Data Management and Cross-Country Analysis of Gender Inequality across LMIC

Professional Work-Based Placement

With Biostatistics and Health Datascience,

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Background Summary/context

- DHS program suspended

- Implication for researchers: New data requests and login suspended till further notice

- BDHS group, Global health Management Lead needs to make data available for researches working on Global health projects.

Project Aims	Objectives	Outcome Status
A. **To create a global repository for DHS data sets**	Automated download of DHS datasets in SPSS and STATA formats using R for over 85 countries and 35 years	Achieved
	Database management: - File organisation -Variable Mapping (IR) -Merging of IR datasets	-Pilot merging achieved - merging suspended due to storage limitation -IPUMS DHS dataset used
B. **To explore frequency of Female Genital Mutilation, Intimate Partner Violence and Autonomy of Health care Decision Making in women of child-bearing age across Low-and-middle-income-countries.**	Overview of respondents by country and by year and country using IPUMS_DHS datasets. Important to check representativeness and guide interpretation.	Achieved
	Visualize FGM, IPV and AHCDM frequencies by country	Achieved

Results Produced and Implication for BHDS Group

4,997 DHS (women, men, children, household, couples, wealth index etc), 85 countries, 40 years (1984-2024), Metadata

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IPUMS_DHS Harmonized dataset of 3,767,008 Women of child-bearing age, 50 countries, 35 survey years .
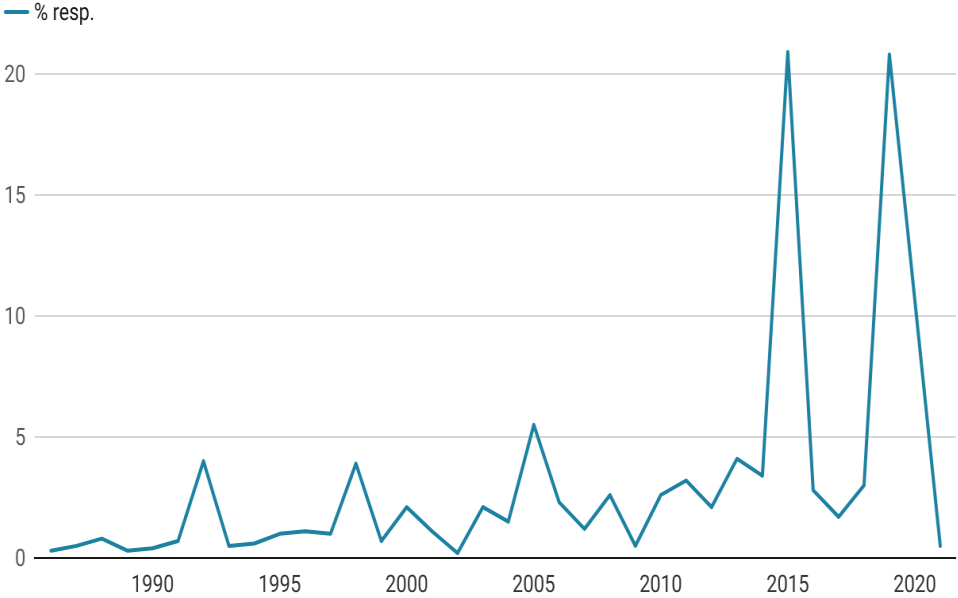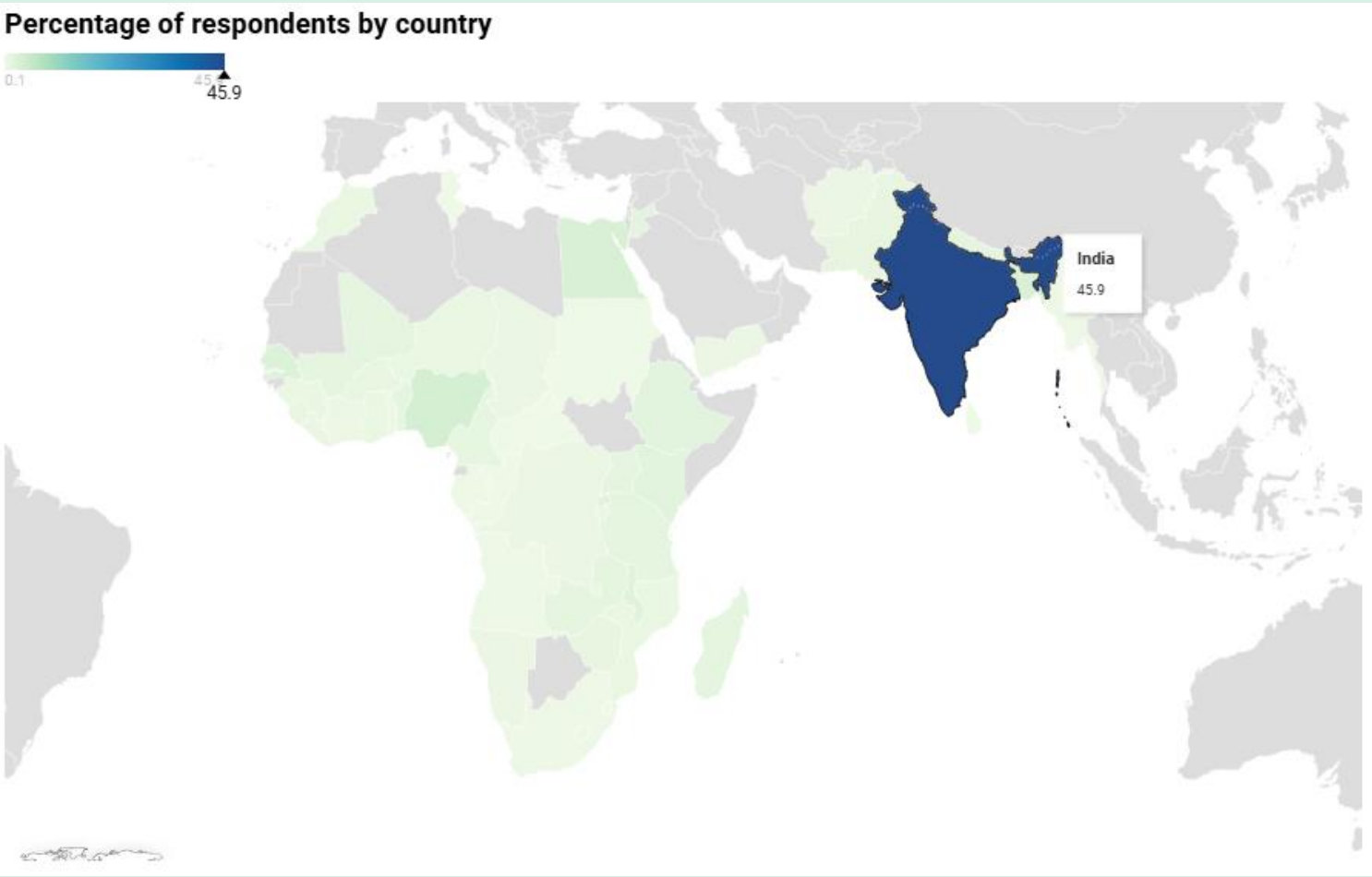
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Analysis and Visualization

