

## **Capturing Household Transitory Wealth Through an Index on Expenditures and Non-durables: Insights from Six Peri-Urban African Settings**

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Asset indices are used to gauge wealth and welfare, and circumvent the known issues with more direct measures of income and wealth, such as expenditure data (Filmer and Scott 2012). The standard asset index proxies for wealth using asset ownership. As these assets are often durable goods, and sometimes include housing quality variables, they are more indicative of the permanent component of wealth. This is in contrast with the concept of transitory wealth, which represents the noisier, less expected fluctuations in wealth. This division into a stable, long-term component and a short-term shock component is similar to the classic separation of income into permanent and transitory parts. This division is a defining characteristic of the permanent income hypothesis (PIH) (Friedman 1957). The PIH states that individuals determine consumption based on permanent income, that which is anticipated, rather than transitory income, which includes unexpected shocks. Rather than examining how income shocks affect consumption, we are interested in understanding how fertility shocks/family building affects wealth.

The direction of causality from fertility to wealth is less frequently addressed in the literature than the reverse mechanism. Findings examining income/wealth as predictors tend to reflect the PIH. The importance of permanent income and other stable aspects of socioeconomic status on outcomes such as fertility and health has been demonstrated repeatedly (Easterlin 1969; Mueller and Short 1983; McLeod and Shanahan 1993; Bollen, Glanville, and Stecklov 2006). Transitory income is considered a less important predictor of these outcomes (Lordan et al 2012; Bollen, Glanville, and Stecklov 2006).

We are interested in exploring how fertility shocks affect wealth. To that end, it is likely that permanent and transitory wealth respond differently, varying in both severity and duration. Traditional asset scores, comprised of durables, may remain relatively unaffected by health shocks, at least in the short term; asset ownership is likely to be relatively static from year to year. However, consumption of non-durables will likely be more immediately and severely reduced in the face of the more limited resource constraint (Wagstaff 2007). Thus, to understand the mechanisms of effect of family building, it was important to differentiate between permanent and transitory income. This paper discusses our efforts to construct an index capturing transitory wealth, and the ability of this index to explain economic well-being alongside and independently from the classic asset index for permanent wealth.

The Family Health and Wealth Study, initiated in 2009, collected two rounds of household data from six peri-urban sites in Africa. The goal of this study was to examine in detail how fertility and family building affect family and individual-level health and wealth outcomes. The study included a “wealth module” that contained a series of questions about asset ownership, including durables and non-durables, and also asked about expenditures in categories such as eating out, entertainment, child and health care. Data were also collected on perceived economic well-being, including satisfaction with current income, aspirational wealth and a self-evaluation of own wealth rank with a 9-point scale.

Using data from the wealth module, measured at the household level, we constructed a fixed asset score, largely reflecting housing quality and durable ownership, as well as a “middle-class index” that captures expenditures and ownership of non-durable items. Both indices are constructed using principal components analysis, as is done for traditional wealth asset scores, and relying on the first component to generate the two new scores. The middle class index is assumed to represent transitory wealth. Typically studies use current income as a measure of transitory income or wealth, but these are generally recognized as unreliable due to measurement error and the inability to account for aspects of non-traditional livelihoods such as seasonality and in-kind trade. By pooling 47 durable ownership items and 34 expenditure and non-durable items for the fixed asset (FA) and middle class (MC) indices, respectively, we circumvent these issues. To our knowledge use of an index to capture transitory wealth has not been attempted, particularly for low-income and African settings.

To examine the ability of the middle-class index to capture transitory wealth, and reflect a dynamic not captured in the asset index, we undertook regression analyses of data for the six sites using four perceived economic well-being variables as outcome measures. Table 1 provides descriptive statistics on the control covariates (male age and years of schooling and number of children under 5 and between 5 to 14 years) and the four perceived economic wellbeing measures. Surplus Income is defined as the difference between reported total family earnings in a month and reported amount needed to live normally. The means are shown in USD equivalents and vary from negative values of -\$4.42 (Ethiopia), -\$35.40 (Uganda), -\$97.36 (Malawi), -\$124.05 (Nigeria/Ibadan), and -\$724.16 (Ghana) to +\$52.95 (Nigeria/Ife). Satisfaction with current income is highest in Ethiopia (81.3% rather or fully satisfied), while lowest in Malawi and the two Nigeria sites where being not at all or less than satisfied is about 87.7% among household respondents. Ghana and Uganda respondent satisfaction with current income levels falls in between the other sites.

