

# PARENTING AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Implications For The Cross Cultural Study Of Parenting And Child Development from MICS Data

Countries in MICS

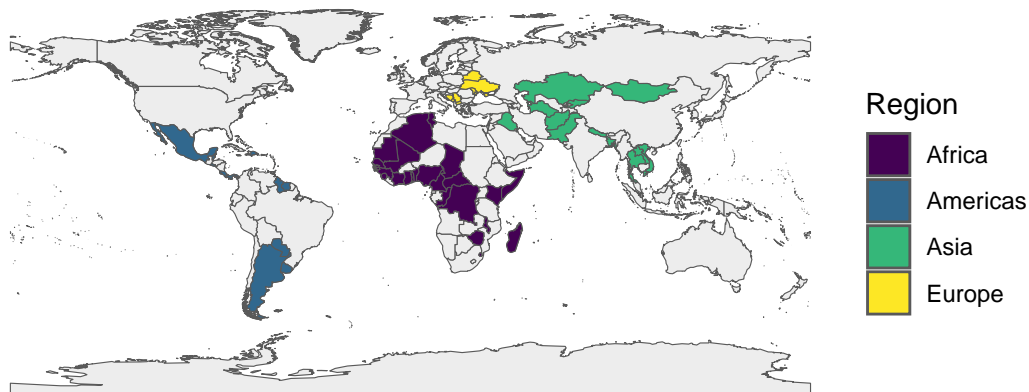


Figure 1: Countries in MICS

## Spanking Hurts Children

Spanking is associated with decreased child socio-emotional development & increased child aggression.

## Insults Contribute to Harm

Name-calling & psychological aggression may have effects that are as harmful as those of physical punishment.

## Physical and Psychological Punishment Slow Child Development

Harsh punishment is consistently associated with decreased child socio-emotional development & more child aggression.

## Eliminating Spanking Reduces Abuse

Simulations with MICS data suggest that eliminating spanking would result in a large reduction in global rates of physical child abuse.

## Use Positive Discipline!

Positive discipline—in the form of verbal reasoning—is associated with improved child well-being across MICS countries.

## Positive discipline benefits children.

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