

ANNEXES

Annex 1.1 Dataset on the Gini coefficient

The dataset of Gini coefficients used in this report draws on data from (1) “All the Ginis” dataset as developed by Branko L. Milanovic, which consists of data sets of the standardized Gini from various sources;¹ (2) UNU- WIDER’s World Income Inequality Database (WIID), specifically WIID3.4 released in January 2017;² (3) Standardized World Income Inequality Database (SWIID) developed by Frederick Solt;³ (4) Inequality Project of the University of Texas’s Estimated Household Income Inequality Data Set (EHII);⁴ (5) Asian Development Outlook 2012: Confronting Rising Inequality in Asia;⁵ and (6) ESCAP Statistical Database.⁶ For Asia and the Pacific, data are available for 46 countries, including the region’s developed countries (Australia, Japan and New Zealand).⁷

In constructing the dataset, priority was given to Gini coefficients based on market or gross income, which excludes transfers and taxes. In some cases, due to data limitations, Gini coefficients based on expenditure or consumption were used. Linear interpolation was used to estimate missing Gini coefficient data. Data for the early 1990s includes average Gini coefficients for each country based on the observations available between 1990 and 1994, while the early 2010s period includes average Gini coefficients for 2010-2014. For the regression analyses, the sample used includes 31 Asia-Pacific countries for which Gini coefficients are available for at least one year within five five-year periods: 1990-1994, 1995-1999, 2000-2004, 2005-2009, and 2010-2014.

Annex 1.2 Kakwani decomposition of the Gini coefficient for components of per capita GDP

When income can be expressed as the sum of various components, it is possible to decompose the Gini coefficient into the contribution of each component following Kakwani (1977, p. 724), as

$$Gini = \sum_k S_k C_k,$$

where S_k and C_k are, respectively, the share and the concentration index of the k^{th} income component. The concentration index C_k is conceptually similar to the Gini coefficient for the k^{th} income component, but is obtained by ordering the units for which the calculation is performed according to increasing values of total income instead of increasing values of the k^{th} income component.⁸ Based on the decomposition above, Wan, Wang and Zhang (2016) obtain the following equation of changes of the Gini coefficient over time:

$$\Delta Gini = \sum_k 0.5(C_{kt} + C_{kt+1})\Delta S_k + \sum_k 0.5(S_{kt} + S_{kt+1})\Delta C_k = \sum_k (C_k^* \Delta S_k + S_k^* \Delta C_k).$$

¹ www.gc.cuny.edu/Page-Elements/Academics-Research-Centers-Initiatives/Centers-and-Institutes/Stone-Center-on-Socio-Economic-Inequality/Core-Faculty,-Team,-and-Affiliated-LIS-Scholars/Branko-Milanovic/Datasets.

² www.wider.unu.edu/project/wiid-world-income-inequality-database.

³ <http://fsolt.org/swiid/>.

⁴ <https://utip.lbj.utexas.edu/data.html>.

⁵ www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/29704/ado2012.pdf.

⁶ http://data.unescap.org/escap_stat/#data/.

⁷ See Basu (2017)

⁸ If, for example, we are considering personal income as the sum of labour income and property income, the calculation of concentration indexes for labour income and property income requires sorting individuals from the lowest to the highest level of their personal income. The concentration indexes for labour and property income will only be equivalent to the Gini coefficients for these income components if they are sorted in the same order as personal income. Kakwani (1977, p. 721) shows that $-G_k \text{ dd}C_k \text{ dd}G_k$, where G_k is the Gini coefficient for the k^{th} income component.

The equation indicates that a change in inequality can be attributed to changes in the income shares $\sum_k C_k^* \Delta S_k$ and changes in concentration indexes $\sum_k S_k^* \Delta C_k$. The first component represents the impact on inequality of structural transformation, while the second represents the impact on total inequality of changes in the inequality of its components. In the text we use this decomposition to analyse the contributions to GDP per capita inequality of both its supply-side components (agriculture, manufacturing and services) and its demand-side components (private consumption, investment, government consumption and net exports).