Based on average self-rated economic wellbeing on a 9-point scale (1=poorest, 9=richest), Ethiopian households perceive themselves to be poor (mean=2.71, SD=0.93), whereas Nigeria/Ibadan households better off (mean=4.88, SD=1.66). Ghana, Nigeria/Ife, Uganda and Malawi had higher averages (4.59, 4.03, 3.92, 3.37) than Ethiopia, although income satisfaction was highest in the latter setting and lowest in the two Nigeria and Malawi sites.

Tables 2 and 3 provide the eigenvalues for the first component from the PCAs for the FA and MC indices and the range (minimum and maximum) of the scores. The factor loadings for the first component are also provided for the 47 items in the FA and the 34 items in the MC indices. Blank cells indicate no household responded ownership/presence of the item. FA component eigenvalues ranged between 2.87 (Nigeria/Ife) to 4.89 (Ethiopia); MC component eigenvalues ranged between 3.30 (Nigeria/Ibadan) to 7.67 (Uganda). These eigenvalues suggest the first component's factors adequately account for the most variance.

To assess multi-collinearity, we examined both the correlations between the FA and MC indices and the Variable Inflation Factor (VIF) values following ordinary least squares (OLS) regression models. As seen in Table 4, the correlations range from 0.177 in Ghana to 0.414 in Nigeria/Ife (Ife), to 0.435 in Uganda, to 0.704 in Ethiopia, to 0.745 in Nigeria/Ibadan and to 0.764 in Malawi. The VIFs, where values over 5.0 suggest high multi-collinearity, ranged between 1.04

and 2.85. Thus the two scores can be considered as independent measures of permanent and transitory wealth.

Table 5 provides the results from the four regression models, in terms of coefficients, standard errors, and fit statistics. Because the income satisfaction and aspirational wealth outcomes are ordered categories, we estimate ordinal logistic regression models. (The cut-off point coefficients are not shown.) Coefficients in red color are statistically significant at the level of  $p < .05$ . Male years of schooling and number of children 0-4 and 5-14 are used as control factors, with the required monthly amount to live on (monthly need logged) also included in the surplus income model. (The metrics are local currencies and the conversion rates are given in a footnote.) The Middle Class Index (MCI) is positively and significantly associated with surplus income (a proxy for discretionary income) in Ethiopia and Nigeria/Ibadan and positively but not significantly in Malawi and Nigeria/Ife. MCI is negatively but not significantly associated with surplus income in Uganda, and negatively and significantly in Ghana. The fixed asset score is positively associated with surplus income in all 6 sites but statistically significant in only two (Ghana and Uganda).

MCI is positively and significantly associated with reported income satisfaction in Malawi and Ethiopia, and positively but not significantly in Nigeria/Ife and Nigeria/Ibadan. It is negatively and significantly associated with reported income satisfaction in Ghana and Uganda. FA has positive associations in all sites, and statistically significant ones in all but Malawi and Nigeria/Ibadan. As seen from Table 1, aspirational wealth is based on responses to a question, “Do you think that one year from now your family will live better than today or worse?” All coefficients from the ordinal logistic regressions for MC and FA are positive except for MC in Nigeria/Ibadan and reach statistical significance in Nigeria/Ife and for MC only in Ethiopia and Malawi and for FA only in Nigeria/Ibadan and Uganda.

The middle-class index is a statistically significant, positive predictor of the self-rated wealth measure, both in a simple linear regression and in a regression including the asset index and other covariates. The MC index positively increases self-rated wealth in Ethiopia, Ghana and Malawi and independently of FA. FA is a strong predictor in the foregoing three countries as well as Nigeria/Ife and Uganda.

We interpret the statistical significance of the two indices when included together in regressions of economic well-being as confirmation that they do indeed capture different components of wealth. These results are also robust to controls for father’s education and family size. Interestingly negative coefficients for young and middle-aged children suggest the costs of raising children may impact discretionary income and perceived economic wellbeing.

While considered the lesser component of wealth in terms of predictors of outcomes related to consumption, health, and socioeconomic status, transitory wealth is likely a more sensitive outcome when trying to predict how changes to factors such as family size or health affect economic well-being. These findings suggest that the middle-class index is a viable alternative representation of transitory wealth, avoiding the well-known issues of using direct expenditures while explaining economic status independent of permanent wealth.

