

Table S1: Ordinary least square estimates for child nutritional status of urban and rural regions

|   | Urban              | Rural              |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Child age   |                    |                    |
| Child age between 0-12 months                     | Ref                | Ref                |
| Child age between 13-24 months                    | -0.65***<br>(0.23) | -0.85***<br>(0.16) |
| Child age between 25-36 months                    | -1.05***<br>(0.21) | -1.12***<br>(0.15) |
| Child age between 37-48 months                    | -0.91***<br>(0.19) | -1.07***<br>(0.16) |
| Child age between 49-60 months                    | -0.86***<br>(0.19) | -0.89***<br>(0.15) |
| Gender (Female=1, Male=0)                         | 0.19<br>(0.12)     | 0.23**<br>(0.09)   |
| Child Birth order                                 | -0.03<br>(0.04)    | -0.01<br>(0.03)    |
| Woman's ownership of land                         |                    |                    |
| Own land alone (yes=1)                            | 0.71<br>(0.66)     | 1.02***<br>(0.31)  |
| Owns land jointly with her husband (yes=1)        | 1.17***<br>(0.40)  | -0.41<br>(0.36)    |
| Woman's autonomy                                  |                    |                    |
| Autonomy in household purchasing decision (yes=1) | 0.23<br>(0.16)     | 0.15<br>(0.13)     |
| Autonomy in her own health care (yes=1)           | -0.05<br>(0.16)    | -0.03<br>(0.13)    |
| Autonomy in her mobility (yes=1)                  | 0.23<br>(0.26)     | 0.03<br>(0.16)     |
| Woman's age                                       | 0.01<br>(0.01)     | 0.02**<br>(0.01)   |
| Woman's body mass index                           | 0.01<br>(0.01)     | 0.02**<br>(0.01)   |
| Woman's education                                 |                    |                    |
| No education                                      | Ref                | Ref                |
| Primary   | 0.24<br>(0.18)     | 0.05<br>(0.14)     |
| Secondary   | 0.63***<br>(0.18)  | 0.39***<br>(0.15)  |
| Higher than secondary                             | 0.69***<br>(0.21)  | 0.60***<br>(0.22)  |
| Woman's employment (yes=1)                        | 0.11<br>(0.14)     | 0.17<br>(0.11)     |
| Family members in the household (no.)             | -0.02<br>(0.01)    | -0.00<br>(0.01)    |
| Wealth index quintiles                            |                    |                    |
| Poorest   | Ref                | Ref                |

|                                |                    |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Poorer                         | 0.57<br>(0.41)     | 0.27*<br>(0.14)    |
| Middle                         | 0.96***<br>(0.36)  | 0.50***<br>(0.16)  |
| Richer                         | 0.68*<br>(0.36)    | 0.77***<br>(0.20)  |
| Richest                        | 1.08***<br>(0.38)  | 0.67**<br>(0.29)   |
| Region/Province                |                    |                    |
| Punjab                         | Ref                | Ref                |
| Sindh                          | -0.64***<br>(0.13) | -0.36**<br>(0.14)  |
| KPK                            | 0.04<br>(0.16)     | 0.15<br>(0.13)     |
| Balochistan                    | -1.19***<br>(0.21) | -1.73***<br>(0.22) |
| Gilgit                         | -0.19<br>(0.25)    | 1.19***<br>(0.27)  |
| Islamabad                      | 0.38**<br>(0.18)   | 0.19<br>(0.19)     |
| Proper toilet facility (yes=1) | 0.29<br>(0.22)     | -0.19*<br>(0.12)   |
| Safe drinking water (yes=1)    | -0.21<br>(0.14)    | 0.08<br>(0.13)     |
| Constant                       | -2.23***<br>(0.51) | -2.77***<br>(0.37) |
| Observations                   | 1,223              | 1,631              |
| R-squared                      | 0.21               | 0.19               |

Source: Authors' calculations using PDHS 2012-13

Robust standard errors in parentheses

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1

Table S2: Ordinary least square estimates for child nutritional status in different regions

