

TABLE 1. Selected social and demographic characteristics of never-married individuals in the Malawi Schooling and Adolescent Study (MSAS) sample and the supplementary random sample (SRS) of an interview mode experiment, by gender, Malawi, 2009

Characteristic	Male		Female	
	SRS (N=195)	MSAS (N=1,104)	SRS (N=116)	MSAS (N=646)
Individual				
Mean age	17.1	17.2*	16.9	17.1†
Currently in school	70.3	61.1*	76.7	70.9
Mean highest grade attended	7.0	6.9	7.5	7.8
Literate in Chichewa‡	81.0	82.7	81.9	90.6**
Mean numeracy score§	8.1	8.2	7.9	8.8**
Tribe				
Yao	39.5	40.9	38.8	34.7
Chewa	13.8	19.8*	24.1	20.3
Lomwe	21.5	21.6	19.0	24.3
Other	25.1	17.6*	18.1	20.7
Religion				
Muslim	43.6	43.2	37.1	37.3
Other	56.4	56.8	62.9	62.7
Household				
Mean no. of assets††	5.7	5.5	5.4	6.0†
Resides with mother				
Yes	65.6	66.7	67.2	66.4
No, mother alive	15.9	16.6	14.7	17.5
No, mother dead	18.5	16.8	18.1	16.1
Resides with father				
Yes	41.5	37.5	44.0	42.9
No, father alive	34.4	31.3	33.6	28.0
No, father dead	24.1	31.2*	22.4	29.1

* $p < .05$. ** $p < .01$. † $p < .10$. ‡Based on successfully reading two simple sentences in Chichewa, taken from the 2004 Malawi DHS. §The sum of correct answers in a 12-question exercise involving ordering numbers; performing addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; and solving simple word problems. Questions were drawn from the Malawi Institute of Education achievement test for primary school standard 3. ††From a list of 16 goods and services: mattress, sofa, table, chairs, paraffin gas lamp, television, radio, cell phone, mosquito net, bicycle, motorcycle, car, tin roof, electricity, boat or canoe, and books to read. *Notes:* Figures are percentages unless noted otherwise. Percentage distributions may not total 100.0 because of rounding.