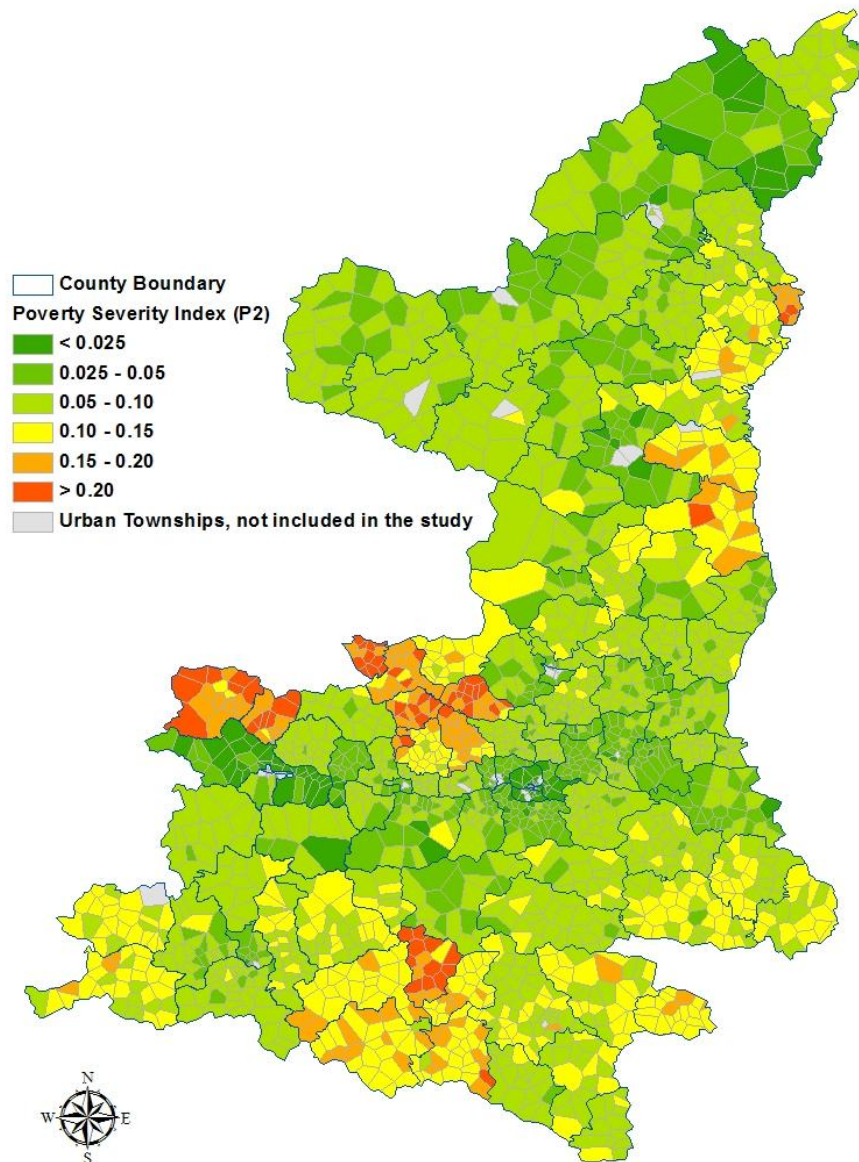


## Predicted Poverty Severity Indices (Administrative Level 4: Township)



**Poverty Severity Index (P<sub>2</sub>)** measures the severity of poverty. It is most commonly defined as the square of the poverty gap, divided by the population. By using the square of the poverty gap, the Poverty Severity Index gives heavier weight than the Poverty Gap Index to the poverty of the very poor, because all poverty gaps are squared. This measure is a member of the FGT (Foster, Greer and Thorbecke) class of poverty measures.

*Poverty line = 700 Yuan (annual per capita expenditure)*