

Supplementary information

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1.0 GATHER compliance

Supplementary Table 1. Guidelines for Accurate and Transparent Health Estimates Reporting (GATHER) checklist

Item #	Checklist item	Reported in
Objectives and funding		
1	Define the indicator(s), populations (including age, sex, and geographic entities), and time period(s) for which estimates were made.	Main text: Precision public health and education, Main text: Methods
2	List the funding sources for the work.	Main text: Acknowledgements
Data Inputs		
<i>For all data inputs from multiple sources that are synthesized as part of the study:</i>		
3	Describe how the data were identified and how the data were accessed.	Main text: Methods (Analysis)
4	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria. Identify all ad-hoc exclusions.	Main text: Methods, Supplementary Information: 3.1 Data excluded from model
5	Provide information on all included data sources and their main characteristics. For each data source used, report reference information or contact name/institution, population represented, data collection method, year(s) of data collection, sex and age range, diagnostic criteria or measurement method, and sample size, as relevant.	Supplementary Information: Extended Data Table 1
6	Identify and describe any categories of input data that have potentially important biases (e.g., based on characteristics listed in item 5).	Main text: Methods
<i>For data inputs that contribute to the analysis but were not synthesized as part of the study:</i>		
7	Describe and give sources for any other data inputs.	Supplementary Information: 4.0 Supplementary covariates
<i>For all data inputs:</i>		
8	Provide all data inputs in a file format from which data can be efficiently extracted (e.g., a spreadsheet rather than a PDF), including all relevant meta-data listed in item 5. For any data inputs that cannot be shared because of ethical or legal reasons, such as third-party ownership, provide a contact name or the name of the institution that retains the right to the data.	Supplementary Information: Extended Data Table 1
Data analysis		

Item #	Checklist item	Reported in
9	Provide a conceptual overview of the data analysis method. A diagram may be helpful.	Main text: Methods (Analysis)
10	Provide a detailed description of all steps of the analysis, including mathematical formulae. This description should cover, as relevant, data cleaning, data pre-processing, data adjustments and weighting of data sources, and mathematical or statistical model(s).	Main text: Methods, Supplementary Information: 5.2 Geostatistical model
11	Describe how candidate models were evaluated and how the final model(s) were selected.	Main text: Methods (Model validation), Supplementary Information: 5.2 Geostatistical model, 5.3 Model validation
12	Provide the results of an evaluation of model performance, if done, as well as the results of any relevant sensitivity analysis.	Main text: Methods (Model validation), Supplementary Information: 5.2 Geostatistical model, 5.3 Model validation
13	Describe methods for calculating uncertainty of the estimates. State which sources of uncertainty were, and were not, accounted for in the uncertainty analysis.	Main text: Methods (Model validation), Supplementary Information: 5.2 Geostatistical model, 5.3 Model validation
14	State how analytic or statistical source code used to generate estimates can be accessed.	Available at http://ghdx.healthdata.org/lbd-data
Results and Discussion		
15	Provide published estimates in a file format from which data can be efficiently extracted.	Raster files for spatial data and CSVs of estimates available at
16	Report a quantitative measure of the uncertainty of the estimates (e.g., uncertainty intervals).	Supplementary Information: 5.2 Geostatistical model, 5.3 Model validation
17	Interpret results in light of existing evidence. If updating a previous set of estimates, describe the reasons for changes in estimates.	Main text: Persistent differences in educational attainment, Implications for international goals

Item #	Checklist item	Reported in
18	Discuss limitations of the estimates. Include a discussion of any modelling assumptions or data limitations that affect interpretation of the estimates.	Main text: Discussion, limitations and future work, Supplementary Information: 2.4 Limitations of a geographic perspective

2.0 Supplementary discussion

2.1 International aid and domestic policy

After years of deprioritization in the global aid portfolio, in 2016 aid to education reached its highest level since 2002¹. Despite this shift, only 22% of aid to basic education went to low-income countries in 2016 compared to 36% in 2002 (basic education defined as primary and lower-secondary)². This reflects a concerning and persistent pattern of the distribution of aid not aligning with the distribution of greatest need, even at the national level. Beyond international aid, domestic policy is also a critical tool for expanding access to education, especially at higher levels. In sub-Saharan countries such as Ghana, Burundi, Kenya, Malawi, the United Republic of Tanzania, or Uganda, primary enrollment rates increased dramatically after primary education fees were removed³. Most low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are now providing free primary education, but significant monetary obstacles remain in place for accessing secondary and tertiary education. Enrollment rates drop significantly in secondary school and tertiary due to tuition fees and other education costs (e.g., uniforms, school supplies, travel time)^{1,4}.

2.2 Relationship between education and health

Policy and intervention research has called for an increased focus on mapping the relationships between the different Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), such as the effect of educational levels and equity on the goals related to child growth failure and mortality^{2,5}. In determining risks to development during childhood, the educational attainment of mothers has been repeatedly identified as a critical factor associated with the quality of child care, survival, and healthy growth trajectories⁶⁻¹¹. This effect operates on the quality of care sought and attained during pregnancy and post-partum, as well as the quality of care for children through the duration of breastfeeding and healthcare-seeking when children are ill^{12,13}. Beyond an individual's education, a comprehensive multi-level study demonstrated that increases in the average educational attainment within communities are associated with improved nutrition and survival for all children in that community¹⁴. Gender inequality is also recognized for its impact on child undernutrition through women's control of their time, household income, and mental health. Around the world, girls are less likely than boys to attend and finish primary school and gender inequality in education inhibits national economic growth^{1,15-17}. This robust body of evidence, along with a pattern of inequitable distribution of aid, suggests that precision estimates of educational attainment and inequality therein will provide a powerful tool for advocates and policymakers to achieve cross-cutting progress towards the SDGs.

