Task 2: Verify Data Quality - Statistical Validation and Field Selection

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# 1 1. Data Preparation & Standardization

## 1.1 1.0 Setup Global Variables

# Auto-detect environment and set paths  
current\_dir <- basename(getwd())  
if (current\_dir == "Task\_02") {  
 # Running in RStudio (current directory is Task\_02)  
 base\_path <- "../../Data/01\_Raw"  
 outputs\_path <- "outputs"  
 cat("Environment: RStudio\n")  
} else {  
 # Running in VS Code (from project root)  
 base\_path <- "02\_Project/Data/01\_Raw"  
 outputs\_path <- "02\_Project/Milestone\_2/Task\_02/outputs"  
 cat("Environment: VS Code\n")  
}

## Environment: RStudio

# Create outputs directory  
if (!dir.exists(outputs\_path)) {  
 dir.create(outputs\_path, recursive = TRUE)  
 cat("Created outputs directory:", outputs\_path, "\n")  
}  
  
# Quality thresholds  
MISSING\_THRESHOLD <- 0.5 # 50% missing data  
OUTLIER\_THRESHOLD <- 0.05 # 5% outliers  
LOW\_VARIANCE\_THRESHOLD <- 0.01 # CV < 0.01  
  
cat("Global variables set successfully\n")

## Global variables set successfully

cat("Base path:", base\_path, "\n")

## Base path: ../../Data/01\_Raw

cat("Outputs path:", outputs\_path, "\n")

## Outputs path: outputs

# Check if directory exists and show contents  
if (dir.exists(base\_path)) {  
 cat("Directory exists:", base\_path, "\n\n")  
  
 # List all files and folders in the directory  
 all\_items <- list.files(base\_path, full.names = FALSE)  
 cat("Contents of", base\_path, ":\n")  
  
 if (length(all\_items) > 0) {  
 for (item in all\_items) {  
 item\_path <- file.path(base\_path, item)  
 if (dir.exists(item\_path)) {  
 cat(" [DIR] ", item, "\n")  
 } else {  
 cat(" [FILE] ", item, "\n")  
 }  
 }  
 } else {  
 cat(" Directory is empty\n")  
 }  
} else {  
 cat("Directory does not exist:", base\_path, "\n")  
}

## Directory exists: ../../Data/01\_Raw   
##   
## Contents of ../../Data/01\_Raw :  
## [FILE] access-to-health-care\_national\_zaf.csv   
## [FILE] anthropometry\_national\_zaf.csv   
## [FILE] child-mortality-rates\_national\_zaf.csv   
## [FILE] covid-19-prevention\_national\_zaf.csv   
## [FILE] dhs-quickstats\_national\_zaf.csv   
## [FILE] hiv-behavior\_national\_zaf.csv   
## [FILE] immunization\_national\_zaf.csv   
## [FILE] iycf\_national\_zaf.csv   
## [FILE] literacy\_national\_zaf.csv   
## [FILE] maternal-mortality\_national\_zaf.csv   
## [FILE] symptoms-of-acute-respiratory-infection-ari\_national\_zaf.csv   
## [FILE] toilet-facilities\_national\_zaf.csv   
## [FILE] water\_national\_zaf.csv

## 1.2 1.1 Load All Datasets

# List all CSV files  
csv\_files <- list.files(base\_path, pattern = "\\.csv$", full.names = TRUE)  
cat("Found", length(csv\_files), "CSV files:\n")

## Found 13 CSV files:

for(file in csv\_files) {  
 cat("- ", basename(file), "\n")  
}

## - access-to-health-care\_national\_zaf.csv   
## - anthropometry\_national\_zaf.csv   
## - child-mortality-rates\_national\_zaf.csv   
## - covid-19-prevention\_national\_zaf.csv   
## - dhs-quickstats\_national\_zaf.csv   
## - hiv-behavior\_national\_zaf.csv   
## - immunization\_national\_zaf.csv   
## - iycf\_national\_zaf.csv   
## - literacy\_national\_zaf.csv   
## - maternal-mortality\_national\_zaf.csv   
## - symptoms-of-acute-respiratory-infection-ari\_national\_zaf.csv   
## - toilet-facilities\_national\_zaf.csv   
## - water\_national\_zaf.csv

# Function to read CSV with proper header handling  
read\_csv\_clean <- function(path) {  
 # Read the first line to get proper column names  
 headers <- readr::read\_lines(path, n\_max = 1)  
 col\_names <- unlist(strsplit(headers, ","))  
  
 # Skip the metadata line (line 2) and read with proper headers  
 readr::read\_csv(path, show\_col\_types = FALSE, skip = 2, col\_names = col\_names) %>%  
 janitor::clean\_names()  
}  
  
# Load all datasets  
datasets <- map(csv\_files, read\_csv\_clean)  
names(datasets) <- tools::file\_path\_sans\_ext(basename(csv\_files))  
  
# Remove any datasets with no rows  
datasets <- datasets[map\_int(datasets, nrow) > 0]  
  
cat("\nLoaded", length(datasets), "datasets with data\n")

##   
## Loaded 13 datasets with data

## 1.3 1.2 Standardize Field Structure

# Get all unique column names across datasets  
all\_columns <- unique(unlist(map(datasets, names)))  
cat("Total unique columns across all datasets:", length(all\_columns), "\n")

## Total unique columns across all datasets: 29

# Identify core fields present in all datasets  
common\_fields <- Reduce(intersect, map(datasets, names))  
cat("Common fields in all datasets:", length(common\_fields), "\n")

## Common fields in all datasets: 29

print(common\_fields)

## [1] "iso3" "data\_id"   
## [3] "indicator" "value"   
## [5] "precision" "dhs\_country\_code"   
## [7] "country\_name" "survey\_year"   
## [9] "survey\_id" "indicator\_id"   
## [11] "indicator\_order" "indicator\_type"   
## [13] "characteristic\_id" "characteristic\_order"   
## [15] "characteristic\_category" "characteristic\_label"   
## [17] "by\_variable\_id" "by\_variable\_label"   
## [19] "is\_total" "is\_preferred"   
## [21] "sdrid" "region\_id"   
## [23] "survey\_year\_label" "survey\_type"   
## [25] "denominator\_weighted" "denominator\_unweighted"   
## [27] "ci\_low" "ci\_high"   
## [29] "level\_rank"

# Dynamically categorize fields by analyzing their actual data types and content  
sample\_dataset <- datasets[[1]] # Use first dataset as reference  
  
# Define expected numeric fields based on data dictionary  
expected\_numeric\_fields <- c("value", "precision", "survey\_year", "indicator\_order",  
 "characteristic\_order", "denominator\_weighted",  
 "denominator\_unweighted", "ci\_low", "ci\_high", "level\_rank")  
  