Annex 1.3 Regression analysis for the driving forces of income inequality

Estimations of the driving forces of income inequality were obtained through pooled cross-country, time series regressions:

$$Gini_{it} = \alpha + \beta' X_{it} + \mu_i + \varphi_t + \varepsilon_{it}$$

where Gini is the Gini coefficient for country i in period t . Based on data availability, the dataset includes five periods – 1990-1994, 1995-1999, 2000-2004, 2005-2009, and 2010-2014 – and 31 countries: Afghanistan, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

The vector X_{it} contains the logarithm of GDP per capita and its square, capital stock per capita, value of the human capital index, TFP growth, ratio of manufacturing to agriculture sector, trade openness, total tax revenue and its square, environmental damage and its square, renewable natural capital, and four indicators of governance and its square. μ_i and φ_t represent unobserved country- and year-specific effects, and ε_{it} is the error term. The dependent variable, income inequality, is measured as the Gini coefficient (see Annex 1.1 for details). GDP per capita and the capital stock per capita are measured in US dollars of 2011 adjusted for differences in purchasing power. These variables together with the human capital index, which represents the quality of the labour force,⁹ and TFP growth are from the Penn World Table (PWT) version 9.0.

The ratio of the manufacturing value added over the agriculture value added and trade openness are from the World Bank's World Development Indicators (WDI). Trade openness is measured as exports plus imports over the GDP. Tax revenue as a share of the GDP comes from the IMF's World Revenue Longitudinal Data set (WoRLD).¹⁰ Environmental damage is defined as foregone labour income, measured in current US dollars, caused by exposure of a country's population to ambient concentrations of particulates measuring less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM2.5), ambient ozone pollution and indoor concentrations of PM2.5 in households cooking with solid fuels. These data come from WDI.¹¹ Renewable natural capital is defined as the sum of the value of the rents generated over the lifetime of forests, agriculture land and protected areas. It is measured in US dollars of 2014, and the data source is the World Bank Wealth Accounts data base.¹² Finally, the four governance indicators, that come from World Bank's Worldwide Governance Indicators, are government effectiveness, rule of law, political stability and absence of violence and regulatory quality.¹³

⁹ See www.rug.nl/ggdc/docs/human_capital_in_pwt_90.pdf for details.

¹⁰ <https://data.world/imf/world-revenue-longitudinal-dat>.

¹¹ <http://databank.worldbank.org/data/reports.aspx?source=2&type=metadata&series=NY.ADJ.DPEM.CD>.

¹² <http://databank.worldbank.org/data/reports.aspx?source=wealth-accounts#dbMetadata>.

¹³ <http://info.worldbank.org/governance/wgi/#home>.

Table A.1 Driving forces of income inequality, Gini coefficient, Asia-Pacific countries

| | Col 1 | Col 2 | Col 3 | Col 4 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| log (GDP per capita) | 52.952*** (9.033) | 50.558*** (8.129) | 34.768*** (9.490) | 41.029*** (8.800) |
| log (GDP per capita) squared | -3.379*** (0.521) | -3.257*** (0.479) | -2.304*** (0.564) | -2.646*** (0.519) |
| Capital stock per capita | 0.185*** (0.028) | 0.162*** (0.023) | 0.144*** (0.023) | 0.173*** (0.024) |
| Human capital index | -5.123** (2.100) | -6.764*** (2.318) | -6.238*** (2.288) | -7.821*** (2.289) |
| TFP growth | 10.014*** (3.786) | 11.142*** (3.857) | 11.228*** (4.044) | 10.004*** (3.765) |
| Ratio of manufacturing to agriculture | -0.732*** (0.217) | -0.848*** (0.255) | -0.793*** (0.241) | -0.717*** (0.227) |
| Trade openness | 0.032*** (0.007) | 0.032*** (0.007) | 0.031*** (0.007) | 0.025*** (0.007) |
| Total revenue | 0.375* (0.205) | 0.454** (0.215) | 0.588*** (0.222) | 0.495** (0.215) |
| Total revenue squared | -0.007* (0.004) | -0.008* (0.004) | -0.011** (0.005) | -0.009** (0.004) |
| log (environment damage) | -13.175*** (2.457) | -14.027*** (2.321) | -14.593*** (2.281) | -14.441*** (2.226) |
| log (environment damage) squared | 0.446*** (0.056) | 0.468*** (0.054) | 0.464*** (0.053) | 0.464*** (0.053) |
| log (natural capital) | -3.803** (1.523) | -4.597*** (1.760) | -3.518** (1.703) | -4.442*** (1.677) |
| Governance effective | 0.174** (0.070) | | | |
| Governance effective squared | -0.001 (0.001) | | | |
| Governance law | | 0.185** (0.091) | | |
| Governance law squared | | -0.002 (0.001) | | |
| Governance stability | | | 0.093*** (0.030) | |
| Governance stability squared | | | -0.001* (0.000) | |
| Governance regulatory | | | | 0.245*** (0.075) |
| Governance regulatory squared | | | | -0.003*** (0.001) |
| _cons | 18.013 (58.331) | 65.278 (66.161) | 113.285* (58.594) | 108.521* (56.630) |
| Country dummy | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Year dummy | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| N | 239 | 239 | 239 | 239 |
| Adj. R-square | 0.924 | 0.921 | 0.922 | 0.922 |