The SDGs related to education, child mortality, and child nutrition are all framed around the importance of equity in progress towards targets across dimensions such as geography and gender^{18,19}. Indicators such as under-5 mortality and stunting have seen dramatic improvement over the past few decades, but recent geospatial analyses find persistent disadvantage remains subnationally^{20,21}. The global health agenda is increasingly focused on precision public health

evidence illustrating the subnational distribution of disease and illness^{22,23}, but an agenda focused on equity for the future must integrate comparable evidence on the distribution of social determinants of health^{20,21,24}.

3.0 Supplementary data

We compiled a database of survey and census datasets that contained geocoding of subnational administrative boundaries or GPS coordinates for sampled clusters. These included datasets from 528 sources (see Supplementary Table 2). These sources comprised at least one data source for all but two countries on our list of LMICs: Western Sahara and French Guiana. We chose to exclude these two countries from our analysis. Of the included countries, 42 of 105 have only subnational administrative level data. We extracted demographic, education, and sample design variables. The coding of educational attainment varies across survey families. In some surveys, the precise number of years of attainment is not provided, with attainment instead aggregated into categories such as “primary completion” or “secondary completion”. In such cases, individuals who report “primary completion” may have gone on to complete some portion of secondary education, but these additional years of education are not captured in the underlying data set. Previous efforts to examine trends in mean years of education have either assumed that no additional years of education were completed (i.e., primary education only) or have used the midpoint between primary and secondary education as a proxy²⁵. Trends in the single-year data, however, demonstrate that such assumptions introduce bias in the estimation of attainment trends over time and space, as differences in actual drop-out patterns or binning schema can lead to biased mean estimates²⁶.

For this analysis, we employed a novel method that selects a training subset of similar surveys across time and space to estimate the unobserved single-year distribution of binned datasets²⁶. In comprehensive tests of cross-validation leveraging data where the single-year distribution is observed, this algorithmic approach significantly reduces bias in summary statistics estimated from datasets with binned coding schemes compared to alternatives such as the standard-duration method. The years in all coding schemes were mapped to the country- and year-specific references in the UNESCO International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) for comparability²⁷. We used a top coding of 18 years on all data; this is a common threshold in many surveys that have a cap and it is reasonable to assume that the importance of education for health outcomes (and other related SDGs) greatly diminishes after what is the equivalent of 2 to 3 years of graduate education in most systems.

Data were aggregated to mean years of education attained and the proportions achieving key levels of education. The levels chosen were proportion with zero years, proportion with less than primary school (1–5 years), proportion with at least primary school (6–11 years), and proportion achieving secondary school or higher (12 or more years). A subset of the data for a smaller age-bin (20–24 years) were also examined to more closely track temporal shifts. Equivalent age-bins were aggregated for both women and men in order to examine disparities in mean years of attainment by sex. Where GPS coordinates were available, data were aggregated to a specific

latitude/longitude assuming a simple-random-sample, as the cluster is the primary sampling unit for the stratified design survey families such as the Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) and Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS). Where only geography information was available at the level of administrative units, data were aggregated with appropriate weighting according to their sample design. Design effects were estimated using a package for analyzing complex survey data in R²⁸.

The data sources used to model educational attainment indicators are described in Supplementary Table 3. Supplementary Figures 1–5 display data availability for mean years of education in women 15–49 for 5 broad regions. Data sources are the same between all indicators.

Supplementary Table 2. List of countries included in analysis, stratified by Socio-Demographic Index, as published in the 2017 Global Burden of Disease Study

Low SDI	Low Middle SDI	Middle SDI	High Middle SDI
Afghanistan	Angola	Algeria	China
Bangladesh	Belize	Botswana	Iran
Benin	Bhutan	Brazil	Libya
Burkina Faso	Bolivia	Colombia	Malaysia
Burundi	Cambodia	Costa Rica	
Central African Republic	Cameroon	Cuba	
Chad	Cape Verde	Ecuador	
Comoros	Djibouti	Equatorial Guinea	
Côte d'Ivoire	Dominican Republic	Gabon	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Egypt	Indonesia	
Eritrea	El Salvador	Jamaica	
Ethiopia	Ghana	Jordan	
Guinea	Guatemala	Mexico	
Guinea-Bissau	Guyana	Mongolia	
Haiti	Honduras	Namibia	
Liberia	India	Panama	
Madagascar	Iraq	Paraguay	
Malawi	Kenya	Peru	
Mali	Kyrgyzstan	Philippines	
Mozambique	Laos	South Africa	
Nepal	Lesotho	Sri Lanka	
Niger	Mauritania	Suriname	
Papua New Guinea	Morocco	Syria	
Rwanda	Myanmar	Thailand	
Senegal	Nicaragua	Trinidad and Tobago	
Sierra Leone	Nigeria	Tunisia	
Somalia	Pakistan	Turkmenistan	
South Sudan	Palestine	Uzbekistan	
Tanzania	Republic of the Congo	Venezuela	
The Gambia	São Tomé and Príncipe	Vietnam	
Togo	Sudan		
Uganda	Swaziland		
Yemen	Tajikistan		
	Timor-Leste		