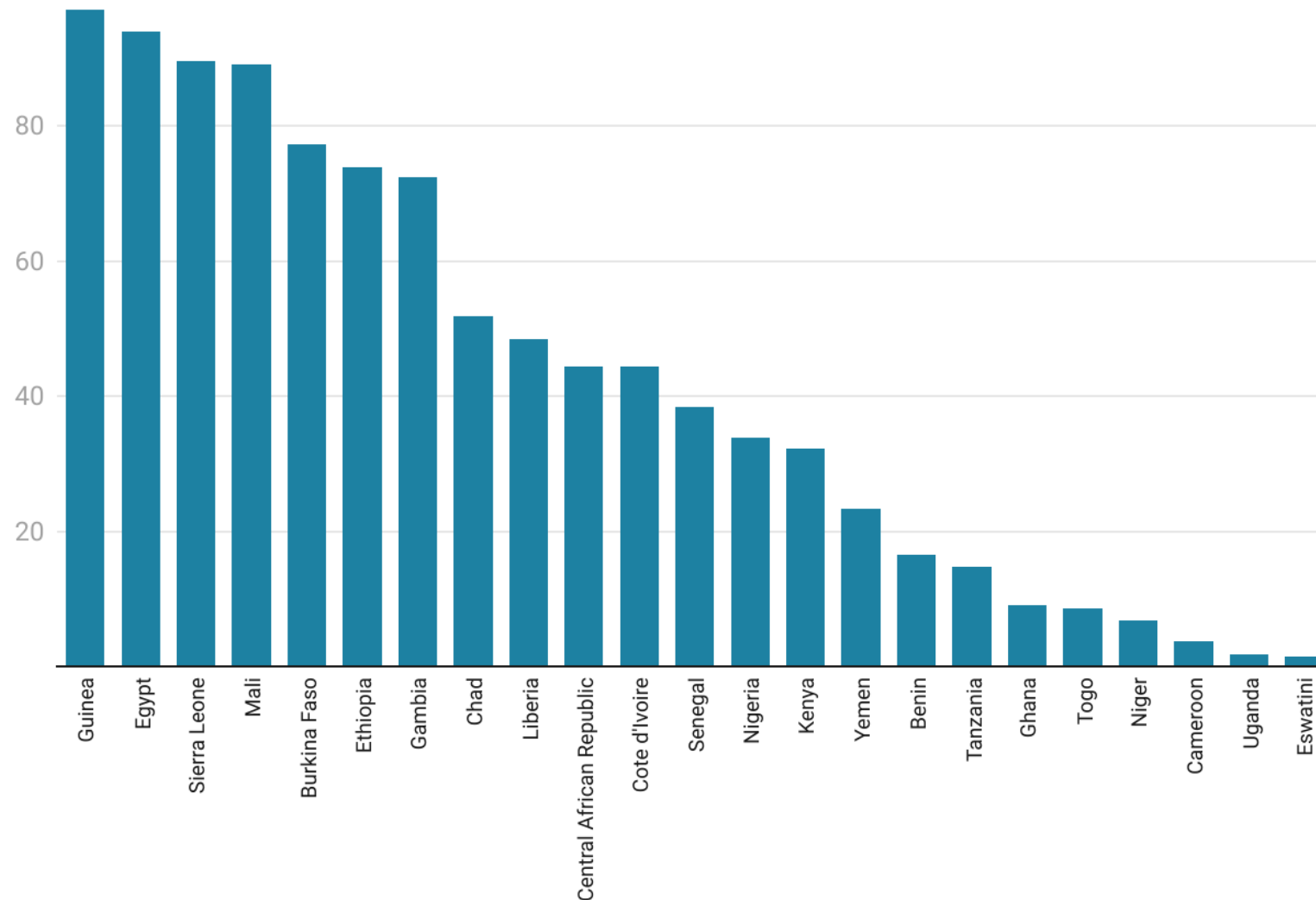| Dataset overview	IPV: Women ever married/with intimate partner slapped by months partner/spouse in the last 12	FGM: Women who have been circumcised.