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Table 1. Characteristics of Family Health and Wealth Study Populations

Characteristic	Ethiopia (Sebeta)		Ghana (Asawase)		Malawi (Lunzu)		Nigeria (Ipetumodu)		Nigeria (Akinyele)		Uganda (Wakiso)	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
N of households/couples	997		800		605		777		497		488	
Age, years, mean (SD)	35.17(8.10)	28.55(6.23)	40.84(7.60)	33.46(6.38)	33.53(7.34)	27.91(6.39)	38.51(8.47)	31.75(6.88)	36.19(7.84)	29.49(5.59)	33.86(7.99)	27.30(6.56)
Schooling, years, mean (SD)	8.97(4.61)	7.07(4.61)	6.74(3.96)	5.96(3.64)	8.28(3.57)	7.12(3.26)	10.00(4.66)	9.09(4.36)	10.83(3.72)	10.30(3.63)	10.67(3.33)	9.51(3.15)
Persons living in household, mean (SD)												
Persons under age 5	0.65(0.66)		0.84(0.75)		0.86(0.70)		0.83(0.74)		1.07(0.74)		1.13(0.82)	
Persons age 5 to 14	1.02(1.10)		1.43(1.19)		1.36(1.27)		1.31(1.19)		1.13(1.18)		1.07(1.35)	
<u>Wealth-related outcomes</u>												
Surplus income (a), mean (SD)	-4.42(170.28)		-724.16(1322.81)		-97.36(306.40)		52.95(874.07)		-124.05(329.10)		-35.40(242.89)	
Satisfaction with present income												
	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>
Not at all satisfied	117	15.4	143	17.9	422	70.9	244	32.3	189	39.3	80	17.0
Less than satisfied	25	3.3	346	43.3	100	16.8	280	37.0	178	37.0	261	55.4
Rather satisfied	553	72.8	234	29.3	42	7.1	130	17.2	79	16.4	74	15.7
Fully satisfied	65	8.6	77	9.6	31	5.2	102	13.5	35	7.3	56	11.9
Self-reported monthly amount needed to live normally, mean (SD)												
	106.84(97.07)		2322.34(1153.83)		201.21(340.01)		239.59(287.54)		263.30(180.95)		197.49(186.07)	
Self-reported total earnings by family members in past month, mean (SD)												
	102.42(173.30)		1598.18(988.13)		105.69(154.06)		286.27(841.04)		140.59(292.64)		162.09(215.95)	
Will family live better or worse than today one year from now (aspirational wealth)												
	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>
Much worse	3	0.3	9	1.1		0.0	2	0.3	1	0.2	3	0.6
Somewhat worse	26	2.6	1	0.1	6	1.0	1	0.1	2	0.4	21	4.5
No change	118	11.9	48	6.0	110	18.4	8	1.1	18	3.7	146	31.1
Somewhat better	650	65.5	300	37.5	235	39.4	230	30.9	169	35.0	226	48.2
Much better	196	19.7	442	55.3	246	41.2	503	67.6	293	60.7	73	15.6
Self-rated wealth of family with poorest on 1st rung and wealthiest on 9th rung of ladder, mean (SD)												
	2.71(0.93)		4.59(1.09)		3.37(1.32)		4.88(1.66)		4.03(1.65)		3.92(1.42)	

(a) Surplus income is difference between family's monthly amount needed to live normally and cash earnings in last month

Table 2. Principal Components Analysis of 47 Items for Fixed Assets Index: Factor Loadings by FHWS Site