|   | Punjab             | Sindh              | KPK                | Baluchistan        | Gilgit             | Islamabad          |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Child age                                       |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Child age between 0-12 months                   | Ref                | Ref                | Ref                | Ref                | Ref                | Ref                |
| Child age between 13-24 months                  | -0.76***<br>(0.18) | -0.79***<br>(0.23) | -1.06***<br>(0.33) | -1.11*<br>(0.60)   | -1.75***<br>(0.62) | -1.52***<br>(0.40) |
| Child age between 25-36 months                  | -1.11***<br>(0.16) | -0.84***<br>(0.24) | -1.22***<br>(0.31) | -2.02***<br>(0.49) | -2.31***<br>(0.50) | -1.72***<br>(0.38) |
| Child age between 37-48 months                  | -0.92***<br>(0.17) | -1.25***<br>(0.22) | -1.01***<br>(0.33) | -1.30***<br>(0.50) | -2.73***<br>(0.45) | -1.71***<br>(0.34) |
| Child age between 49-60 months                  | -0.74***<br>(0.17) | -0.94***<br>(0.21) | -0.99***<br>(0.33) | -2.20***<br>(0.52) | -2.51***<br>(0.46) | -1.62***<br>(0.37) |
| Gender (Female=1, Male=0)                       | 0.18*<br>(0.10)    | 0.31**<br>(0.14)   | 0.22<br>(0.19)     | 0.25<br>(0.28)     | 0.04<br>(0.31)     | -0.15<br>(0.20)    |
| Child Birth order                               | -0.00<br>(0.03)    | -0.00<br>(0.05)    | 0.02<br>(0.06)     | -0.26**<br>(0.10)  | -0.04<br>(0.10)    | 0.02<br>(0.08)     |
| Woman's ownership of land                       |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Own land alone (yes=1)                          | 1.20***<br>(0.28)  | -1.49***<br>(0.48) | -0.35<br>(0.55)    | -0.34<br>(0.64)    | -1.91<br>(1.43)    | 0.68<br>(0.60)     |
| Own land jointly with her husband (yes=1)       | 0.61<br>(0.63)     | 1.05<br>(1.13)     | -0.67<br>(0.44)    | 1.18<br>(0.87)     | 0.22<br>(0.34)     | 1.08***<br>(0.41)  |
| Woman's autonomy                                |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Autonomy in household purchase decision (yes=1) | 0.15<br>(0.14)     | 0.48**<br>(0.22)   | -0.04<br>(0.28)    | 0.59<br>(0.56)     | -0.33<br>(0.45)    | -0.16<br>(0.29)    |
| Autonomy in her own health care (yes=1)         | -0.05<br>(0.13)    | 0.08<br>(0.21)     | -0.17<br>(0.27)    | -0.37<br>(0.53)    | -0.32<br>(0.36)    | 0.21<br>(0.26)     |
| Autonomy in her mobility (yes=1)                | 0.37*<br>(0.19)    | -0.27<br>(0.22)    | 0.28<br>(0.37)     | -0.39<br>(0.54)    | -0.97**<br>(0.42)  | -0.34<br>(0.28)    |
| Woman's age                                     | 0.01<br>(0.01)     | 0.04*<br>(0.02)    | 0.03<br>(0.02)     | 0.11**<br>(0.04)   | -0.00<br>(0.03)    | -0.04*<br>(0.02)   |
| Woman's body mass index                         | 0.01<br>(0.01)     | 0.01<br>(0.02)     | 0.03<br>(0.02)     | -0.02<br>(0.04)    | -0.00<br>(0.04)    | 0.03<br>(0.02)     |
| Woman's education                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| No education                                    | Ref                | Ref                | Ref                | Ref                | Ref                | Ref                |

|  |                    |                    |                    |                   |                    |                   |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Primary                                  | 0.20<br>(0.15)     | 0.04<br>(0.19)     | -0.29<br>(0.30)    | -0.10<br>(0.58)   | -0.64<br>(0.40)    | -0.79**<br>(0.33) |
| Secondary                                | 0.46***<br>(0.15)  | 0.75***<br>(0.27)  | 0.27<br>(0.25)     | -0.26<br>(0.70)   | -0.00<br>(0.41)    | -0.84**<br>(0.35) |
| Higher than secondary                    | 0.69***<br>(0.20)  | 0.65*<br>(0.35)    | 0.57<br>(0.35)     | -1.67**<br>(0.81) | -0.80<br>(0.52)    | -0.62*<br>(0.36)  |
| Woman's employment<br>(yes=1)            | 0.07<br>(0.11)     | 0.33**<br>(0.16)   | 0.36<br>(0.36)     | -0.12<br>(0.35)   | 3.63***<br>(1.07)  | 0.26<br>(0.29)    |
| Family members in the<br>household (no.) | -0.01<br>(0.01)    | -0.01<br>(0.02)    | -0.01<br>(0.02)    | -0.03<br>(0.03)   | -0.06**<br>(0.03)  | -0.02<br>(0.03)   |
| Wealth index quintiles                   |                    |                    |                    |                   |                    |                   |
| Poorest                                  | Ref                | Ref                | Ref                | Ref               | Ref                | Ref               |
| Poorer                                   | 0.31<br>(0.21)     | 0.17<br>(0.23)     | 0.36<br>(0.39)     | -0.19<br>(0.39)   | 0.17<br>(0.37)     | 1.60**<br>(0.81)  |
| Middle                                   | 0.68***<br>(0.20)  | -0.05<br>(0.33)    | 0.47<br>(0.41)     | 0.59<br>(0.58)    | -0.17<br>(0.48)    | 1.42***<br>(0.40) |
| Richer                                   | 0.79***<br>(0.23)  | 0.03<br>(0.37)     | 0.49<br>(0.44)     | 1.33**<br>(0.67)  | 0.93<br>(0.60)     | 1.41***<br>(0.41) |
| Richest                                  | 1.02***<br>(0.28)  | 0.20<br>(0.42)     | 1.06**<br>(0.51)   | 1.32*<br>(0.75)   | -0.66<br>(1.45)    | 2.13***<br>(0.40) |
| Place (urban=1, rural 0)                 | 0.03<br>(0.13)     | 0.01<br>(0.24)     | 0.15<br>(0.21)     | -0.64*<br>(0.37)  | 0.36<br>(0.33)     | -0.25<br>(0.20)   |
| Proper toilet facility (yes=1)           | -0.16<br>(0.14)    | 0.01<br>(0.27)     | -0.11<br>(0.27)    | -0.33<br>(0.35)   | -0.12<br>(0.44)    | 0.08<br>(0.35)    |
| Safe drinking water (yes=1)              | -0.02<br>(0.12)    | 0.21<br>(0.22)     | 0.07<br>(0.21)     | -0.58<br>(0.47)   | -1.10***<br>(0.38) | 0.23<br>(0.18)    |
| Constant                                 | -2.17***<br>(0.46) | -3.44***<br>(0.76) | -2.96***<br>(0.88) | -2.31<br>(1.69)   | 1.95<br>(1.44)     | 0.03<br>(0.82)    |
| Observations                             | 889                | 667                | 517                | 285               | 291                | 205               |
| R-squared                                | 0.19               | 0.15               | 0.10               | 0.28              | 0.33               | 0.34              |

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