Note: Robust standard errors in parentheses; * p < 0.1, ** p < 0.05, *** p < 0.01.

Annex 1.4 Regression analysis for the impact of income inequality on growth

To examine the relationship between inequality and economic growth, pooled time series and cross-section regressions were used. The estimations are based on the following equation:

$$GDP_{it} = \alpha + \beta' Gini_{it} + \delta' Z_{it} + \mu_i + \varphi_t + \varepsilon_{it}$$

where the dependent variable is GDP per capita for country i in year t . $Gini_{it}$ is the Gini coefficient, and Z_{it} includes control variables representing technology, investment, labour, sector structure and trade openness. μ_i and φ_t represent unobserved country- and year-specific effects, and ε_{it} is the error term. With the inclusion of country-specific effects, the estimator is focused on the variation within countries. As such, the aim of the estimations is to test whether decreases in GDP per capita are associated with rising income inequality across Asia-Pacific countries.

The only additional variable is ESCAP's Access to Physical Infrastructure Index (APII). This index includes four dimensions of infrastructure: (1) transport, which includes access to road and railways; (2) energy, which captures electricity and power consumption; (3) information and communications technology (ICT), which includes access to Internet, mobile and fixed lines; and (4) water supply and sanitation.¹⁴

Table A.2 Relationship between GDP per capita and income inequality, Asia-Pacific countries

| | Col 1 | Col 2 | Col 3 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Gini coefficient | -163.571*** (49.109) | -157.073*** (59.134) | -140.100** (58.744) |
| Capital stock per capita | 0.113*** (0.014) | 0.106*** (0.015) | 0.116*** (0.015) |
| Human capital index | 1.258 (1.853) | 1.881 (1.931) | 1.039 (1.918) |
| TFP | 3.387*** (1.076) | 3.391*** (1.040) | 3.964*** (1.225) |
| ESCAP Physical Infrastructure index | 0.019*** (0.004) | 0.017*** (0.005) | 0.022*** (0.005) |
| Ratio of manufacturing to agriculture | 0.001 (0.007) | 0.002 (0.007) | 0.003 (0.007) |
| Trade openness | 2.048 (5.291) | 4.268 (5.005) | 0.068 (5.178) |
| Governance effective | 67.674*** (14.249) | | |
| Governance law | | 73.530*** (14.521) | |
| Governance regulatory | | | 25.933* (14.055) |
| Constant | -2.0e+03 (6635.262) | -2.9e+03 (6893.576) | -1.5e+03 (7069.753) |
| Country dummy | Y | Y | Y |
| Year dummy | Y | Y | Y |
| N | 328 | 328 | 328 |
| Adj. R-square | 0.992 | 0.992 | 0.992 |

Note: Robust standard errors in parentheses; * p < 0.1, ** p < 0.05, *** p < 0.01

¹⁴ See ESCAP (2017c, Annex II) for details on the construction of this index.