Items (a)	Ethiopia	Ghana	Malawi	Nigeria/Ife	Nigeria/ Ibadan	Uganda
Eigenvalue	4.89	3.27	4.78	2.87	3.40	4.28
Range of predicted score (min max)	(-3.92 9.78)	(-3.52 5.80)	(-2.67 17.44)	(-5.13 6.12)	(-4.10 11.06)	(-3.20 9.99)
<u>Water source</u>						
Source water piped into residence	0.27	0.42	0.2877	0.06	0.09	0.21
Source water piped into yard	-0.19	0.06	0.106	0.06	0.01	0.18
Source water is public tap	-0.12	-0.41	0.0084	0.06	-0.02	-0.06
Source water is in year open well/tubewell	-0.02	-0.02		-0.01	-0.02	
Source water is from public open well	-0.04	-0.03	-0.023	-0.05	0.00	-0.01
Source water is protected well	-0.03	0.01	0.0259	0.02		-0.02
Source water is spring	-0.05	-0.02	-0.0094	-0.10		-0.08
Source water is borehole	-0.01	0.00	-0.013	0.09	-0.03	0.01
Source water is from vendor	-0.05			0.00		
<u>Toilet type</u>						
Household uses private flush toilet	0.14	0.29	0.283	0.23	0.26	0.10
Household uses shared flush toilet	-0.03	0.20	0.1055	0.25	-0.01	0.04
Household uses traditional pit latrine	-0.09	-0.21	-0.2539	-0.10	-0.12	-0.19
Household uses vip pit latrine	0.20	-0.07	0.1185	-0.01	-0.02	0.17
Household uses bush/field for latrine	-0.13	-0.09	0.0309	-0.20	-0.06	
Household uses other for latrine	-0.02	-0.07		-0.03	0.06	
<u>Furnishings</u>						
Has bed	0.12	0.00	0.2085	0.21	0.24	0.14
Has table	0.08	-0.03	0.2067	0.24	0.27	0.21
Has chair	0.08	0.01	0.1949	0.23	0.26	0.19
Has dresser	0.26	0.13	0.173	0.18	0.20	0.23
Has refrigerator	0.29	0.24	0.2953	0.30	0.25	0.30
Has landline telephone	0.28	0.04	0.147	0.04	0.14	0.14
Has motorcycle	0.01	0.03	0.0626	0.04	0.03	0.06
Has bicycle	0.09	0.01	0.0468	0.02	0.07	0.13
Has car/truck	0.20	0.12	0.2488	0.26	0.26	0.29
Has horse cart	-0.01	0.00		0.03		0.15
Has generator	0.10	0.03	0.0744	0.29	0.27	0.20
<u>Wall materials</u>						
House wall is brick	0.17	-0.03	0.1865	0.11	-0.05	0.07
House wall is reinforced concrete	0.17	0.08	0.0685	0.13	0.13	0.07
House wall is wood	-0.05	-0.03		0.09	-0.02	0.03
House wall is clay	0.07	-0.09		-0.19	-0.11	0.10
House wall is tin/metal	0.01	-0.03		0.12	-0.08	0.13
House wall of other material	-0.14	0.00	-0.1962	0.00		-0.01
<u>Cooking fuel</u>						
Household cooking with electricity	0.32	-0.04	0.2683	0.23	0.13	0.10
Household cooking with gas	0.08	0.26		0.06	0.17	0.09
Household cooking with biogas	0.04	0.02		0.06	0.17	0.01
Household cooking with kerosene	0.13	-0.12	-0.0109	0.21	-0.22	0.01
Household cooking with coal	0.03	-0.20		-0.02	0.04	-0.02
Household cooking with charcoal	-0.08	-0.06	0.0692	-0.04	0.04	0.09
Household cooking with firewood	-0.20		-0.1794	-0.17	-0.02	0.01
Household cooking with dung	-0.14	0.03		-0.01		
Household cooking with other fuel type	0.02					
<u>Utilities and other</u>						
Household has electricity	0.10	0.11	0.3001	0.20	0.05	0.18
Household has water	0.27	0.39	0.2822	0.17	0.24	0.29
Household has hot water	0.20	0.05	0.1509	0.10	0.23	0.17
Household has storage room/basement	0.10	0.18	0.1148	0.19	0.27	0.27
Household has garage	0.14	0.12	0.0114	0.15	0.28	0.30
Couple owns house	0.19	0.14	-0.0669	0.08	0.07	0.19

(a) All items are dichotomously coded (1=have, 0=does not have)

(b) Blank cells indicate no households had item

Table 3. Principal Components Analysis of 34 Items for Middle Class Index: Factor Loadings by FHWS Site