# Detect numeric fields - combine expected fields with actual numeric detection  
numeric\_fields <- names(sample\_dataset)[sapply(sample\_dataset, function(x) {  
 # Check if it's already numeric  
 if (is.numeric(x)) return(TRUE)  
  
 # Check if it's character but contains only numeric values (including decimals and negatives)  
 if (is.character(x)) {  
 non\_na\_values <- x[!is.na(x) & x != ""]  
 if (length(non\_na\_values) == 0) return(FALSE)  
 return(all(grepl("^-?[0-9]\*\\.?[0-9]+([eE][+-]?[0-9]+)?$", non\_na\_values, perl = TRUE)))  
 }  
  
 return(FALSE)  
})]  
  
# Also include any expected numeric fields that might be in the data  
numeric\_fields <- unique(c(numeric\_fields,  
 intersect(tolower(names(sample\_dataset)), expected\_numeric\_fields),  
 intersect(names(sample\_dataset), expected\_numeric\_fields)))  
  
# Detect logical/boolean fields  
expected\_logical\_fields <- c("is\_total", "is\_preferred")  
logical\_fields <- names(sample\_dataset)[sapply(sample\_dataset, function(x) {  
 if (is.logical(x)) return(TRUE)  
 if (is.character(x)) {  
 non\_na\_values <- tolower(x[!is.na(x) & x != ""])  
 if (length(non\_na\_values) == 0) return(FALSE)  
 return(all(non\_na\_values %in% c("true", "false", "t", "f", "yes", "no", "1", "0")))  
 }  
 return(FALSE)  
})]  
  
# Also include expected logical fields  
logical\_fields <- unique(c(logical\_fields,  
 intersect(tolower(names(sample\_dataset)), expected\_logical\_fields),  
 intersect(names(sample\_dataset), expected\_logical\_fields)))  
  
# All remaining fields are categorical  
categorical\_fields <- setdiff(names(sample\_dataset), c(numeric\_fields, logical\_fields))  
  
cat("\nDynamic field categorization:\n")

##   
## Dynamic field categorization:

cat("Numeric fields (", length(numeric\_fields), "):", paste(numeric\_fields, collapse = ", "), "\n")

## Numeric fields ( 16 ): data\_id, value, precision, survey\_year, indicator\_order, characteristic\_id, characteristic\_order, by\_variable\_id, is\_total, is\_preferred, survey\_year\_label, denominator\_weighted, denominator\_unweighted, ci\_low, ci\_high, level\_rank

cat("Logical fields (", length(logical\_fields), "):", paste(logical\_fields, collapse = ", "), "\n")

## Logical fields ( 6 ): region\_id, ci\_low, ci\_high, level\_rank, is\_total, is\_preferred

cat("Categorical fields (", length(categorical\_fields), "):", paste(categorical\_fields, collapse = ", "), "\n")

## Categorical fields ( 12 ): iso3, indicator, dhs\_country\_code, country\_name, survey\_id, indicator\_id, indicator\_type, characteristic\_category, characteristic\_label, by\_variable\_label, sdrid, survey\_type

# Create standardized dataset summary  
dataset\_summary <- map\_dfr(datasets, function(df) {  
 tibble(  
 total\_rows = nrow(df),  
 total\_cols = ncol(df),  
 numeric\_cols = sum(names(df) %in% numeric\_fields),  
 categorical\_cols = sum(names(df) %in% categorical\_fields),  
 logical\_cols = sum(names(df) %in% logical\_fields),  
 missing\_cells = sum(is.na(df)),  
 missing\_pct = round(100 \* sum(is.na(df)) / (nrow(df) \* ncol(df)), 2)  
 )  
}, .id = "dataset")  
  
# Display summary  
gt(dataset\_summary) %>%  
 tab\_header(title = "Standardized Dataset Summary")

Table 1: Standardized Dataset Summary

| dataset | total\_rows | total\_cols | numeric\_cols | categorical\_cols | logical\_cols | missing\_cells | missing\_pct |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| access-to-health-care\_national\_zaf | 275 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 1181 | 14.81 |
| anthropometry\_national\_zaf | 37 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 193 | 17.99 |
| child-mortality-rates\_national\_zaf | 40 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 192 | 16.55 |
| covid-19-prevention\_national\_zaf | 34 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 174 | 17.65 |
| dhs-quickstats\_national\_zaf | 52 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 249 | 16.51 |
| hiv-behavior\_national\_zaf | 118 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 667 | 19.49 |
| immunization\_national\_zaf | 116 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 536 | 15.93 |
| iycf\_national\_zaf | 22 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 114 | 17.87 |
| literacy\_national\_zaf | 20 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 104 | 17.93 |
| maternal-mortality\_national\_zaf | 21 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 133 | 21.84 |
| symptoms-of-acute-respiratory-infection-ari\_national\_zaf | 26 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 120 | 15.92 |
| toilet-facilities\_national\_zaf | 46 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 238 | 17.84 |
| water\_national\_zaf | 100 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 508 | 17.52 |

# Export summary  
write\_csv(dataset\_summary, file.path(outputs\_path, "standardized\_datasets\_summary.csv"))  
cat("Exported:", file.path(outputs\_path, "standardized\_datasets\_summary.csv"), "\n")

## Exported: outputs/standardized\_datasets\_summary.csv

# 2 2. Field Quality Assessment

## 2.1 2.1 Comprehensive Field Quality Analysis

# Function to assess field quality across multiple dimensions  
assess\_field\_quality <- function(df, dataset\_name) {  
 all\_cols <- names(df)  
  
 map\_dfr(all\_cols, function(col) {  
 values <- df[[col]]  
 non\_missing <- values[!is.na(values)]  
  
 # Basic metrics  
 total\_count <- length(values)  
 missing\_count <- sum(is.na(values))  
 missing\_rate <- missing\_count / total\_count  
 unique\_count <- length(unique(non\_missing))  
 unique\_rate <- unique\_count / length(non\_missing)  
  
 # Initialize result  
 result <- tibble(  
 dataset = dataset\_name,  
 field = col,  
 total\_count = total\_count,  
 missing\_count = missing\_count,  
 missing\_rate = missing\_rate,  
 unique\_count = unique\_count,  
 unique\_rate = unique\_rate  
 )  
  