Zambia
Zimbabwe

Supplementary Table 3. Sources included in analysis

Country	Source Year	Source	Sample Size	Number of geo-positioned clusters	Number of polygons	GHDx ID*	In Last Paper
Afghanistan	2006	Country-specific	24,561	708	29	18468†	No
Afghanistan	2010	UNICEF MICS	45,191	914	34	56830	No
Algeria	2012	UNICEF MICS	84,574	1,909	7	210614	Yes
Angola	2001	UNICEF MICS	13,002	1,503	18	687	Yes
Angola	2007	DHS MIS	2,953	115	0	672	No
Angola	2015	DHS	27,806	625	0	218555	Yes
Bangladesh	2001	Country-specific	260,832	208	64	18920	No
Bangladesh	2001	Country-specific	5,517,658	466	457	105319	No
Bangladesh	2004	DHS	27,972	359	0	18902	No
Bangladesh	2006	UNICEF MICS	152,860	207	64	951	No
Bangladesh	2007	DHS	27,433	361	0	18913	No
Bangladesh	2011	DHS	42,205	600	0	55956	No
Bangladesh	2012	UNICEF MICS	118,561	208	64	151086	No
Bangladesh	2014	DHS	41,543	178	7	157021	No
Belize	2006	UNICEF MICS	3,730	30	6	1089	No
Belize	2011	UNICEF MICS	7,468	30	6	76699	No
Belize	2013	Country-specific	8,959	30	6	314646	No
Belize	2015	UNICEF MICS	9,457	30	6	264910	No
Benin	2002	Census	293,300	183	76	367347	No
Benin	2013	Census	447,851	183	76	367419	No
Benin	2001	DHS	30,417	247	0	18950	Yes
Benin	2006	DHS	90,650	0	12	18959	Yes
Benin	2011	DHS	88,174	750	0	79839	Yes
Bhutan	2005	Country-specific	43,911	47	0	1175†	No
Bhutan	2010	UNICEF MICS	33,300	59	20	40028	No
Bhutan	2017	Country-specific	6,748	61	20	394652†	No
Bolivia	2000	UNICEF MICS	8,718	1,317	3	1289	No
Bolivia	2001	Census	396,370	1,355	83	1362	No
Bolivia	2012	Country-specific	5,899	7	4	298261	No
Bolivia	2016	Country-specific	23,968	1,320	9	323944	No
Botswana	2000	UNICEF MICS	13,731	705	14	1404	Yes
Botswana	2001	Country-specific	2,946	645	21	22112	No
Botswana	2001	Census	86,820	707	22	294205	No
Botswana	2004	Country-specific	7,917	396	0	22114	No
Botswana	2008	Country-specific	8,932	395	0	22116	No
Botswana	2011	Census	109,473	707	22	294235	No
Botswana	2013	Country-specific	6,182	292	0	134753	No
Brazil	2000	Country-specific	10,749,064	12,841	5,217	1590†	No

Country	Source Year	Source	Sample Size	Number of geo-positioned clusters	Number of polygons	GHDx ID*	In Last Paper
Brazil	2000	Census	4,411,453	8,279	1,986	38230	No
Brazil	2001	Country-specific	205,512	10,108	27	1477	No
Brazil	2002	Country-specific	209,641	10,108	27	1488	No
Brazil	2002	Country-specific	92,617	10,108	27	33019	No
Brazil	2003	Country-specific	210,168	10,108	27	1489	No
Brazil	2004	Country-specific	217,623	10,108	27	1490	No
Brazil	2005	Country-specific	222,787	10,108	27	80311	No
Brazil	2006	Country-specific	223,835	10,108	27	93528	No
Brazil	2006	Country-specific	31,030	10,094	5	141948	No
Brazil	2007	Country-specific	217,841	10,108	27	93490	No
Brazil	2008	Country-specific	213,243	10,108	27	93487	No
Brazil	2009	Country-specific	217,307	10,108	27	93522	No
Brazil	2010	Census	5,271,618	11,345	2,424	105322	No
Brazil	2011	Country-specific	194,871	10,108	27	106724	No
Brazil	2012	Country-specific	195,575	10,108	27	156581	No
Brazil	2013	Country-specific	194,816	10,108	27	156583	No
Brazil	2014	Country-specific	193,934	10,108	27	238441	No
Brazil	2015	Country-specific	189,690	10,108	27	281548	No
Burkina Faso	1998	DHS	12,756	208	0	19076	Yes
Burkina Faso	2003	DHS	24,633	397	0	19088	Yes
Burkina Faso	2006	UNICEF MICS	15,521	195	0	1927	Yes
Burkina Faso	2006	Census	369,435	378	236	105403	Yes
Burkina Faso	2010	DHS	30,851	541	0	19133	Yes
Burkina Faso	2014	DHS MIS	7,968	248	0	188785	No
Burundi	2000	UNICEF MICS	9,127	39	17	1994	Yes
Burundi	2005	UNICEF MICS	17,948	39	17	1981	Yes
Burundi	2010	DHS	18,853	376	0	30431	Yes
Burundi	2012	DHS MIS	10,217	200	0	108080	No
Burundi	2016	DHS	33,115	552	0	286766	No
Cambodia	2000	DHS	30,583	470	0	19156	No
Cambodia	2000	Country-specific	14,003	226	24	282112	No
Cambodia	2001	Country-specific	13,979	224	23	2003	No
Cambodia	2005	DHS	34,841	548	0	19167	No
Cambodia	2008	Census	1,235,351	301	164	35329	No
Cambodia	2010	DHS	39,768	607	0	30379	No
Cambodia	2013	Country-specific	68,211	226	24	164729†	No
Cambodia	2014	DHS	37,278	611	0	157024	No
Cameroon	1998	DHS	11,735	553	10	19198	Yes
Cameroon	2000	UNICEF MICS	11,105	553	10	2053	Yes