Implications

- Easy access to DHS global datasets

- Data preservation pending DHS program resumption

- Continuity of training

Overview of respondents_51 Countries, 35 years, 3.8M respondents

Percentage of respondents by country

India
45.9

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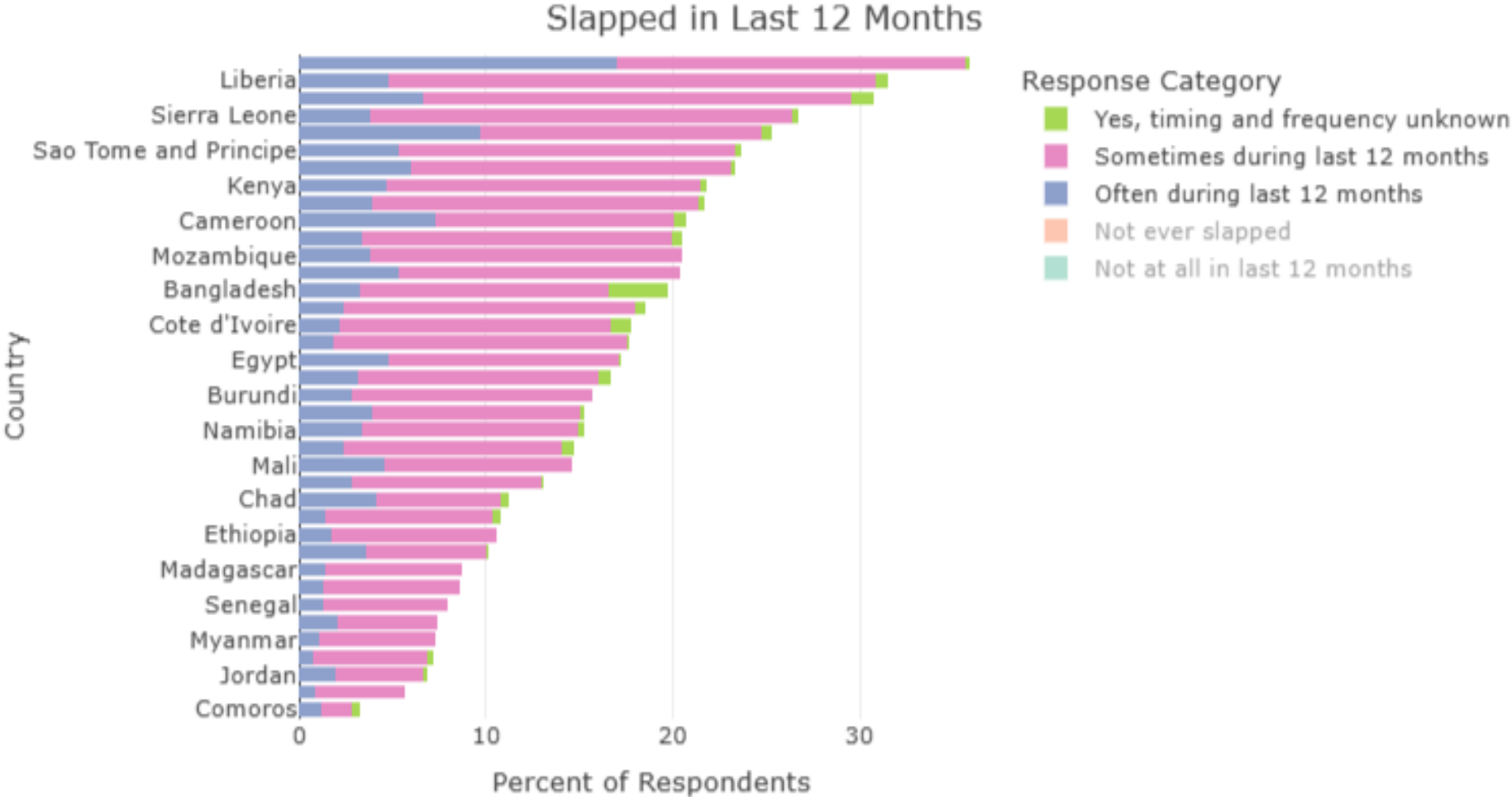
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FGM: Percentage of Women by country who responded Yes compared to No, to the question Have you ever been circumcised

Guinea, Egypt, Sierra Leone, Mali, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Gambia, Chad, Liberia, Central African Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, Nigeria, Kenya, Yemen, Benin, Tanzania, Ghana, Togo, Niger, Cameroon, Uganda, Eswatini

IPV: Survey Responses by Country to Have you Ever been Slapped by an intimate partner (last 12 months)

Slapped in Last 12 Months

Response Category
- ■ Yes, timing and frequency unknown
- ■ Sometimes during last 12 months
- ■ Often during last 12 months
- ■ Not ever slapped
- ■ Not at all in last 12 months

Reflections

What has gone well in relation to the placement.
- Healthy balance between promoting independence work, collaborative work, and the right amount of supervisory support to keep me on track
- Access to resource materials
- Regular progress review meetings with my supervisors and 3 bootcamps
- Trainings

What hasn't gone so well
- Storage challenge due to data volume
- Personal device limitation

Achievement highlight: Soft and Hard skills
- Improved confidence towards challenges
- Problem solving
- Ability to identify and deal with rotten tomatoes (disappointments)
- R skills: using plotly and quarto for interactive visual presentation
- GitHub

Role Changes
- Dataset used: DHS to IPUMS-DHS
- Reason: storage limitation
- Only datasets affected