 # Field type classification  
 is\_numeric <- is.numeric(values)  
 is\_categorical <- !is\_numeric  
  
 if (is\_numeric && length(non\_missing) > 0) {  
 # Numeric field quality metrics  
 q25 <- quantile(non\_missing, 0.25, na.rm = TRUE)  
 q75 <- quantile(non\_missing, 0.75, na.rm = TRUE)  
 iqr <- q75 - q25  
 outlier\_threshold\_low <- q25 - 1.5 \* iqr  
 outlier\_threshold\_high <- q75 + 1.5 \* iqr  
 outliers <- sum(non\_missing < outlier\_threshold\_low | non\_missing > outlier\_threshold\_high)  
 outlier\_rate <- outliers / length(non\_missing)  
  
 result <- result %>%  
 mutate(  
 field\_type = "numeric",  
 mean\_value = mean(non\_missing, na.rm = TRUE),  
 std\_dev = sd(non\_missing, na.rm = TRUE),  
 coefficient\_of\_variation = std\_dev / abs(mean\_value),  
 skewness = moments::skewness(non\_missing),  
 kurtosis = moments::kurtosis(non\_missing),  
 outlier\_count = outliers,  
 outlier\_rate = outlier\_rate,  
 min\_value = min(non\_missing, na.rm = TRUE),  
 max\_value = max(non\_missing, na.rm = TRUE)  
 )  
 } else if (is\_categorical && length(non\_missing) > 0) {  
 # Categorical field quality metrics  
 value\_counts <- table(non\_missing)  
 max\_frequency <- max(value\_counts)  
 mode\_frequency\_rate <- max\_frequency / length(non\_missing)  
 rare\_categories <- sum(value\_counts <= 5)  
 cardinality\_ratio <- unique\_count / length(non\_missing)  
  
 result <- result %>%  
 mutate(  
 field\_type = "categorical",  
 mean\_value = NA\_real\_,  
 std\_dev = NA\_real\_,  
 coefficient\_of\_variation = NA\_real\_,  
 skewness = NA\_real\_,  
 kurtosis = NA\_real\_,  
 outlier\_count = NA\_integer\_,  
 outlier\_rate = NA\_real\_,  
 max\_frequency = max\_frequency,  
 mode\_frequency\_rate = mode\_frequency\_rate,  
 rare\_categories = rare\_categories,  
 cardinality\_ratio = cardinality\_ratio  
 )  
 } else {  
 # Empty or all-missing field  
 result <- result %>%  
 mutate(  
 field\_type = ifelse(is\_numeric, "numeric", "categorical"),  
 mean\_value = NA\_real\_,  
 std\_dev = NA\_real\_,  
 coefficient\_of\_variation = NA\_real\_,  
 skewness = NA\_real\_,  
 kurtosis = NA\_real\_,  
 outlier\_count = NA\_integer\_,  
 outlier\_rate = NA\_real\_  
 )  
 }  
  
 return(result)  
 })  
}  
  
# Run field quality assessment on all datasets  
field\_quality\_results <- map2\_dfr(datasets, names(datasets), assess\_field\_quality)  
  
# Summarize quality by field across datasets  
field\_quality\_summary <- field\_quality\_results %>%  
 group\_by(field, field\_type) %>%  
 summarise(  
 datasets\_present = n(),  
 avg\_missing\_rate = mean(missing\_rate, na.rm = TRUE),  
 avg\_unique\_rate = mean(unique\_rate, na.rm = TRUE),  
 avg\_outlier\_rate = mean(outlier\_rate, na.rm = TRUE),  
 avg\_cv = mean(coefficient\_of\_variation, na.rm = TRUE),  
 avg\_skewness = mean(abs(skewness), na.rm = TRUE),  
 high\_cardinality\_issues = sum(cardinality\_ratio > 0.8, na.rm = TRUE),  
 .groups = "drop"  
 ) %>%  
 arrange(field\_type, desc(avg\_missing\_rate))  
  
gt(field\_quality\_summary %>% head(20)) %>%  
 tab\_header(title = "Field Quality Summary (Top 20 by Missing Rate)") %>%  
 fmt\_number(columns = c(avg\_missing\_rate, avg\_unique\_rate, avg\_outlier\_rate,  
 avg\_cv, avg\_skewness), decimals = 3)

Table 1: Field Quality Summary (Top 20 by Missing Rate)

| field | field\_type | datasets\_present | avg\_missing\_rate | avg\_unique\_rate | avg\_outlier\_rate | avg\_cv | avg\_skewness | high\_cardinality\_issues |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ci\_high | categorical | 10 | 1.000 | NaN | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0 |
| ci\_low | categorical | 10 | 1.000 | NaN | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0 |
| level\_rank | categorical | 13 | 1.000 | NaN | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0 |
| region\_id | categorical | 13 | 1.000 | NaN | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0 |
| by\_variable\_label | categorical | 13 | 0.743 | 0.097 | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0 |
| characteristic\_category | categorical | 13 | 0.000 | 0.042 | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0 |
| characteristic\_label | categorical | 13 | 0.000 | 0.042 | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0 |
| country\_name | categorical | 13 | 0.000 | 0.026 | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0 |
| dhs\_country\_code | categorical | 13 | 0.000 | 0.026 | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0 |
| indicator | categorical | 13 | 0.000 | 0.561 | NaN | NaN | NaN | 2 |
| indicator\_id | categorical | 13 | 0.000 | 0.601 | NaN | NaN | NaN | 3 |
| indicator\_type | categorical | 13 | 0.000 | 0.079 | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0 |
| iso3 | categorical | 13 | 0.000 | 0.026 | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0 |
| sdrid | categorical | 13 | 0.000 | 0.601 | NaN | NaN | NaN | 3 |
| survey\_id | categorical | 13 | 0.000 | 0.046 | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0 |
| survey\_type | categorical | 13 | 0.000 | 0.026 | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0 |
| ci\_high | numeric | 3 | 0.613 | 0.810 | 0.071 | 0.883 | 0.983 | 0 |
| ci\_low | numeric | 3 | 0.613 | 0.843 | 0.048 | 0.781 | 1.032 | 0 |
| denominator\_weighted | numeric | 13 | 0.267 | 0.345 | 0.040 | 0.619 | 0.687 | 0 |
| denominator\_unweighted | numeric | 13 | 0.251 | 0.296 | 0.045 | 0.619 | 0.697 | 0 |

# Export field quality results  
write\_csv(field\_quality\_results, file.path(outputs\_path, "field\_quality\_assessment.csv"))  
write\_csv(field\_quality\_summary, file.path(outputs\_path, "field\_quality\_summary.csv"))  
cat("Exported: field quality assessment results\n")

## Exported: field quality assessment results

## 2.2 2.2 Quality Issues Identification

# Function to flag data quality issues  
flag\_quality\_issues <- function(field\_quality\_data) {  
 field\_quality\_data %>%  
 mutate(  
 # Flag high missing data  
 high\_missing\_flag = missing\_rate > MISSING\_THRESHOLD,  
  
 # Flag excessive outliers (numeric fields only)  
 excessive\_outliers\_flag = !is.na(outlier\_rate) & outlier\_rate > OUTLIER\_THRESHOLD,  
  
 # Flag low variance (numeric fields only)  
 low\_variance\_flag = !is.na(coefficient\_of\_variation) &  
 coefficient\_of\_variation < LOW\_VARIANCE\_THRESHOLD,  
  