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Cameroon	2005	Census	777,045	538	209	105800	Yes
Cameroon	2006	UNICEF MICS	19,018	753	191	2063	Yes
Cameroon	2014	UNICEF MICS	20,174	531	206	244455	No
Cameroon	2004	DHS	51,976	465	0	19211	Yes
Cameroon	2011	DHS	72,622	578	0	19274	Yes
Cape Verde	1998	CDC RHS	6,250	12	12	27511	No
Central African Republic	2000	UNICEF MICS	37,252	702	17	2209	Yes
Central African Republic	2006	UNICEF MICS	26,753	646	16	2223	Yes
Central African Republic	2010	UNICEF MICS	25,324	702	17	82832	Yes
Chad	2000	UNICEF MICS	11,572	1,462	15	2244	Yes
Chad	2004	DHS	12,476	1,466	9	19315	Yes
Chad	2010	UNICEF MICS	36,464	1,453	60	76701	Yes
Chad	2014	DHS	36,100	624	0	157025	Yes
China	2000	Census	6,651,846	13,159	339	294255	No
China	2004	Country-specific	25,747	13,014	31	120994†	No
China	2007	WHO	9,109	1,874	8	60405†	No
China	2007	Country-specific	38,195	13,014	31	111916†	No
China	2010	Country-specific	67,468	13,014	31	103981†	No
China	2010	Census	718,432,187	5,611	21	124067†	No
China	2010	Country-specific	20,110	6,579	25	283812	No
China	2011	Country-specific	14,064	333	98	397821†	No
China	2012	Country-specific	12,201	9,683	27	283815	No
China	2012	Country-specific	3,724	27	1	298372	No
China	2013	Country-specific	21,317	2,129	96	397820†	No
China	2014	Country-specific	8,650	8,789	26	283816	No
China	2015	Country-specific	21,931	404	132	394660†	No
Colombia	2000	DHS	24,498	673	23	19359	No
Colombia	2004	DHS	79,166	1,318	33	19324	No
Colombia	2005	Census	1,947,305	1,582	487	3029	No
Colombia	2007	Country-specific	29,141	1,321	33	3100†	No
Colombia	2009	DHS	56,658	2,695	0	21281	No
Colombia	2016	DHS	80,291	1,321	33	218566	No
Comoros	2000	UNICEF MICS	10,690	4	3	3114	No
Comoros	2012	DHS	10,567	242	0	76850	Yes
Costa Rica	2000	Census	204,185	104	63	3243	No
Costa Rica	2011	UNICEF MICS	11,092	63	7	125596	No
Costa Rica	2011	Census	236,795	104	64	227111	No

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Costa Rica	2015	Country-specific	19,812	64	6	238431	No
Côte d'Ivoire	1998	DHS	6,435	140	0	18531	Yes
Côte d'Ivoire	2000	UNICEF MICS	22,889	384	11	26444	Yes
Côte d'Ivoire	2005	DHS AIS	11,774	384	11	56148	No
Côte d'Ivoire	2006	UNICEF MICS	24,540	282	52	26433	Yes
Côte d'Ivoire	2011	DHS	21,963	341	0	18533	Yes
Côte d'Ivoire	2016	UNICEF MICS	24,602	384	11	218611	No
Cuba	2002	Census	598,939	142	15	3317	No
Cuba	2006	UNICEF MICS	16,311	137	4	3310	No
Cuba	2010	UNICEF MICS	17,589	143	15	60935	No
Cuba	2014	UNICEF MICS	16,451	137	4	169975	No
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2001	UNICEF MICS	24,791	2,717	11	3161	Yes
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2007	DHS	20,454	293	0	19381	Yes
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2010	UNICEF MICS	24,599	357	0	26998	Yes
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2013	DHS	34,666	492	0	76878	Yes
Djibouti	2006	UNICEF MICS	14,641	36	1	3404	Yes
Dominican Republic	1999	DHS	2,817	62	8	19431	No
Dominican Republic	2000	UNICEF MICS	8,399	75	30	27069	No
Dominican Republic	2002	DHS	51,429	76	32	19444	No
Dominican Republic	2002	Census	348,280	91	78	151296	No
Dominican Republic	2007	DHS	58,180	1,425	0	19456	No
Dominican Republic	2007	Country-specific	3,351	23	9	21198	No
Dominican Republic	2010	Census	483,543	97	83	151304	No
Dominican Republic	2013	DHS	20,581	524	0	77819	No
Dominican Republic	2013	Country-specific	3,881	114	0	165645	No
Dominican Republic	2014	UNICEF MICS	58,195	63	10	200697	No
Ecuador	1999	CDC RHS	14,095	279	21	27621	No
Ecuador	2001	Census	617,412	358	133	3549	No