Table A.3 Relationship between GDP per capita and income inequality, Asia-Pacific countries, lagged variables

| | Col 1 | Col 2 | Col 3 |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| lag. Gini coefficient | -135.473*** (49.817) | -131.755** (58.591) | -114.841** (58.269) |
| lag. Capital stock per capita | 0.104*** (0.014) | 0.097*** (0.015) | 0.106*** (0.015) |
| lag. Human capital index | 2.200 (1.874) | 2.798 (1.922) | 2.031 (1.908) |
| lag. TFP | 3.548*** (1.066) | 3.480*** (1.023) | 3.974*** (1.235) |
| lag. ESCAP Physical Infrastructural index | 0.018*** (0.004) | 0.016*** (0.004) | 0.021*** (0.004) |
| lag. Ratio of manufacturing to agriculture | 0.009 (0.008) | 0.009 (0.007) | 0.011 (0.008) |
| lag. Trade openness | 2.738 (5.544) | 5.345 (5.210) | 0.798 (5.388) |
| lag. Governance effective | 61.232*** (14.012) | | |
| lag. Governance law | | 75.451*** (14.690) | |
| lag. Governance regulatory | | | 30.136** (12.962) |
| Constant | -4.6e+03 (6492.959) | -5.5e+03 (6664.226) | -4.4e+03 (6825.543) |
| Country dummy | Y | Y | Y |
| Year dummy | Y | Y | Y |
| N | 327 | 327 | 327 |
| Adj. R-square | 0.993 | 0.993 | 0.992 |

Note: Robust standard errors in parentheses; * p < 0.1, ** p < 0.05, *** p < 0.01.

Annex 1.5 The impact of inequality on extreme poverty

The methodology of the calculations shown in Section 1.5.2 is based on Zhang and Wan (2006), who modified a decomposition framework proposed by Datt and Ravallion (1992). ΔP , the change in poverty index P between period 0 and period T can be expressed as

$$\Delta P = P(Y_T; I_T) - P(Y_0; I_0)$$

where Y is average income or consumption and I is an indicator for income distribution or inequality, such as the Gini coefficient. The poverty cost of rising inequality is defined as the change in poverty due to a change in inequality while holding Y constant. Let be the poverty estimate from a hypothetical distribution with $i = 0$ or T , $j = 0$ or T and $i \neq j$. The poverty cost can be computed as:

$$\text{Poverty cost} = P(Y_0, I_T) - P(Y_0; I_0)$$

or

$$\text{Poverty cost} = P(Y_T, I_T) - P(Y_T; I_0)$$

It is easy to see that the above two estimates may differ simply because the reference year is different. One way to obtain a single estimate is to compute average of these two estimates:

$$\text{Poverty cost} = 0.5\{[P(Y_0, I_T) - P(Y_0, I_0)] + [P(Y_T, I_T) - P(Y_T, I_0)]\}.$$

For more details, see Zhang and Wan (2006) who used the term of “distribution or inequality impact” instead of “poverty cost”.

Gini coefficients data for the early 1990s and 2010s for 24 countries in the Asia-Pacific region are based on data as in Annex 1.1. The data on mean expenditure is from the World Bank’s PovcalNet database.

Annex 2.1 Calculating the Dissimilarity Index

The dissimilarity index, or D-index, is a measure similar to the Gini coefficient, which can be used for measuring inequality for binary variables, such as having access to an opportunity (e.g. education) or not.¹⁵ The D-index measures how all different population groups fare in terms of accessing this opportunity. For example, two countries with identical secondary education attainment rates may have a very different D-index if the distribution of attainment in one country excludes certain groups (such as rural women). To obtain the D-index, inequalities in access among all possible population groups are calculated using the following equation:

$$D = \frac{1}{2\bar{p}} \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i |p_i - \bar{p}|$$

where β_i is the weighted sampling proportion of group i , (sum β_i of equals 1), \bar{p} is the average attainment rate for secondary or higher education in the country and p_i is the level of attainment of that level for population group i , and takes values from 0 to 1. Unlike the Gini coefficient, where there is no ideal level, the ideal level of a D-index of 0, whereby everyone has access to an opportunity and there is no inequality.