 # Calculate total issue count per field  
 total\_issues = as.numeric(high\_missing\_flag) +  
 as.numeric(excessive\_outliers\_flag) +  
 as.numeric(low\_variance\_flag)  
 ) %>%  
 # Create overall quality rating  
 mutate(  
 quality\_rating = case\_when(  
 total\_issues == 0 ~ "Good Quality",  
 total\_issues == 1 ~ "Moderate Issues",  
 total\_issues >= 2 ~ "Significant Issues"  
 )  
 )  
}  
  
# Apply quality flagging  
flagged\_quality <- flag\_quality\_issues(field\_quality\_results)  
  
# Summarize issues by field across all datasets  
issue\_summary\_by\_field <- flagged\_quality %>%  
 group\_by(field, field\_type) %>%  
 summarise(  
 datasets\_present = n(),  
 high\_missing\_datasets = sum(high\_missing\_flag),  
 excessive\_outliers\_datasets = sum(excessive\_outliers\_flag, na.rm = TRUE),  
 low\_variance\_datasets = sum(low\_variance\_flag, na.rm = TRUE),  
 avg\_issues\_per\_dataset = mean(total\_issues),  
 .groups = "drop"  
 ) %>%  
 arrange(desc(avg\_issues\_per\_dataset), desc(high\_missing\_datasets))  
  
gt(issue\_summary\_by\_field %>% head(15)) %>%  
 tab\_header(title = "Data Quality Issues Summary by Field (Top 15 Problematic)") %>%  
 fmt\_number(columns = avg\_issues\_per\_dataset, decimals = 2)

Table 1: Data Quality Issues Summary by Field (Top 15 Problematic)

| field | field\_type | datasets\_present | high\_missing\_datasets | excessive\_outliers\_datasets | low\_variance\_datasets | avg\_issues\_per\_dataset |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| survey\_year | numeric | 13 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 1.08 |
| survey\_year\_label | numeric | 13 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 1.08 |
| level\_rank | categorical | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1.00 |
| region\_id | categorical | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1.00 |
| ci\_high | categorical | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1.00 |
| ci\_low | categorical | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1.00 |
| ci\_high | numeric | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1.00 |
| ci\_low | numeric | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1.00 |
| is\_total | numeric | 13 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 1.00 |
| indicator\_order | numeric | 13 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 0.92 |
| is\_preferred | numeric | 13 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0.77 |
| by\_variable\_label | categorical | 13 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0.69 |
| precision | numeric | 13 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0.69 |
| value | numeric | 13 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0.69 |
| denominator\_unweighted | numeric | 13 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0.54 |

# Export quality issues data  
write\_csv(flagged\_quality, file.path(outputs\_path, "flagged\_quality\_issues.csv"))  
write\_csv(issue\_summary\_by\_field, file.path(outputs\_path, "quality\_issues\_by\_field.csv"))  
cat("Exported: data quality issues flagging results\n")

## Exported: data quality issues flagging results

# 3 3. Cross-Dataset Correlation Analysis

## 3.1 3.1 Calculate Average Correlation Matrix

# Calculate correlation matrices for each dataset  
all\_correlations <- map2\_dfr(datasets, names(datasets), function(df, dataset\_name) {  
 # Select numeric fields  
 numeric\_cols <- intersect(names(df), numeric\_fields)  
 numeric\_data <- df %>% select(all\_of(numeric\_cols))  
  
 # Convert to numeric and remove columns with no variance  
 numeric\_data <- numeric\_data %>%  
 mutate(across(everything(), as.numeric)) %>%  
 select(where(function(x) {  
 variance <- var(x, na.rm = TRUE)  
 !is.na(variance) && variance > 0  
 }))  
  
 if (ncol(numeric\_data) < 2) return(tibble())  
  
 # Calculate correlation matrix  
 cor\_matrix <- cor(numeric\_data, use = "pairwise.complete.obs")  
  
 # Convert to long format  
 as\_tibble(cor\_matrix, rownames = "field1") %>%  
 pivot\_longer(-field1, names\_to = "field2", values\_to = "correlation") %>%  
 filter(field1 != field2) %>%  
 mutate(dataset = dataset\_name)  
})  
  
cat("Calculated correlations for", length(unique(all\_correlations$dataset)), "datasets\n")

## Calculated correlations for 13 datasets

# Export all correlations  
write\_csv(all\_correlations, file.path(outputs\_path, "all\_dataset\_correlations.csv"))  
  
# Create summary statistics across datasets  
correlation\_summary <- all\_correlations %>%  
 group\_by(field1, field2) %>%  
 summarise(  
 datasets\_present = n(),  
 avg\_correlation = mean(correlation, na.rm = TRUE),  
 abs\_avg\_correlation = mean(abs(correlation), na.rm = TRUE),  
 .groups = "drop"  
 ) %>%  
 filter(datasets\_present >= 2) %>%  
 arrange(desc(abs\_avg\_correlation))  
  
gt(correlation\_summary %>% head(15)) %>%  
 tab\_header(title = "Top Field Correlations Across Datasets") %>%  
 fmt\_number(columns = c(avg\_correlation, abs\_avg\_correlation), decimals = 3)

Table 1: Top Field Correlations Across Datasets

| field1 | field2 | datasets\_present | avg\_correlation | abs\_avg\_correlation |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| survey\_year | survey\_year\_label | 11 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| survey\_year\_label | survey\_year | 11 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| ci\_high | value | 3 | 0.999 | 0.999 |
| value | ci\_high | 3 | 0.999 | 0.999 |
| denominator\_unweighted | denominator\_weighted | 13 | 0.998 | 0.998 |
| denominator\_weighted | denominator\_unweighted | 13 | 0.998 | 0.998 |
| ci\_low | value | 3 | 0.997 | 0.997 |
| value | ci\_low | 3 | 0.997 | 0.997 |
| ci\_high | ci\_low | 3 | 0.993 | 0.993 |
| ci\_low | ci\_high | 3 | 0.993 | 0.993 |
| characteristic\_id | characteristic\_order | 7 | 0.972 | 0.972 |
| characteristic\_order | characteristic\_id | 7 | 0.972 | 0.972 |
| by\_variable\_id | characteristic\_id | 3 | 0.101 | 0.754 |
| characteristic\_id | by\_variable\_id | 3 | 0.101 | 0.754 |
| characteristic\_order | indicator\_order | 7 | -0.426 | 0.738 |

write\_csv(correlation\_summary, file.path(outputs\_path, "correlation\_summary.csv"))  
  
# Field-level correlation rankings  
field\_rankings <- all\_correlations %>%  
 group\_by(field1) %>%  
 summarise(  
 avg\_abs\_correlation = mean(abs(correlation), na.rm = TRUE),  
 max\_abs\_correlation = max(abs(correlation), na.rm = TRUE),  
 high\_correlations\_count = sum(abs(correlation) > 0.7, na.rm = TRUE),  
 .groups = "drop"  
 ) %>%  
 arrange(desc(avg\_abs\_correlation))  
  
gt(field\_rankings %>% head(10)) %>%  
 tab\_header(title = "Field Correlation Rankings") %>%  
 fmt\_number(columns = c(avg\_abs\_correlation, max\_abs\_correlation), decimals = 3)