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Ecuador	2004	CDC RHS	10,268	690	0	27630	No
Ecuador	2010	Census	725,472	360	140	105801	No
Egypt	2000	DHS	46,487	997	0	19511	Yes
Egypt	2003	DHS	24,597	924	0	19529	No
Egypt	2005	DHS	56,711	1,298	0	19521	Yes
Egypt	2006	Census	3,993,131	1,136	316	35578	Yes
Egypt	2008	DHS	47,652	1,244	0	26842	Yes
Egypt	2013	UNICEF MICS	16,026	27	6	159617	No
Egypt	2014	DHS	60,038	1,817	0	154897	Yes
El Salvador	1998	CDC RHS	12,634	22	9	27590	No
El Salvador	2007	Census	285,613	106	103	56476	No
El Salvador	2008	CDC RHS	12,008	32	14	27606	No
El Salvador	2014	UNICEF MICS	27,268	32	14	200636	No
Equatorial Guinea	2000	UNICEF MICS	8,312	35	7	3655	No
Eritrea	2002	DHS	18,464	148	6	19539	Yes
Ethiopia	2000	DHS	31,427	533	0	19571	Yes
Ethiopia	2004	Country-specific	79,637	1,302	10	34085†	No
Ethiopia	2005	DHS	29,557	528	0	19557	Yes
Ethiopia	2010	DHS	32,611	571	0	21301	Yes
Ethiopia	2014	Country-specific	6,537	1,340	11	153503	No
Ethiopia	2014	DHS	18,182	1,339	11	153507†	No
Ethiopia	2014	Country-specific	6,537	1,340	11	256175	No
Ethiopia	2015	Country-specific	6,753	1,340	11	256176	No
Ethiopia	2016	DHS	30,798	622	0	218568	Yes
Ethiopia	2007	Census	7,434,086	0	631	227133	Yes
Gabon	2000	DHS	13,727	298	40	19579	Yes
Gabon	2012	DHS	16,781	331	0	76706	Yes
Ghana	1998	DHS	9,909	400	0	19614	Yes
Ghana	2000	Census	883,037	329	110	38508	Yes
Ghana	2003	DHS	11,308	410	0	19627	Yes
Ghana	2006	UNICEF MICS	11,958	286	10	4694	Yes
Ghana	2007	Country-specific	9,651	338	338	21173	No
Ghana	2007	UNICEF MICS	23,387	129	4	160576†	Yes
Ghana	2008	DHS	20,747	404	0	21188	Yes
Ghana	2010	UNICEF MICS	2,689	5	0	56241	No
Ghana	2010	Census	1,217,176	366	169	151306	Yes
Ghana	2011	UNICEF MICS	19,387	741	0	63993	Yes
Ghana	2012	Country-specific	25,661	286	10	165101	No
Ghana	2014	DHS	18,917	423	0	157027	Yes

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Ghana	2016	DHS MIS	4,934	192	0	286788	No
Ghana	2017	DHS	49,231	897	0	218572	No
Guatemala	1998	DHS	6,021	136	8	19656	No
Guatemala	2008	CDC RHS	19,934	142	22	4779	No
Guatemala	2015	DHS	49,309	853	0	157031	No
Guinea	1999	DHS	13,663	293	0	19670	Yes
Guinea	2005	DHS	14,602	291	0	19683	Yes
Guinea	2012	DHS	17,351	300	0	69761	Yes
Guinea	2016	UNICEF MICS	19,426	294	8	303458	No
Guinea-Bissau	2006	UNICEF MICS	18,308	43	9	4818	Yes
Guinea-Bissau	2010	UNICEF MICS	8,642	44	9	27215	No
Guinea-Bissau	2000	UNICEF MICS	35,060	0	9	4808	Yes
Guyana	2000	UNICEF MICS	9,695	164	10	4916	No
Guyana	2005	DHS AIS	5,366	123	9	4837	No
Guyana	2006	UNICEF MICS	10,194	164	10	4926	No
Guyana	2009	DHS	9,819	312	0	21348	No
Guyana	2014	UNICEF MICS	10,795	250	0	200598	No
Haiti	2000	DHS	20,447	317	0	19708	No
Haiti	2003	Census	423,707	54	42	106473	No
Haiti	2005	DHS	20,550	332	0	19720	No
Haiti	2012	DHS	27,806	437	0	65118	No
Haiti	2016	Country-specific	27,683	450	0	218574	No
Honduras	2001	CDC RHS	8,362	122	16	27551	No
Honduras	2001	Census	284,269	184	111	367563	No
Honduras	2005	DHS	42,752	123	16	19728	No
Honduras	2011	DHS	48,459	1,127	0	95440	No
India	1998	DHS	262,816	3,212	440	19950	No
India	1999	Census	310,057	4,096	505	5294	No
India	2004	Country-specific	111,951	3,009	363	26919	No
India	2004	Census	317,120	4,157	582	152602	No
India	2005	DHS	275,927	3,982	29	19963	No
India	2007	Country-specific	240,192	3,629	34	80778†	No
India	2009	Country-specific	248,714	3,581	574	74309†	No
India	2009	Census	252,381	4,177	608	294537	No
India	2011	Country-specific	249,185	3,718	585	129718†	No
India	2014	Country-specific	177,150	4,226	624	225626†	No
India	2015	DHS	1,474,786	28,392	0	157050	No
Indonesia	2002	DHS	77,331	1,318	0	20011	No
Indonesia	2002	Country-specific	77,149	1,315	0	20040	No