Items (a)	Ethiopia	Ghana	Malawi	Nigeria/Ife	Nigeria/ Ibadan	Uganda
Eigenvalue	3.79	3.60	4.83	3.43	3.30	7.67
Range of predicted score (min max)	(-2.67 12.64)	(-1.57 18.15)	(-2.12 11.82)	(-4.90 7.88)	(-2.70 14.61)	(-9.3 23.64)
<u>Domestic electric items</u>						
Has a separate freezer	0.07	0.06	0.21	0.17	0.25	0.26
Has a microwave	0.15	0.15	0.18	0.09	0.23	0.29
Has food processor	0.21	0.19		0.02	0.21	0.32
Has washing machine	0.12	0.16	0.04	0.03	0.20	0.32
Has vacuum cleaner	0.02	0.08		0.02	0.02	0.29
<u>Electronics and communication</u>						
Has cassette player	0.05	0.17	0.06	0.24	0.14	0.06
Has CD player	0.17	0.19	0.14	0.18	0.13	0.12
Has DVD player	0.23	0.01	0.34	0.22	0.19	0.09
Has black and white TV	0.01	0.06	0.04	0.10	-0.02	0.18
Has color TV	0.26	-0.04	0.33	0.19	0.18	0.07
Has video cassette recorder	0.26	0.02	0.15	0.02	0.10	0.31
Has tape recorder	0.18	0.11	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.33
Has stereo sound system	0.06	0.11	0.21	0.11	0.08	0.18
Has camera	0.25	0.15	0.20	0.12	0.26	0.23
Has video camera	0.21	0.17	0.06	0.11	0.05	0.34
Has cell phone	0.13	-0.02	0.20	0.31	0.19	0.03
Has sewing machine	0.08	0.12	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.22
Has personal computer	0.27	0.18	0.19	0.10	0.29	0.19
Has Internet	0.14	0.11	0.10	0.06	0.30	0.02
Has TV cable/satellite	0.28	-0.01	0.23	0.06	0.27	0.04
Has security system	0.08	0.01	0.08	0.15	0.22	0.03
<u>Consumption/expenditure behaviors</u>						
Spent >\$2.5 <u>eating out</u> in last 7 days	0.19	0.30	0.14	0.26	0.10	-0.02
Spent >\$10 in last month on <u>clothes/shoes</u>	0.07	0.29	0.14	0.20	0.16	-0.01
Spent >\$10 in last month on daily <u>household items</u>	0.19	0.30	0.20	0.31	0.15	-0.01
Spent >\$5 in last month on <u>medicines</u>	0.07	0.30	0.14	0.28	0.09	0.01
Spent >\$10 in last month on <u>books, newspapers, school supplies and entertainment</u>	0.18	0.22	0.23	0.28	0.16	0.00
Spent >\$5 in last month on <u>other products and services</u>	0.12	0.24	0.05	0.25	0.13	-0.01
Spent >\$20 in last month on <u>child care</u>	0.13	0.26	0.24	0.10	0.10	0.00
Spent >\$15 in last 7 days on <u>food</u> (less amount spent eating out)	0.23	-0.25	0.20	0.10	0.13	0.00
Spent >\$10 in last month on <u>utilities</u>	0.28	-0.01	0.25	0.26	0.24	0.01
Paid any amount for <u>taxes</u> last year	0.23	0.26	0.20	0.19	0.15	-0.02
Household has <u>no debt</u>	0.01	-0.16	0.00	-0.05	-0.04	0.00
Household has <u>lent</u> any amount to others	0.05	0.11	0.07	0.13	0.14	-0.01
Household currently has <u>savings</u>	0.18	0.08	0.22	0.13	0.18	-0.01

(a) All items are dichotomously coded (1=have, 0=does not have)  
Blank cells indicate no households reported having item

Table 4. Correlations and Variable Inflation Factors (VIF) for fixed asset and middle class indices by FHWS site

Factors	Ethiopia		Ghana		Malawi		Nigeria/Ife		Nigeria/ Ibadan		Uganda	
	Corr with FA	VIF	Corr with FA	VIF	Corr with FA	VIF	Corr with FA	VIF	Corr with FA	VIF	Corr with FA	VIF
	Middle class index	0.704	2.11	0.177	1.08	0.764	2.85	0.414	1.20	0.745	2.23	0.435
Fixed asset index		2.08		1.04		2.44		1.25		2.24		1.35

Note: VIF from OLS regression of self-rated wealth on MC and FA indices, male years of schooling and number of children 0 to 4 and 5 to 14.



Table 5. Results of regressions of four wealth measures on middle class and fixed asset indices and control variables by FHWS site