There are n number of groups defined by using the interactions of the circumstances selected for the analysis. In the case of secondary education attainment, three circumstances are used forming 8 groups: wealth (2 groups); residence (2 groups); sex (2 groups). This produces at least $n=8$ groups ($2 \times 2 \times 2$), covering the entire sample population.

Annex 2.2 Shapley decomposition

The Shapley decomposition method estimates the marginal contribution each circumstance has on inequality in access to a certain opportunity. The basic idea behind this decomposition, taken from cooperative game theory, is to measure how much the estimated D-index would change when a circumstance was added to the pre-existing set of circumstances. The change in inequality caused by the addition of a new circumstance would be a reasonable indicator of its contribution to the overall inequality.¹⁶

The impact of adding a circumstance A (e.g. wealth) is given by the following formula:

$$D_A = \sum_{S \subseteq N \setminus \{A\}} \frac{|S|!(n-|S|-1)!}{n!} [D(S \cup \{A\}) - D(S)]$$

Where N is the set of all n circumstances, which are different depending on the opportunity, as shown in Table 2.1; and S is the subset of N circumstances obtained after omitting the circumstance A. $D(S)$ is the D-index estimated with the sub set of circumstances S . $D(S \cup \{A\})$ is the D-index calculated with set of circumstances S and the circumstance A.

The contribution of characteristic A to the D-index is then formula:

$$M_A = \frac{D_A}{D(N)}$$

The critical property satisfied by the Shapley decomposition is that the sum of contributions of all characteristics adds up to 1 (100 per cent).

¹⁵ Barros, Ferreira, Vega and Chanduvi (2009).

¹⁶ Shorrocks (2013).

Annex 2.3 Who are the furthest behind in all opportunities?

| Country/ Circumstances | Who are those left behind in terms of... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-----|--------|---|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | ...access to full-time employment? | | | ...secondary education attainment? | | | ...higher education attainment? | | | ...access to professional help during childbirth? | | | ...access to contraception? | | | | |
| Age group | Educa- tion | Resi- dence | Marital status | Sex | Have children | Wealth | Resi- dence | Sex | Wealth | Age group | Children under 5 | Resi- dence | Educa- tion | Wealth | Age group | Children under 5 | Resi- dence |
| Afghanistan | 15-49 | Low | Rur | Sgl | M | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | >25 | 1 | Rur | Low | B40 | 15-24 | No | Rur |
| Armenia | | | Rur | Sgl or Sep | | B40 | Rur | M | B40 | 25-34 | | | | B40 | 15-24 or >35 | | |
| Bangladesh | | | Rur | W | | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | | | | Low | B40 | 15-24 | No | |
| Bhutan | | | Rur | W | NC | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | | 2 - 4 | | | B40 | 15-24 | | |
| Cambodia | 25-64 | Low | Rur | Mar or Sep | W | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | | | | Low | B40 | 15-24 or >35 | No | Urb |
| India | 15-24 | | | Sgl | W | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | | 1 | Rur | Low | B40 | 15-24 | | |
| Indonesia | | Low | | Mar or Sep | W | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | | | | Low | B40 | 15-24 or 25-34 | No | |
| Kazakhstan | 15-24 | | | | | B40 | | M | B40 | >25 | | Rur | Low or High | B40 | 15-24 or 25-34 | No | |
| Kyrgyzstan | | Sec | Rur | | NC | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | >35 | | | | B40 | 15-24 | No | |
| Lao PDR | 25-49 | Low | Rur | W | | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | | 2 - 9 | | Low | B40 | Low or High | Yes | |
| Maldives | | | | | | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | >35 | 1 | | | B40 | 15-24 or 25-34 | No | |
| Mongolia | 15-24 or 50-64 | Low | Rur | | | B40 | Rur | M | B40 | | 2 - 4 | | Low | B40 | Sec or High | No | Urb |
| Myanmar | 50-64 | | | W | | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | >35 | | | Low | B40 | 15-24 | | |
| Pakistan | 50-64 | | | W | | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | | | | Low | B40 | Low or High | No | |
| Philippines | 50-64 | | | W | | B40 | Rur | M | B40 | | | | Low | B40 | Low or High | | |
| Tajikistan | 25-49 | Low | | | | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | | | | | B40 | 15-24 | | |
| Thailand | 15-24 or 50-64 | Low | Urb | Sgl or Mar | | B40 | | | B40 | 25-34 | | | Low or High | B40 | Low or High | No | |
| Timor-Leste | | | | W | | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | >35 | | Rur | Low | B40 | Low | No | |
| Turkmenistan | 15-24 | | | W | NC | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | >25 | | | | B40 | 15-24 | | |
| Vanuatu | | | | | | B40 | Rur | W | B40 | | 2 - 3 | | | B40 | Low or High | No | |
| Viet Nam | | Low or Sec | Rur | W | NC | B40 | | W | B40 | | | | Low | B40 | 15-24 | | |
| Australia | 15-24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Azerbaijan | | | Rur | Sgl or Sep | WoM | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| China | 15-24 or 50-64 | Low | | W | | | | W | | | | | | | | | |
| Georgia | | | Rur | Mar | W | | | W | | | | | | | | | |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 15-24 or 50-64 | Low or Sec | | | NC | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Japan | | Low or Sec | Urb | Mar or Sep | W | | | W | | | | | | | | | |
| Malaysia | 15-24 or 50-64 | | | | | | | W | | | | | | | | | |
| Nepal | 15-24 or 50-64 | Low | Rur | | W | | | W | | | | | | | | | |
| New Zealand | 15-24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Republic of Korea | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Russian Federation | 15-24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Singapore | 50-64 | Sec | | Mar | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sri Lanka | 15-24 or 50-64 | Low | | | NC | | | M | | | | | | | | | |
| Turkey | | Low or Sec | Rur | Mar | W | | | W | | | | | | | | | |
| Uzbekistan | | | | Mar | W | | | W | | | | | | | | | |