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Indonesia	2005	Census	602,727	2,338	413	56573	No
Indonesia	2007	DHS	94,683	2,191	33	20021	No
Indonesia	2010	Census	12,982,214	2,450	492	56558	No
Indonesia	2012	DHS	97,326	2,191	33	76705	No
Indonesia	2014	Country-specific	518,893	2,283	444	165186†	No
Indonesia	2015	Country-specific	519,674	2,357	448	238332†	No
Indonesia	2016	Country-specific	531,330	2,366	449	282087†	No
Indonesia	2011	UNICEF MICS	5,324	51	3	104042	No
Indonesia	2011	UNICEF MICS	5,653	206	3	104043	No
Iran	2006	Census	758,931	2,404	332	39396	No
Iran	2011	Census	871,433	2,433	391	294570	No
Iran	2016	Country-specific	901,570	2,452	429	299134†	No
Iraq	2000	UNICEF MICS	45,695	599	18	7054	No
Iraq	2006	UNICEF MICS	55,760	609	18	7028	No
Iraq	2006	Country-specific	61,818	536	19	34524	No
Iraq	2011	UNICEF MICS	114,043	612	48	76707	No
Jamaica	2001	Census	100,631	19	14	39450	No
Jamaica	2002	CDC RHS	7,080	19	14	7161†	No
Jamaica	2005	UNICEF MICS	7,708	19	14	7149	No
Jamaica	2011	UNICEF MICS	9,769	19	14	141336	No
Jordan	2002	DHS	23,195	495	0	20073	No
Jordan	2007	DHS	42,395	926	0	20083	No
Jordan	2009	DHS	38,154	127	12	21206	No
Jordan	2012	DHS	41,999	806	0	77517	No
Kenya	1998	DHS	16,146	526	0	20132	Yes
Kenya	1999	Country-specific	1,343,800	6,590	0	153943	No
Kenya	2000	UNICEF MICS	19,071	870	0	7387	Yes
Kenya	2003	DHS	17,357	399	0	20145	Yes
Kenya	2005	Country-specific	31,005	1,339	0	7375†	No
Kenya	2007	Country-specific	14,698	385	0	133219	No
Kenya	2008	UNICEF MICS	30,220	590	0	7401	No
Kenya	2008	DHS	16,853	397	0	21365	Yes
Kenya	2009	Census	1,811,545	725	158	106512	No
Kenya	2010	Country-specific	6,442	119	0	157397	No
Kenya	2012	Country-specific	10,703	365	0	133304	No
Kenya	2014	DHS	66,501	1,584	0	157057	Yes
Kenya	2011	UNICEF MICS	11,479	264	0	135416	No
Kyrgyzstan	2005	UNICEF MICS	13,082	306	8	7540	No
Kyrgyzstan	2009	Census	316,765	334	56	106520	No

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Kyrgyzstan	2012	DHS	16,227	314	0	77518	No
Kyrgyzstan	2014	UNICEF MICS	13,897	307	9	162283	No
Laos	2000	UNICEF MICS	17,403	265	0	7618	No
Laos	2006	UNICEF MICS	15,400	300	0	7629	No
Laos	2011	UNICEF MICS	47,017	294	17	103973	No
Laos	2017	UNICEF MICS	51,897	294	18	375362	No
Lesotho	2000	UNICEF MICS	15,029	44	10	7721	No
Lesotho	2004	DHS	18,459	381	0	20167	Yes
Lesotho	2006	Census	94,211	81	63	367585	No
Lesotho	2009	DHS	21,326	395	0	21382	Yes
Lesotho	2014	DHS	19,132	399	0	157058	Yes
Liberia	2006	DHS	14,274	291	0	20191	Yes
Liberia	2008	Census	170,930	121	15	151310	Yes
Liberia	2011	DHS MIS	3,938	150	0	56828	No
Liberia	2013	DHS	19,878	322	0	77385	Yes
Liberia	2016	DHS MIS	4,113	150	0	286768	No
Libya	2007	Country-specific	64,609	1,034	22	107340†	No
Madagascar	2003	DHS	17,232	732	6	20223	Yes
Madagascar	2008	DHS	35,938	585	0	21409	Yes
Madagascar	2011	DHS MIS	8,154	266	0	69806	No
Madagascar	2016	DHS MIS	10,655	743	22	218580	No
Madagascar	2012	UNICEF MICS	15,556	127	0	125594	Yes
Malawi	1998	Census	459,872	246	211	40179	Yes
Malawi	2000	DHS	27,603	559	0	20252	Yes
Malawi	2004	DHS	24,770	520	0	20263	Yes
Malawi	2008	Census	626,890	260	225	40186	Yes
Malawi	2010	DHS	46,806	827	0	21393	Yes
Malawi	2012	DHS MIS	2,906	140	0	77387	No
Malawi	2013	UNICEF MICS	50,323	127	31	161662	Yes
Malawi	2013	LSMS	9,382	908	0	224223	No
Malawi	2015	DHS	50,488	850	0	218581	No
Malawi	2017	DHS MIS	3,809	148	0	286769	No
Malaysia	2000	Census	222,947	455	133	40785	No
Mali	1998	Census	397,809	1,140	243	40235	Yes
Mali	2001	DHS	586	1,023	9	20315	Yes
Mali	2006	DHS	29,011	405	0	20274	Yes
Mali	2009	Census	606,397	1,143	244	151311	Yes
Mali	2012	DHS	21,571	413	0	77388	Yes
Mali	2015	DHS MIS	7,758	177	0	218587	No