Variables	Ethiopia		Ghana		Malawi		Nigeria/Ife		Nigeria/ Ibadan		Uganda	
	Coefficient	SE	Coefficient	SE	Coefficient	SE	Coefficient	SE	Coefficient	SE	Coefficient	SE
<b>Surplus income (a)</b>	n=988		n=798		n=583		n=715		n=497		n=488	
Middle class index	317.04	66.39	-61.86	20.80	669.17	1213.22	2601.1	281834.2	4190.56	1625.7	-14292.59	9121.71
Fixed asset index	66.31	57.37	67.98	20.22	436.48	1140.07	2397.0	313327.1	891.94	1601.9	56486.19	12685.57
Male years of schooling	50.09	21.89	51.00	9.59	1492.3	509.56	65.4	106686.3	169.22	125.93	1647.12	1073.48
Log_(Monthly need)	-1209.02	129.73	-2867.6	79.89	-25900.64	1737.44	5065.9	605734.0	-24408.01	2368.5	-322697.80	31254.68
# persons under 5	200.67	135.40	75.77	48.53	1117.2	2295.06	-2160.5	648171.4	734.8	2704.3	-9404.19	27496.29
# persons 5-14	-86.76	83.49	-42.64	30.83	2201.37	1303.98	1374.5	400176.9	-561.48	1705.9	2302.44	17351.38
Intercept	8162.00		21594.13		221552.30		-10512.7		230418.7		4008577.00	
F (df)	19.87 (6,981)		234.11		42.47		0.63 (6,708)		19.78		19.50	
p	0.000		0.000		0.000		0.708		0.000		0.000	
R-squared	0.108		0.637		0.307		0.005		0.195		0.196	
<b>Satisfaction with current income (b)</b>	n=981		n=798		n=595		n=709		n=481		n=472	
Middle class index	0.159	0.048	-0.172	0.040	0.137	0.061	0.011	0.040	0.075	0.071	-0.081	0.042
Fixed asset index	0.127	0.042	0.256	0.038	0.038	0.057	0.133	0.046	0.021	0.07	0.231	0.05
Male years of schooling	-0.022	0.016	0.004	0.017	0.067	0.028	-0.021	0.015	-0.001	0.006	0.004	0.004
# persons under 5	-0.074	0.097	-0.007	0.088	-0.095	0.133	0.076	0.095	-0.082	0.117	-0.140	0.106
# persons 5-14	-0.051	0.058	0.140	0.056	-0.063	0.074	-0.083	0.057	-0.162	0.073	-0.039	0.067
LR chi square (5)	59.55		56.15		16.75		13.13		7.88		23.97	
p	0.000		0.000		0.005		0.022		0.163		0.000	
Pseudo R-square	0.027		0.028		0.016		0.007		0.007		0.021	
<b>Aspirational wealth (b)</b>	n=984		n=798		n=597		n=744		n=483		n=475	
Middle class index	0.167	0.049	0.069	0.043	0.124	0.062	0.135	0.050	-0.073	0.082	0.083	0.055
Fixed asset index	0.001	0.044	0.170	0.042	0.055	0.064	0.259	0.061	0.249	0.081	0.273	0.051
Male years of schooling	0.024	0.016	0.056	0.019	0.087	0.025	-0.007	0.019	0.009	0.006	-0.003	0.004
# persons under 5	-0.098	0.103	-0.035	0.096	0.083	0.112	0.100	0.115	0.073	0.128	-0.103	0.105
# persons 5-14	-0.186	0.063	-0.061	0.061	-0.132	0.064	0.072	0.071	-0.065	0.08	-0.110	0.067
LR chi square (5)	38.48		34.10		52.98		45.91		15.95		46.36	

p	0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.007		0.00	
Pseudo R-square	0.020		0.023		0.041		0.046		0.020		0.039	
<b>Self-rated wealth</b> (a)	n=988		n=798		n=600		n=709		n=487		n=475	
Middle class index	0.084	0.019	0.055	0.021	0.144	0.033	-0.149	0.036	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.025
Fixed asset index	0.081	0.017	0.176	0.021	0.140	0.033	0.268	0.040	0.227	0.0057	0.235	0.035
Male years of schooling	0.044	0.006	-0.015	0.010	0.059	0.014	0.003	0.014	0.006	0.005	0.003	0.003
# persons under 5	-0.023	0.040	-0.033	0.050	-0.062	0.066	0.015	0.083	0.008	0.099	0.021	0.075
# persons 5-14	0.065	0.024	0.038	0.031	0.065	0.037	0.074	0.051	0.01	0.062	0.023	0.047
Intercept	2.261	0.077	4.66		2.85		4.80		3.92		3.81	
F (df)	66.53 (5, 982)		22.02 (5,793)		47.98 (5,594)		10.33		10.26		12.5	
p	0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000	
R-squared	0.253		0.122		0.288		0.069		0.096		0.118	

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Red font signifies statistical significance at  $p < .05$

( a ) Estimated with ordinary least squares regression

( b ) Estimated with ordinal logistic regression; cut-off points not shown

( c ) 2010 exchange rates for 1 USD as follows: Ethiopia 16.9 birr; Ghana 1.50 cedis; Malawi 150 kwachas; Nigeria 150 naira; Uganda 2275 shillings.