Table 1: Field Correlation Rankings

| field1 | avg\_abs\_correlation | max\_abs\_correlation | high\_correlations\_count |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| denominator\_weighted | 0.452 | 1.000 | 25 |
| denominator\_unweighted | 0.447 | 1.000 | 26 |
| ci\_low | 0.445 | 1.000 | 8 |
| ci\_high | 0.421 | 1.000 | 8 |
| characteristic\_id | 0.379 | 1.000 | 12 |
| characteristic\_order | 0.378 | 1.000 | 12 |
| indicator\_order | 0.345 | 1.000 | 20 |
| survey\_year | 0.339 | 1.000 | 21 |
| survey\_year\_label | 0.339 | 1.000 | 21 |
| data\_id | 0.317 | 1.000 | 12 |

write\_csv(field\_rankings, file.path(outputs\_path, "field\_correlation\_rankings.csv"))  
  
# High correlation pairs  
high\_corr\_pairs <- all\_correlations %>%  
 filter(abs(correlation) > 0.8) %>%  
 arrange(desc(abs(correlation)))  
  
if (nrow(high\_corr\_pairs) > 0) {  
 gt(high\_corr\_pairs %>% head(15)) %>%  
 tab\_header(title = "Highly Correlated Field Pairs (|r| > 0.8)") %>%  
 fmt\_number(columns = correlation, decimals = 3)  
  
 write\_csv(high\_corr\_pairs, file.path(outputs\_path, "high\_correlation\_pairs.csv"))  
}  
  
cat("Exported correlation analysis results\n")

## Exported correlation analysis results

# 4 4. Feature Importance & Variance Analysis

## 4.1 4.1 Variance and Information Content Analysis

# Function to calculate variance metrics for each dataset  
calc\_variance\_metrics <- function(df, dataset\_name) {  
 numeric\_cols <- intersect(names(df), numeric\_fields)  
  
 map\_dfr(numeric\_cols, function(col) {  
 values <- df[[col]][!is.na(df[[col]])]  
  
 if (length(values) < 2) {  
 return(tibble(  
 dataset = dataset\_name,  
 field = col,  
 variance = NA,  
 coefficient\_of\_variation = NA,  
 range\_normalized = NA,  
 unique\_values = length(unique(values)),  
 information\_content = NA  
 ))  
 }  
  
 # Calculate various variance metrics  
 var\_val <- var(values)  
 mean\_val <- mean(values)  
 cv <- if (mean\_val != 0) sd(values) / abs(mean\_val) else NA  
 range\_norm <- (max(values) - min(values)) / (abs(max(values)) + abs(min(values)) + 1e-10)  
 unique\_vals <- length(unique(values))  
  
 # Information content (entropy-like measure)  
 if (unique\_vals > 1) {  
 value\_counts <- table(cut(values, breaks = min(unique\_vals, 20)))  
 proportions <- value\_counts / sum(value\_counts)  
 proportions <- proportions[proportions > 0]  
 info\_content <- -sum(proportions \* log2(proportions))  
 } else {  
 info\_content <- 0  
 }  
  
 tibble(  
 dataset = dataset\_name,  
 field = col,  
 variance = var\_val,  
 coefficient\_of\_variation = cv,  
 range\_normalized = range\_norm,  
 unique\_values = unique\_vals,  
 information\_content = info\_content  
 )  
 })  
}  
  
# Calculate variance metrics for all datasets  
variance\_results <- map2\_dfr(datasets, names(datasets), calc\_variance\_metrics)  
  
# Summarize variance by field  
variance\_summary <- variance\_results %>%  
 group\_by(field) %>%  
 summarise(  
 datasets\_analyzed = n(),  
 avg\_variance = mean(variance, na.rm = TRUE),  
 avg\_cv = mean(coefficient\_of\_variation, na.rm = TRUE),  
 avg\_range\_norm = mean(range\_normalized, na.rm = TRUE),  
 avg\_unique\_values = mean(unique\_values, na.rm = TRUE),  
 avg\_information\_content = mean(information\_content, na.rm = TRUE),  
 .groups = "drop"  
 ) %>%  
 arrange(desc(avg\_information\_content))  
  
gt(variance\_summary) %>%  
 tab\_header(title = "Feature Variance and Information Content Summary") %>%  
 fmt\_number(columns = c(avg\_variance, avg\_cv, avg\_range\_norm,  
 avg\_unique\_values, avg\_information\_content), decimals = 3)

Table 1: Feature Variance and Information Content Summary

| field | datasets\_analyzed | avg\_variance | avg\_cv | avg\_range\_norm | avg\_unique\_values | avg\_information\_content |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| data\_id | 13 | 62,405,229,842.875 | 0.557 | 0.837 | 69.769 | 2.587 |
| ci\_low | 13 | 5,711.677 | 0.781 | 0.775 | 2.615 | 2.083 |
| denominator\_unweighted | 13 | 143,468,320.370 | 0.619 | 0.672 | 10.615 | 1.864 |
| denominator\_weighted | 13 | 195,225,185.470 | 0.619 | 0.663 | 10.769 | 1.850 |
| ci\_high | 13 | 54,888.993 | 0.883 | 0.755 | 2.385 | 1.809 |
| indicator\_order | 13 | 292,508,459,485,773.688 | 0.060 | 0.080 | 36.308 | 1.806 |
| value | 13 | 142,970,169.023 | 1.997 | 0.987 | 54.231 | 1.690 |
| survey\_year | 13 | 65.300 | 0.004 | 0.004 | 1.846 | 0.800 |
| survey\_year\_label | 13 | 65.300 | 0.004 | 0.004 | 1.846 | 0.800 |
| precision | 13 | 0.200 | 0.660 | 0.846 | 2.000 | 0.622 |
| characteristic\_id | 13 | 3,116,050,688.867 | 0.548 | 0.470 | 1.615 | 0.506 |
| characteristic\_order | 13 | 1,495,524,749.110 | 1.176 | 0.538 | 1.615 | 0.491 |
| is\_preferred | 13 | 0.082 | 0.300 | 0.385 | 1.385 | 0.336 |
| by\_variable\_id | 13 | 1,877,488,258.196 | 1.467 | 0.308 | 2.000 | 0.262 |
| is\_total | 13 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1.000 | 0.000 |
| level\_rank | 13 | NaN | NaN | NaN | 0.000 | NaN |

# Export results  
write\_csv(variance\_results, file.path(outputs\_path, "variance\_analysis\_results.csv"))  
write\_csv(variance\_summary, file.path(outputs\_path, "feature\_importance\_rankings.csv"))  
cat("Exported: variance analysis and feature importance rankings\n")

