

# Interesting and Noteworthy Findings From MICS Analyses

## Implications for the Cross-Cultural Study of Parenting and Child Development

### 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

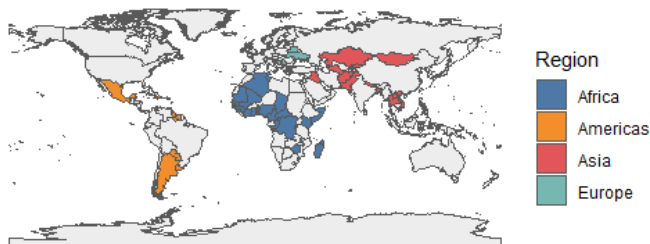
Simulations with MICS data suggest that eliminating spanking would result in a large reduction in global rates of physical child abuse.

### 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.

Countries in MICS



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