utility services vulnerable 32,4 %			Class 3 Utility services - sufficient 39,8 %		
	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin
0.No access to water	base outcome		0.9143	base outcome		0.0124	base outcome		0.0013
1.Access to water	-2.368	(1.345)*	0.0857	4.377	(0.717)***	0.9876	6.661	(1.080)***	0.9987
0.No access to electricity	base outcome		0.1851	base outcome		0.0165	base outcome		0.0015
1.Access to electricity	1.482	(0.114)***	0.8149	4.088	(1.269)***	0.9835	6.511	(2.833)**	0.9985
0.No cooling system	base outcome		1	base outcome		0.9711	base outcome		0.5992
1.Cooling system			0	-3.516	(0.302)***	0.0289	-0.402	(0.100)***	0.4008
0.No bathroom	base outcome		1	base outcome		0.7759	base outcome		0.0872
1.Bathroom			0	-1.242	(0.152)***	0.2241	2.348	(0.269)***	0.9128
0.No toilet	base outcome		0.9632	base outcome		0.9811	base outcome		0.0158
1.Toilet	-3.264	(0.235)***	0.0368	-3.949	(2.400)	0.0189	4.133	(.690)***	0.9842
0.No kitchen facilities	base outcome		0.4507	base outcome		0.4422	base outcome		0.0461
1.Kitchen facilities	0.198	(0.094)**	0.5493	0.232	(0.092)**	0.5578	3.030	(0.307)***	0.9539
Observations	2,058								

Opening a third class gives us a better understanding of the poorest's profile

Results – 3 classes

	Class 1 Utility services poor 27,8 %		
	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin
0.No access to water	base outcome		0.9143
1.Access to water	-2.368	(1.345)*	0.0857
0.No access to electricity	base outcome		0.1851
1.Access to electricity	1.482	(0.114)***	0.8149
0.No cooling system	base outcome		1
1.Cooling system	/	/	0
0.No bathroom	base outcome		1
1.Bathroom	/	/	0
0.No toilet	base outcome		0.9632
1.Toilet	-3.264	(0.235)***	0.0368
0.No kitchen facilities	base outcome		0.4507
1.Kitchen facilities	0.198	(0.094)**	0.5493
Observations	2,058		

Profile of fuel poors :

- **No access to water**
- No Cooling system
- No Bathroom
- Less Toilet

Vulnerable individuals are our poor in the 2-class model and the richest are pretty the same

Access to water is more discriminating than access to electricity in defining utility services poverty →
What if we open one last class?

Results – 4 classes

	Class 1 Utility services poor 20,1 %			Class 2 Utility services vulnerable 1 13 %			Class 3 Utility services vulnerable 2 27,3 %			Class 4 Utility services -sufficient 39,6 %		
	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin
0.No access to water	base outcome			base outcome			base outcome			base outcome		
1.Access to water	-1.940	(0.491)***	0.1256	-0.551	(4.266)	.3656	30.936	(0.494)***	1	31.973	(0.278)***	1
0. No access to electricity	base outcome			base outcome			base outcome			base outcome		
1.Access to electricity	1.101	(0.602)*	0.7505	3.577	(3.448)	.9728	4.584	(0.899)***	.9899	6.120	(1.108)***	.9978
0.No cooling system	base outcome			base outcome			base outcome			base outcome		
1.Cooling system	-	-	0	-4.055	(1.548)* **	.0170	-3.602	(0.365)***	.0266	-0.391	(0.120)***	.4034
0.No bathroom	base outcome			base outcome			base outcome			base outcome		
1.Bathroom	-	-	0	-17.730	(1.704)* **	0	-1.061	(0.443)**	.2571	2.518	(1.011)**	.9254
0.No toilet	base outcome			base outcome			base outcome			base outcome		
1.Toilet	-	-	0	-1.833	(2.256)	.1379	-4.659	(4.877)	.0094	3.931	(1.133)***	.9807
0.No kitchen facilities	base outcome			base outcome			base outcome			base outcome		
1.Kitchen facilities	-0.484	(1.266)	0.3813	2.308	(1.465)	.9095	0.076	(0.748)	.5191	2.971	(0.296)***	.9513
Observations	2,058											

Results – 4 classes

It is mainly the vulnerable who are divided into 2 categories:
scale of vulnerability?

	Class 2 Utility services vulnerable 1 13 %			Class 3 Utility services vulnerable 1 27,3 %		
	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin	Coeff.	Std. Err.	Margin
0.No access to water	base outcome		.6344	base outcome		0
1.Access to water	-0.551	(4.266)	.3656	30.936	(0.494)***	1
0. No access to electricity	base outcome		.0272	base outcome		.0101
1.Access to electricity	3.577	(3.448)	.9728	4.584	(0.899)***	.9899
0.No cooling system	base outcome		.9830	base outcome		.9734
1.Cooling system	-4.055	(1.548)** *	.0170	-3.602	(0.365)***	.0266
0.No bathroom	base outcome		1	base outcome		.74289
1.Bathroom	-17.730	(1.704)** *	0	-1.061	(0.443)**	.2571
0.No toilet	base outcome		.8621	base outcome		.9906
1.Toilet	-1.833	(2.256)	.1379	-4.659	(4.877)	.0094
0.No kitchen facilities	base outcome		.0905	base outcome		.4809
1.Kitchen facilities	2.308	(1.465)	.9095	0.076	(0.748)	.5191
Observations						

Class Fuel vulnerable 1 :

- No access to water + No Cooling system
- No Bathroom
- No Toilet

Class 2 are poorest that Class 3

➔ Access to water

Results – comparisons utility poors and monetary poors (4 classes model)

	Monetary poor 60%				Income Euros	Total
	No		Yes			
		%		%		
Class1 – Utility services poor 1	96	33.2	193	66.7	2657	289
Class2 – Vulnerable 1	98	37.6	162	62.3	2690	260
Class3 – Vulnerable 2	405	61.5	280	42.5	4197	658
Class 4 – No poor 4	708	85.9	116	14.0	12340	824
Total	1307		751			2058

Scale of utility services poverty confirmed by the income average but, utility services poors are not necessary monetary poors

➔ public policies that aim to support only the monetary poors do not solve all the problems of access to utility services

Conclusion

Policy recommendations:

Policies could be implemented into 2 steps :

- 1/ To fight utility services poverty, priority to water access and sanitary facilities (fight disease to waste or stagnant water)
- 2/ Provide an electricity access for everyone

Policies should not be distributed according to income but to facilities access and living conditions

This methodology could be implemented in other countries



Thank you for your attention