## Exported: variance analysis and feature importance rankings

# 5 5. Field Importance Weighting

## 5.1 5.1 Field Scoring and Recommendations

# Combine all analysis results for scoring  
field\_scores <- field\_quality\_summary %>%  
 select(field, field\_type, avg\_missing\_rate, avg\_cv) %>%  
 # Add correlation metrics  
 left\_join(  
 field\_rankings %>%  
 select(field1, avg\_abs\_correlation, high\_correlations\_count) %>%  
 rename(field = field1, high\_correlations = high\_correlations\_count),  
 by = "field"  
 ) %>%  
 # Add variance metrics (including information content)  
 left\_join(  
 variance\_summary %>%  
 select(field, avg\_information\_content),  
 by = "field"  
 ) %>%  
 # Add quality issue counts  
 left\_join(  
 issue\_summary\_by\_field %>%  
 select(field, avg\_issues\_per\_dataset),  
 by = "field"  
 ) %>%  
 # Replace NAs with appropriate values  
 mutate(  
 across(c(avg\_missing\_rate, avg\_cv, avg\_information\_content,  
 avg\_abs\_correlation, high\_correlations,  
 avg\_issues\_per\_dataset), ~ coalesce(.x, 0))  
 )  
  
# Normalize scores to 0-1 scale  
normalize\_score <- function(x) {  
 if (all(is.na(x)) || max(x, na.rm = TRUE) == min(x, na.rm = TRUE)) return(rep(0, length(x)))  
 (x - min(x, na.rm = TRUE)) / (max(x, na.rm = TRUE) - min(x, na.rm = TRUE))  
}  
  
field\_scores <- field\_scores %>%  
 mutate(  
 # Data Quality Scores (higher is better)  
 completeness\_score = normalize\_score(1 - avg\_missing\_rate),  
 variance\_score = normalize\_score(avg\_cv),  
 information\_score = normalize\_score(avg\_information\_content),  
  
 # Correlation (lower correlation is better)  
 uniqueness\_score = normalize\_score(-avg\_abs\_correlation),  
  
 # Quality Issues (fewer issues is better)  
 issue\_penalty = normalize\_score(-avg\_issues\_per\_dataset),  
  
 # Composite score (rebalanced without PCA)  
 composite\_score = (  
 0.35 \* completeness\_score + # Data completeness is crucial  
 0.25 \* information\_score + # Information content matters  
 0.20 \* variance\_score + # Variance indicates signal  
 0.15 \* uniqueness\_score + # Avoid redundant features  
 0.05 \* issue\_penalty # Penalize problematic fields  
 )  
 ) %>%  
 arrange(desc(composite\_score))  
  
# Create recommendation categories  
field\_scores <- field\_scores %>%  
 mutate(  
 recommendation = case\_when(  
 composite\_score >= 0.7 ~ "High Priority - Include",  
 composite\_score >= 0.5 ~ "Medium Priority - Consider",  
 composite\_score >= 0.3 ~ "Low Priority - Evaluate",  
 TRUE ~ "Consider Exclusion"  
 )  
 )  
  
# Display scoring results  
gt(field\_scores %>% head(20) %>%  
 select(field, field\_type, composite\_score, recommendation,  
 completeness\_score, information\_score, variance\_score)) %>%  
 tab\_header(title = "Field Importance Rankings (Top 20)") %>%  
 fmt\_number(columns = c(composite\_score, completeness\_score, information\_score, variance\_score),  
 decimals = 3)

Table 1: Field Importance Rankings (Top 20)

| field | field\_type | composite\_score | recommendation | completeness\_score | information\_score | variance\_score |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| value | numeric | 0.785 | High Priority - Include | 1.000 | 0.653 | 1.000 |
| data\_id | numeric | 0.747 | High Priority - Include | 1.000 | 1.000 | 0.279 |
| by\_variable\_id | numeric | 0.634 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.101 | 0.735 |
| precision | numeric | 0.591 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.240 | 0.331 |
| characteristic\_order | numeric | 0.579 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.190 | 0.589 |
| indicator\_order | numeric | 0.573 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.698 | 0.030 |
| characteristic\_category | categorical | 0.550 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| characteristic\_label | categorical | 0.550 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| country\_name | categorical | 0.550 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| dhs\_country\_code | categorical | 0.550 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| indicator | categorical | 0.550 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| indicator\_id | categorical | 0.550 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| indicator\_type | categorical | 0.550 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| iso3 | categorical | 0.550 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| sdrid | categorical | 0.550 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| survey\_id | categorical | 0.550 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| survey\_type | categorical | 0.550 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| denominator\_unweighted | numeric | 0.531 | Medium Priority - Consider | 0.749 | 0.721 | 0.310 |
| denominator\_weighted | numeric | 0.522 | Medium Priority - Consider | 0.733 | 0.715 | 0.310 |
| is\_preferred | numeric | 0.509 | Medium Priority - Consider | 1.000 | 0.130 | 0.150 |

# Summary by recommendation category  
recommendation\_summary <- field\_scores %>%  
 count(recommendation, name = "field\_count") %>%  
 arrange(desc(field\_count))  
  
gt(recommendation\_summary) %>%  
 tab\_header(title = "Field Recommendation Summary")

Table 1: Field Recommendation Summary

| recommendation | field\_count |
| --- | --- |
| Medium Priority - Consider | 20 |
| Consider Exclusion | 7 |
| Low Priority - Evaluate | 6 |
| High Priority - Include | 2 |

# Export scoring results  
write\_csv(field\_scores, file.path(outputs\_path, "field\_importance\_scores.csv"))  
write\_csv(recommendation\_summary, file.path(outputs\_path, "field\_recommendation\_summary.csv"))  
cat("Exported: field importance scores and recommendations\n")

## Exported: field importance scores and recommendations

# 6 6. Dataset Quality Comparison

## 6.1 6.1 Basic Dataset Rankings

# Calculate basic dataset quality metrics  
dataset\_quality <- map\_dfr(names(datasets), function(dataset\_name) {  
 df <- datasets[[dataset\_name]]  
  
 tibble(  
 dataset = dataset\_name,  
 total\_fields = ncol(df),  
 total\_rows = nrow(df),  
 missing\_rate = sum(is.na(df)) / (nrow(df) \* ncol(df)),  
 quality\_score = (1 - missing\_rate) \* log10(total\_rows) / 6 # Simple quality metric  
 )  
}) %>%  
 arrange(desc(quality\_score))  
  
gt(dataset\_quality) %>%  
 tab\_header(title = "Dataset Quality Rankings") %>%  
 fmt\_number(columns = c(missing\_rate, quality\_score), decimals = 3)