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Mauritania	2000	DHS	15,569	771	13	20322	Yes
Mauritania	2007	UNICEF MICS	23,792	709	197	8115	No
Mauritania	2011	UNICEF MICS	24,852	769	194	152783	Yes
Mauritania	2015	UNICEF MICS	26,627	771	13	267343	No
Mexico	2000	Country-specific	4,928,871	4,220	2,437	8634	No
Mexico	2002	Country-specific	1,078	442	152	8672	No
Mexico	2005	Country-specific	103,651	1,508	579	8618	No
Mexico	2005	Census	5,361,887	4,178	2,454	43776	No
Mexico	2006	Country-specific	71,412	2,492	32	23982	No
Mexico	2008	Country-specific	13,010	2,496	32	105286	No
Mexico	2009	Country-specific	180,372	2,493	32	24006	No
Mexico	2011	Country-specific	96,386	1,725	710	81748	No
Mexico	2011	Country-specific	9,655	2,162	26	105291	No
Mexico	2015	Census	5,788,035	4,139	2,447	294574	No
Mexico	2015	Country-specific	235,574	2,692	1,291	317752	No
Mexico	2016	Country-specific	10,664	375	0	316736	No
Mongolia	2000	Census	132,808	2,137	63	40796	No
Mongolia	2005	UNICEF MICS	15,003	2,113	22	8777	No
Mongolia	2008	Country-specific	3,575	3	1	125230	No
Mongolia	2010	UNICEF MICS	19,028	1,507	217	76704	No
Mongolia	2012	UNICEF MICS	3,639	190	23	189045	No
Mongolia	2013	UNICEF MICS	26,401	798	527	150866	No
Mongolia	2016	UNICEF MICS	4,221	190	23	335994	No
Morocco	2003	DHS	33,874	480	0	20361	Yes
Morocco	2004	Census	800,887	942	60	56492	Yes
Mozambique	2003	DHS	27,239	959	11	20394	Yes
Mozambique	2007	Census	878,780	1,109	337	227143	Yes
Mozambique	2011	DHS	25,659	609	0	55975	Yes
Myanmar	2000	UNICEF MICS	70,574	841	16	8932	No
Myanmar	2009	UNICEF MICS	70,639	841	17	90696†	No
Myanmar	2015	DHS	26,487	441	0	157061	No
Namibia	2000	DHS	14,459	259	0	20417	Yes
Namibia	2006	DHS	19,879	491	0	20428	Yes
Namibia	2013	DHS	19,929	549	0	150382	Yes
Nepal	2001	DHS	21,415	251	0	20450	No
Nepal	2006	DHS	20,203	260	0	20462	No
Nepal	2010	UNICEF MICS	14,449	93	24	39999	No
Nepal	2011	DHS	23,631	289	0	21240	No
Nepal	2014	UNICEF MICS	27,236	510	0	162317	No

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Nepal	2016	DHS	23,145	383	0	286782	No
Nicaragua	2001	DHS	28,775	224	132	20487	No
Nicaragua	2005	Census	262,017	193	93	56520	No
Nicaragua	2006	CDC RHS	14,116	226	140	9270	No
Nicaragua	2011	Country-specific	46,952	211	133	126952	No
Niger	1998	DHS	14,837	268	0	20537	Yes
Niger	2000	UNICEF MICS	11,040	1,123	8	9439	Yes
Niger	2006	DHS	17,754	1,123	8	20499	Yes
Niger	2012	DHS	21,903	1,123	8	74393	Yes
Nigeria	1999	UNICEF MICS	36,017	1,094	31	9506	No
Nigeria	2003	DHS	15,909	360	0	20567	Yes
Nigeria	2007	UNICEF MICS	54,390	1,097	37	9516	Yes
Nigeria	2007	Census	37,777	1,097	37	151312	Yes
Nigeria	2008	DHS	66,679	886	0	21433	Yes
Nigeria	2008	Census	37,202	1,097	37	151313	Yes
Nigeria	2009	Census	47,618	1,097	37	151314	Yes
Nigeria	2010	DHS MIS	12,546	239	0	30991	No
Nigeria	2010	Census	35,260	1,259	626	151315	No
Nigeria	2010	Census	34,232	1,097	37	151317	Yes
Nigeria	2011	UNICEF MICS	63,833	1,097	37	76703	No
Nigeria	2013	DHS	75,764	889	0	77390	Yes
Nigeria	2015	DHS MIS	15,673	322	0	218590	No
Nigeria	2016	UNICEF MICS	67,553	2,150	0	218613	No
Pakistan	1998	Country-specific	2,481	1,162	7	9658†	No
Pakistan	1998	Census	5,975,006	1,036	27	41099	No
Pakistan	2001	Country-specific	14,368	1,124	6	9720†	No
Pakistan	2006	DHS	33,089	956	0	20595	No
Pakistan	2011	UNICEF MICS	298,466	337	145	104236	No
Pakistan	2012	DHS	46,512	1,109	6	77521	No
Pakistan	2014	UNICEF MICS	121,646	297	36	236266	No
Pakistan	2017	DHS	40,066	995	123	286783	No
Palestine	2004	Country-specific	15,337	9	2	20596†	No
Palestine	2010	UNICEF MICS	39,814	18	16	125591	No
Palestine	2014	UNICEF MICS	28,366	18	16	161590	No
Panama	2000	Census	149,425	105	38	40907	No
Panama	2010	Census	179,003	106	39	106529	No
Panama	2013	UNICEF MICS	18,960	90	12	161587	No
Papua New Guinea	2000	Country-specific	2,569,236	549	20	58191†	No