Source: ESCAP calculations using data from the latest DHS and MICS surveys for countries in Asia-Pacific (no or primary education), Sec = Secondary education, High = Higher education, Urb = Urban areas, Rur = Rural areas, Sep = Separate, Mar = Married, Sgl = Single, C = No Children, W = Women, M = Men, B40 = Bottom 40% households, T60 = Top 60% households.

| Country/ Circumstances | Who are those left behind in terms of... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| | ...access to electricity? | | | ...access to clean fuels? | | | ...access to mobile phone? | | | ...access to bank account? | | | ...access to clean water? | | | ...access to safe sanitation? | | | ...basic household services? | | | |
| | Wealth | Educa- tion | Resi- dence | Wealth | Educa- tion | Resi- dence | Wealth | Educa- tion | Resi- dence | Wealth | Educa- tion | Resi- dence | Wealth | Educa- tion | Resi- dence | Wealth | Educa- tion | Resi- dence | Wealth | Educa- tion | Resi- dence | |
| Afghanistan | | Low | Rur | B40 | Low or sec | Rur | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low or Sec | Rur | Low or Sec |
| Armenia | B40 | | Urb | B40 | Low or sec | Rur | B40 | Low | B40 | Low or sec | Rur | B40 | Low | B40 | Rur | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low or Sec | Rur | Low or Sec |
| Bangladesh | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | B40 | | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | Rur | Low or Sec |
| Bhutan | B40 | | | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | B40 | | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | Rur | Low or Sec |
| Cambodia | B40 | Low or high | | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low or high | B40 | | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | Rur | Low or Sec |
| India | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | B40 | | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | Rur | Low |
| Indonesia | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | B40 | Low high | Rur | B40 | Low or high | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | Rur | Low |
| Kazakhstan | B40 | Low or sec | | B40 | Low or sec | | B40 | Low or sec | B40 | Low or sec | | B40 | Low or sec | B40 | Low or sec | B40 | Low | Urb | B40 | Low | Rur | Low or Sec |
| Kyrgyzstan | B40 | High | Rur | B40 | Low or sec | Rur | B40 | Low or sec | B40 | Low or sec | | B40 | Low or sec | B40 | Low or sec | T60 | Low | Urb | B40 | Low | Rur | Low or Sec |
| Lao PDR | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | B40 | | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | Rur | Low |
| Maldives | | Low or high | | B40 | Low or sec | | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low or high | B40 | | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | Rur | Low |
| Mongolia | B40 | | Rur | B40 | | Rur | B40 | | B40 | Rur | | B40 | Sec | B40 | Rur | B40 | Sec | | B40 | Low | Rur | Low |
| Myanmar | B40 | | | B40 | | | B40 | | B40 | | | B40 | | B40 | | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | Rur | Low |
| Pakistan | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | B40 | | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | Rur | Low |
| Philippines | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | B40 | | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | Rur | Low |
| Tajikistan | B40 | Low or sec | | B40 | High | | B40 | Low or sec | B40 | Low or sec | Urb | B40 | Low or sec | B40 | Urb | B40 | Low or Sec | Urb | B40 | Low | Rur | Low or Sec |
| Thailand | B40 | Low or high | | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low or sec | B40 | Rur | B40 | Low or sec | Urb | B40 | Low | Rur | Low |
| Timor-Leste | B40 | Low | | T60 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low | B40 | Low | Rur | B40 | Low or high | B40 | | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | Rur | Low |
| Turkmenistan | | High | | | Sec | Urb | | Low or sec | | Urb | | | Low or high | | Urb | | Low or Sec | | | | Rur | Low or Sec |
| Vanuatu | B40 | | Rur | B40 | | Rur | B40 | | B40 | | | B40 | | T60 | | B40 | | | B40 | | Rur | Low |
| Viet Nam | | Low | | B40 | Low or high | | B40 | Low | B40 | Low or sec | | B40 | Low or sec | B40 | Sec | B40 | Low | | B40 | Low | Rur | Low |