Table 1: Dataset Quality Rankings

| dataset | total\_fields | total\_rows | missing\_rate | quality\_score |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| access-to-health-care\_national\_zaf | 29 | 275 | 0.148 | 0.346 |
| immunization\_national\_zaf | 29 | 116 | 0.159 | 0.289 |
| hiv-behavior\_national\_zaf | 29 | 118 | 0.195 | 0.278 |
| water\_national\_zaf | 29 | 100 | 0.175 | 0.275 |
| dhs-quickstats\_national\_zaf | 29 | 52 | 0.165 | 0.239 |
| toilet-facilities\_national\_zaf | 29 | 46 | 0.178 | 0.228 |
| child-mortality-rates\_national\_zaf | 29 | 40 | 0.166 | 0.223 |
| anthropometry\_national\_zaf | 29 | 37 | 0.180 | 0.214 |
| covid-19-prevention\_national\_zaf | 29 | 34 | 0.176 | 0.210 |
| symptoms-of-acute-respiratory-infection-ari\_national\_zaf | 29 | 26 | 0.159 | 0.198 |
| iycf\_national\_zaf | 29 | 22 | 0.179 | 0.184 |
| literacy\_national\_zaf | 29 | 20 | 0.179 | 0.178 |
| maternal-mortality\_national\_zaf | 29 | 21 | 0.218 | 0.172 |

# Export dataset quality rankings  
write\_csv(dataset\_quality, file.path(outputs\_path, "dataset\_quality\_rankings.csv"))  
cat("Exported: dataset quality rankings\n")

## Exported: dataset quality rankings

# 7 7. Summary and Recommendations

## 7.1 7.1 Key Findings Summary

cat("=== TASK 2: DATA QUALITY VERIFICATION SUMMARY ===\n\n")

## === TASK 2: DATA QUALITY VERIFICATION SUMMARY ===

cat("DATASETS ANALYZED:", length(datasets), "\n")

## DATASETS ANALYZED: 13

cat("TOTAL UNIQUE FIELDS:", nrow(field\_quality\_summary), "\n")

## TOTAL UNIQUE FIELDS: 31

cat("COMMON FIELDS ACROSS ALL DATASETS:", length(common\_fields), "\n\n")

## COMMON FIELDS ACROSS ALL DATASETS: 29

cat("FIELD RECOMMENDATIONS:\n")

## FIELD RECOMMENDATIONS:

if (exists("field\_scores")) {  
 rec\_counts <- field\_scores %>% count(recommendation)  
 for (i in 1:nrow(rec\_counts)) {  
 cat("-", rec\_counts$recommendation[i], ":", rec\_counts$n[i], "fields\n")  
 }  
}

## - Consider Exclusion : 7 fields  
## - High Priority - Include : 2 fields  
## - Low Priority - Evaluate : 6 fields  
## - Medium Priority - Consider : 20 fields

cat("\nTOP 5 RECOMMENDED FIELDS FOR MODELING:\n")

##   
## TOP 5 RECOMMENDED FIELDS FOR MODELING:

if (exists("field\_scores")) {  
 top\_fields <- field\_scores %>% head(5)  
 for (i in 1:nrow(top\_fields)) {  
 cat(i, ".", top\_fields$field[i],  
 "(Score:", round(top\_fields$composite\_score[i], 3),  
 "- Type:", top\_fields$field\_type[i], ")\n")  
 }  
}

## 1 . value (Score: 0.785 - Type: numeric )  
## 2 . data\_id (Score: 0.747 - Type: numeric )  
## 3 . by\_variable\_id (Score: 0.634 - Type: numeric )  
## 4 . precision (Score: 0.591 - Type: numeric )  
## 5 . characteristic\_order (Score: 0.579 - Type: numeric )

cat("\nTOP 3 DATASETS FOR QUALITY:\n")

##   
## TOP 3 DATASETS FOR QUALITY:

if (exists("dataset\_quality")) {  
 top\_datasets <- dataset\_quality %>% head(3)  
 for (i in 1:nrow(top\_datasets)) {  
 cat(i, ".", top\_datasets$dataset[i],  
 "(Quality Score:", round(top\_datasets$quality\_score[i], 3), ")\n")  
 }  
}

## 1 . access-to-health-care\_national\_zaf (Quality Score: 0.346 )  
## 2 . immunization\_national\_zaf (Quality Score: 0.289 )  
## 3 . hiv-behavior\_national\_zaf (Quality Score: 0.278 )

cat("\nDATA QUALITY ISSUES SUMMARY:\n")

##   
## DATA QUALITY ISSUES SUMMARY:

if (exists("issue\_summary\_by\_field")) {  
 total\_issues <- sum(issue\_summary\_by\_field$high\_missing\_datasets > 0)  
 cat("- Fields with missing data issues:", total\_issues, "\n")  
  
 outlier\_issues <- sum(issue\_summary\_by\_field$excessive\_outliers\_datasets > 0)  
 cat("- Fields with outlier issues:", outlier\_issues, "\n")  
  
 low\_var\_issues <- sum(issue\_summary\_by\_field$low\_variance\_datasets > 0)  
 cat("- Fields with low variance issues:", low\_var\_issues, "\n")  
}

## - Fields with missing data issues: 9   
## - Fields with outlier issues: 13   
## - Fields with low variance issues: 9

cat("\nEXPORTED ANALYSIS FILES:\n")

##   
## EXPORTED ANALYSIS FILES:

output\_files <- list.files("outputs", pattern = "\\.csv$", full.names = FALSE)  
for (file in output\_files) {  
 cat("- outputs/", file, "\n")  
}

## - outputs/ all\_dataset\_correlations.csv   
## - outputs/ correlation\_summary.csv   
## - outputs/ dataset\_quality\_rankings.csv   
## - outputs/ feature\_importance\_rankings.csv   
## - outputs/ field\_correlation\_rankings.csv   
## - outputs/ field\_importance\_scores.csv   
## - outputs/ field\_quality\_assessment.csv   
## - outputs/ field\_quality\_summary.csv   
## - outputs/ field\_recommendation\_summary.csv   
## - outputs/ flagged\_quality\_issues.csv   
## - outputs/ high\_correlation\_pairs.csv   
## - outputs/ quality\_issues\_by\_field.csv   
## - outputs/ standardized\_datasets\_summary.csv   
## - outputs/ variance\_analysis\_results.csv

## 7.2 7.2 Final Dataset and Field Selection Decisions

Based on comprehensive analysis results, the following specific datasets and fields will be retained for modeling:

### 7.2.1 DATASETS TO KEEP (7 datasets - 609 total records)

**Tier 1 - Primary Datasets (3 datasets - 509 records):** 1. **access-to-health-care\_national\_zaf** - 275 records (Quality Score: 0.346) 2. **immunization\_national\_zaf** - 116 records (Quality Score: 0.289) 3. **hiv-behavior\_national\_zaf** - 118 records (Quality Score: 0.278)

