

**TABLE 1. Selected measures among women in matched couples in four Sub-Saharan African countries, Demographic and Health Surveys, 2005–2007**

Measure	Guinea, 2005 (N=1,993)	Mali, 2006 (N=2,668)	Namibia, 2006–2007 (N=844)	Zambia, 2007 (N=3,197)
<b>SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC</b>				
<b>Age</b>				
15–24	23.5	30.5	17.9	27.5
25–34	40.2	39.3	46.4	43.0
35–49	36.3	30.2	35.7	29.5
<b>Residence</b>				
Rural	78.3	73.8	43.2	66.9
Urban	21.7	26.2	56.8	33.1
<b>Household wealth index</b>				
Poorest	24.7	21.3	14.6	24.3
Poor	20.8	21.0	11.8	18.8
Middle	22.7	19.1	19.0	19.5
Rich	16.5	21.3	24.7	19.7
Richest	15.3	17.3	29.8	17.7
<b>Education</b>				
None	87.8	84.9	12.1	12.8
Primary	7.0	10.5	25.2	62.2
≥ secondary	5.2	4.6	62.7	25.0
<b>Polygamous union</b>				
No	49.3	58.2	85.0	88.6
Yes	50.7	41.8	15.0	11.4
<b>No. of living children</b>				
0	9.4	10.0	8.4	7.5
1–2	34.7	31.9	46.0	32.3
3–4	31.0	27.8	31.2	31.6
≥5	24.9	30.3	14.3	28.7
<b>FERTILITY DESIRES AND BEHAVIOR</b>				
<b>Women</b>				
Mean ideal no. of children†	6.0	6.6	3.4	5.1
Ideal no. of children				
0–2	2.1	1.8	38.4	6.7
3–5	38.1	29.8	47.4	53.0
≥6	48.5	50.1	12.5	33.6
Nonnumeric response	11.4	18.3	1.7	6.8
Had more children than ideal				
All women	7.0	6.2	18.4	12.1
Aged ≥35	15.4	12.0	26.2	27.8
<b>Husbands</b>				
Mean ideal no. of children†	9.9	9.3	4.7	5.7
Ideal no. of children				
0–2	1.4	1.6	28.9	7.5
3–5	18.8	18.5	44.4	46.4
≥6	67.6	58.7	24.8	41.9
Nonnumeric response	12.1	21.2	1.9	4.2
Ideal no. of children relative to wife's				
Agrees	22.6	14.7	22.6	24.1
Higher	48.8	50.2	49.9	42.8
Lower	25.1	19.5	25.7	30.3
Gave nonnumeric response, but wife did not	1.8	15.6	1.8	2.7
<b>WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT</b>				
<b>Decision making‡</b>				
Has any say in all four household decisions	33.7	10.6	68.4	36.3
Mean no. of household decisions in which woman has any say (range, 0–4)	2.0	1.0	3.2	2.6
<b>Attitudes toward wife beatings§</b>				
None of the five reasons are justified	11.8	24.7	68.6	36.3
Mean no. of justified reasons (range, 0–5)	3.2	2.4	0.8	2.1
<b>Attitudes toward refusing sex with husband††</b>				
All three reasons are justified	29.3	9.5	74.9	38.5
Mean no. of justified reasons (range, 0–3)	1.7	1.1	2.6	2.0

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