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| Country/ Circumstances | Who are those left behind in terms of... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----|
| | ...stunting among children? | | | | | ...wasting among children? | | | | | ...overweight among children? | | | | |
| | Wealth | Mother's educa- tion | Resi- dence | Number of siblings | Sex | Wealth | Mother's educa- tion | Resi- dence | Number of siblings | Sex | Wealth | Mother's educa- tion | Resi- dence | Number of siblings | Sex |
| Afghanistan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Armenia | | Low | Rur | | | B40 | Low | | | | | | 3-6 | B | |
| Bangladesh | | Low | Rur | | B | B40 | | | | | | High | | | |
| Bhutan | B40 | Low | | | | T60 | Low or sec | Rur | | B | | Sec | | | |
| Cambodia | B40 | | | | | B40 | | | | B | | | Urb | | |
| India | B40 | Low | | 3+ | | B40 | | | | B | | Sec or high | Urb | | |
| Indonesia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kazakhstan | | Sec | | 1+ | | T60 | Sec | | | | | High | Urb | 1 | |
| Kyrgyzstan | B40 | | | 2+ | B | | High | Urb | | | B40 | | | 1-3 | |
| Lao PDR | B40 | Low | | | | B40 | Low or sec | | | B | | | | 3-9 | |
| Maldives | B40 | | | 2+ | | B40 | Low | Rur | 3-6 | | | Sec or high | | 3-7 | |
| Mongolia | B40 | | Rur | 1-2 | | | Low or higher | Rur | 1-10 | B | | High | | 1 | |
| Myanmar | | Low | | | | | Low | | | | | Low | | | |
| Pakistan | B40 | Low | | | B | B40 | | | 4-10 | | | High | | | |
| Philippines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tajikistan | B40 | | | | | | Low | | | | T60 | | Rur | 1-3 | |
| Thailand | B40 | | Rur | | | | Low or sec | | | B | T60 | Low or high | Rur | | |
| Timor-Leste | B40 | | Rur | | B | | Low | Rur | | B | B40 | | | 4-8 | |
| Turkmenistan | | | | 2+ | | | | Rur | 1 | | T60 | | | 2-7 | |
| Vanuatu | | Low | | | B | | | Urb | | G | | | Urb | B | |
| Viet Nam | B40 | Low | | | | B40 | Low | | | B | | | Urb | | |

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