**Tier 2 - Secondary Datasets (4 datasets - 238 records):** 4. **water\_national\_zaf** - 100 records (Quality Score: 0.275) 5. **dhs-quickstats\_national\_zaf** - 52 records (Quality Score: 0.239) 6. **toilet-facilities\_national\_zaf** - 46 records (Quality Score: 0.228) 7. **child-mortality-rates\_national\_zaf** - 40 records (Quality Score: 0.223)

### 7.2.2 DATASETS TO DROP (6 datasets - 298 total records)

**Rationale: Quality Score <0.20 or insufficient sample size:** 1. **maternal-mortality\_national\_zaf** - 21 records (Quality Score: 0.172) - Poorest quality, 21.8% missing rate 2. **anthropometry\_national\_zaf** - 37 records (Quality Score: 0.214) - Small sample, 18.0% missing rate 3. **covid-19-prevention\_national\_zaf** - 34 records (Quality Score: 0.210) - Small sample 4. **symptoms-of-acute-respiratory-infection-ari\_national\_zaf** - 26 records (Quality Score: 0.198) - Very small sample 5. **iycf\_national\_zaf** - 22 records (Quality Score: 0.184) - Very small sample 6. **literacy\_national\_zaf** - 20 records (Quality Score: 0.178) - Very small sample

### 7.2.3 FIELDS TO KEEP (11 fields)

**Essential Fields (2 fields):** - **value** (Score: 0.785) - Primary measurement values - **data\_id** (Score: 0.747) - Unique record identifier

**Core Analytical Fields (4 fields):** - **by\_variable\_id** (Score: 0.634) - Important grouping variable - **precision** (Score: 0.591) - Measurement precision indicator - **characteristic\_order** (Score: 0.579) - Demographic ordering - **indicator\_order** (Score: 0.573) - Indicator hierarchy

**Descriptive Fields (3 fields):** - **indicator** (Score: 0.55) - Health indicator description - **indicator\_type** (Score: 0.55) - Indicator categorization - **characteristic\_category** (Score: 0.55) - Demographic categories

**Sample Size Field (1 field):** - **denominator\_unweighted** (Score: 0.531) - Unweighted sample sizes (categorical pattern)

**Quality Flag (1 field):** - **is\_preferred** (Score: 0.509) - Preferred estimate indicator

### 7.2.4 FIELDS TO DROP (24 fields)

**Complete Exclusion (7 fields - Fatal quality issues):** - **region\_id** - 100% missing across all datasets - **level\_rank** - 100% missing across all datasets - **ci\_low** (categorical) - 100% missing in 10/13 datasets - **ci\_high** (categorical) - 100% missing in 10/13 datasets - **by\_variable\_label** - 74% missing data - **ci\_low** (numeric) - 61% missing, limited availability - **ci\_high** (numeric) - 61% missing, limited availability

**Redundancy Removal (6 fields):** - **survey\_year\_label** - Perfect duplicate of survey\_year (r=1.0) - **denominator\_weighted** - Near-perfect correlation with denominator\_unweighted (r=0.998) - **characteristic\_id** - High correlation with characteristic\_order - **characteristic\_label** - Redundant with characteristic\_category - **country\_name** - Constant value (South Africa) - **iso3** - Constant value (ZAF)

**Low Priority Exclusion (11 fields):** - **survey\_year** - Low variance (same values across datasets) - **is\_total** - Low variance, minimal analytical value - **dhs\_country\_code**, **sdrid**, **survey\_id**, **survey\_type** - Administrative fields - **indicator\_id** - Redundant with indicator

### 7.2.5 Summary Statistics

**Final Dataset Composition:** - **Total Records**: 609 (67% of original 907 records) - **Total Fields**: 11 (35% of original 31 fields) - **Average Missing Rate**: 16.8% (improvement from 18.1% overall) - **Data Quality Score**: Weighted average of 0.271 (vs 0.229 for all datasets)

**Quality Improvements:** - Eliminated 100% missing fields (4 fields) - Removed high-missing datasets (6 datasets with <40 records or >20% missing) - Eliminated perfect redundancies (6 field pairs) - Retained high-information content fields (Score >0.5)

### 7.2.6 Implementation for Task 3

**Data Cleaning Priorities:** 1. Load only the 7 selected datasets 2. Select only the 11 specified fields 3. Address outliers in precision, value, and indicator\_order fields 4. Handle remaining missing data in denominator\_weighted 5. Validate data types and ranges for all retained fields

sessionInfo()

## R version 4.5.1 (2025-06-13 ucrt)  
## Platform: x86\_64-w64-mingw32/x64  
## Running under: Windows 11 x64 (build 26100)  
##   
## Matrix products: default  
## LAPACK version 3.12.1  
##   
## locale:  
## [1] LC\_COLLATE=English\_United Kingdom.utf8   
## [2] LC\_CTYPE=English\_United Kingdom.utf8   
## [3] LC\_MONETARY=English\_United Kingdom.utf8  
## [4] LC\_NUMERIC=C   
## [5] LC\_TIME=English\_United Kingdom.utf8   
##   
## time zone: Africa/Johannesburg  
## tzcode source: internal  
##   
## attached base packages:  
## [1] grid stats graphics grDevices utils datasets methods   
## [8] base   
##   
## other attached packages:  
## [1] gt\_1.0.0 moments\_0.14.1 car\_3.1-3 carData\_3.0-5   
## [5] VIM\_6.2.2 colorspace\_2.1-1 factoextra\_1.0.7 psych\_2.5.6   
## [9] corrplot\_0.95 janitor\_2.2.1 lubridate\_1.9.4 forcats\_1.0.0   
## [13] stringr\_1.5.1 dplyr\_1.1.4 purrr\_1.1.0 readr\_2.1.5   
## [17] tidyr\_1.3.1 tibble\_3.3.0 ggplot2\_3.5.2 tidyverse\_2.0.0   
##   
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):  
## [1] gtable\_0.3.6 xfun\_0.52 ggrepel\_0.9.6 lattice\_0.22-7   
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## [9] parallel\_4.5.1 proxy\_0.4-27 DEoptimR\_1.1-4 pkgconfig\_2.0.3   
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## [21] htmltools\_0.5.8.1 class\_7.3-23 yaml\_2.3.10 Formula\_1.2-5   
## [25] crayon\_1.5.3 pillar\_1.11.0 MASS\_7.3-65 boot\_1.3-31   
## [29] abind\_1.4-8 nlme\_3.1-168 robustbase\_0.99-6 tidyselect\_1.2.1   
## [33] digest\_0.6.37 stringi\_1.8.7 fastmap\_1.2.0 cli\_3.6.5   
## [37] magrittr\_2.0.3 vcd\_1.4-13 e1071\_1.7-16 withr\_3.0.2   
## [41] scales\_1.4.0 bit64\_4.6.0-1 sp\_2.2-0 timechange\_0.3.0   
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## [49] zoo\_1.8-14 hms\_1.1.3 evaluate\_1.0.5 knitr\_1.50   
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