

Description of the variables

Variable	Description
Residence	1 = Urban 2 = Rural 3 = Estate
Region	1 = Western 2 = Central 3 = Southern 4 = Northern 5 = Eastern 6 = North Eastern 7 = North Central 8 = Uva 9 = Sabaragamuwa
Religion	1 = Buddhist 2 = Hindu 3 = Islam 4 = Roman Catholic 5 = Other Christian 6 = Other
Ethnicity	1 = Sinhala 2 = Sri Lanka Tamil 3 = Indian Tamil 4 = Sri Lanka Moor/ Muslim 5 = Malay 6 = Burger 7 = other
Age group	1 = 15-19 age group 2 = 20-24 age group 3 = 25-29 age group 4 = 30-34 age group 5 = 35-39 age group 6 = 40-44 age group 7 = 45-49 age group
Marital Status	1 = Married or Living together 2 = Divorced/Separated 3 = Widowed 4 = Never married/Never Lived Together 5 = Married but never lived together
Current marital status	1 = Currently married 2 = Living with a man 3 = Not in union/Husband

	died/Divorced/Separated
Wealth index	1 = Lowest 2 = Second 3 = Middle 4 = Fourth 5 = Highest
Highest Educational Qualification	77 = Never attend school 88 = Pre School 01 = Passed grade 1 02 = Passed grade 2 03 = Passed grade 3 04 = Passed grade 4 05 = Passed grade 5 06 = Passed grade 6 07 = Passed grade 7 08 = Passed grade 8 09 = Passed grade 9 10 = Passed grade 10 11 = Passed grade G.C.E.(O/L) 12 = Passed grade 12 13 = Passed grade G.C.E.(A/L) 14 = Degree & Above 1 = No education (77&88) 2 = Passed Grade 1-5 3 = Passed Grade 6-10 4 = Passed G.C.E.(O/L) or equivalent 5 = Passed G.C.E.(A/L) or equivalent 6 = Degree and above
Frequency of Radio listening	1 = At least once a week 2 = Less than once a week 3 = Not at all
Frequency of reading Newspapers/Magazines	1 = At least once a week 2 = Less than once a week 3 = Not at all/Cannot read
Frequency of Watching television	1 = At least once a week 2 = Less than once a week 3 = Not at all
Frequency of all media combined	1 = At least once a week 2 = Less than once a week 3 = Not at all
Have you ever given birth	1 = Yes 2 = No

Working Status	1 = Yes 2 = No
Current pregnancy status	1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Don't know
People can get HIV virus from mosquito bites(Y1)	1= Right 2= Wrong 8 = Don't know
It is possible for healthy-looking person to be infected with HIV virus(Y2)	1= Right 2= Wrong 8 = Don't know
Children infected with HIV virus should not be allowed to study in the same school with healthy children(Y3)	1= Right 2= Wrong 8 = Don't know
Someone can get the HIV virus from buying vegetables from HIV infected vegetable seller(Y4)	1= Right 2= Wrong 8 = Don't know
Someone can get the HIV virus by sharing food with a HIV infected person(Y5)	1= Right 2= Wrong 8 = Don't know
Someone can reduce the risk of getting the HIV virus by having sex with one uninfected partner(Y6)	1= Right 2= Wrong 8 = Don't know
Someone can reduce the risk of getting the HIV virus by using a condom every time they have sex(Y7)	1= Right 2= Wrong 8 = Don't know
There is a blood test to detect whether a person is infected with HIV(Y8)	1= Right 2= Wrong 8 = Don't know
The HIV virus can be transmitted from a mother to her baby during delivery(Y9)	1= Right 2= Wrong 8 = Don't know
The HIV virus can be transmitted from a mother to her baby by breastfeeding(Y10)	1= Right 2= Wrong 8 = Don't know