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Papua New Guinea	2000	Census	257,478	589	87	367640	No
Papua New Guinea	2006	DHS	22,344	654	0	44870†	No
Paraguay	2002	Census	250,883	524	96	227167	No
Paraguay	2016	UNICEF MICS	15,317	476	9	324470	No
Peru	2000	DHS	62,235	1,408	0	20649	No
Peru	2003	DHS	69,409	1,409	0	275090	No
Peru	2007	Census	1,456,206	1,609	175	41267	No
Peru	2009	DHS	51,622	1,131	0	270404	No
Peru	2010	DHS	49,849	1,536	24	270469	No
Peru	2011	DHS	48,474	1,536	24	270470	No
Peru	2012	DHS	51,269	1,536	24	270471	No
Peru	2013	DHS	48,677	1,536	24	146860	No
Peru	2013	DHS	48,731	1,535	25	210231	No
Peru	2014	DHS	52,859	1,536	24	209930	No
Peru	2014	DHS	52,867	1,241	0	210182	No
Philippines	1998	DHS	31,562	386	82	20683	No
Philippines	2000	Census	3,613,086	1,291	1,235	41296	No
Philippines	2003	DHS	30,571	815	0	20699	No
Philippines	2008	DHS	30,285	789	0	21421	No
Philippines	2010	Census	4,900,544	1,355	1,308	367607	No
Philippines	2013	DHS	35,860	350	17	142943	No
Philippines	2017	DHS	56,473	1,212	0	337877	No
Republic of the Congo	2005	DHS	15,007	406	12	19391	Yes
Republic of the Congo	2009	DHS AIS	13,363	406	12	3133	No
Republic of the Congo	2011	DHS	22,063	406	12	56151	Yes
Republic of the Congo	2014	UNICEF MICS	22,785	369	11	234733	No
Rwanda	2000	DHS	20,023	36	12	20722	Yes
Rwanda	2000	UNICEF MICS	9,450	36	12	26930	Yes
Rwanda	2002	Census	364,889	107	104	42432	Yes
Rwanda	2005	DHS	21,280	456	0	20740	Yes
Rwanda	2010	DHS	25,859	492	0	56040	Yes
Rwanda	2011	Country-specific	3,448	31	5	56426	No
Rwanda	2012	DHS MIS	5,118	31	5	77391	No
Rwanda	2012	Census	477,969	41	29	367645	No
Rwanda	2014	DHS	25,563	492	0	157063	Yes
Rwanda	2017	DHS MIS	5,008	43	30	350836	No

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São Tomé and Príncipe	2000	UNICEF MICS	6,352	4	4	27055	Yes
São Tomé and Príncipe	2008	DHS	5,807	7	7	26866	Yes
São Tomé and Príncipe	2014	UNICEF MICS	5,811	7	7	214640	Yes
Senegal	1999	DHS	17,188	165	10	20786	No
Senegal	2000	UNICEF MICS	25,780	241	10	27044	Yes
Senegal	2002	Census	471,859	254	34	43142	Yes
Senegal	2005	DHS	28,417	366	0	26855	Yes
Senegal	2006	DHS MIS	6,639	243	11	11516	No
Senegal	2009	DHS MIS	19,297	319	0	11540	No
Senegal	2010	DHS	30,888	385	0	56063	Yes
Senegal	2012	DHS	17,231	200	0	111432	Yes
Senegal	2014	DHS	15,876	197	0	191270	Yes
Senegal	2015	DHS	16,637	214	0	218592	Yes
Senegal	2016	DHS	16,567	214	0	286772	Yes
Sierra Leone	2000	UNICEF MICS	10,764	86	4	11639	Yes
Sierra Leone	2004	Census	234,719	136	100	11661	Yes
Sierra Leone	2005	UNICEF MICS	18,478	93	14	11649	No
Sierra Leone	2008	DHS	15,720	350	0	21258	Yes
Sierra Leone	2010	UNICEF MICS	29,820	93	14	76700	Yes
Sierra Leone	2013	DHS	31,760	435	0	131467	Yes
Sierra Leone	2016	DHS MIS	8,463	93	14	286773	No
Somalia	2006	UNICEF MICS	13,529	751	18	11774	Yes
Somalia	2011	UNICEF MICS	11,969	245	0	91507	Yes
Somalia	2011	UNICEF MICS	10,782	276	0	91508	No
South Africa	1998	Country-specific	41,551	1,609	9	12105	No
South Africa	1998	DHS	23,502	1,609	9	20796	Yes
South Africa	2001	Census	24,330,578	1,785	354	12144†	No
South Africa	2001	Census	1,994,695	1,635	53	43152	Yes
South Africa	2002	Country-specific	53,175	1,609	9	115481	No
South Africa	2003	Country-specific	68,433	1,609	9	11787	No
South Africa	2004	Country-specific	51,149	1,609	9	11788	No
South Africa	2005	Country-specific	55,627	1,609	9	11789	No
South Africa	2006	Country-specific	55,213	1,609	9	115486	No
South Africa	2007	Country-specific	56,909	1,609	9	11790	No
South Africa	2007	Census	500,790	1,632	52	43158	Yes
South Africa	2008	Country-specific	49,139	1,609	9	115488	No
South Africa	2009	Country-specific	48,561	1,609	9	115489	No
South Africa	2010	Country-specific	49,421	1,609	9	115490	No

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South Africa	2011	Census	2,332,162	1,631	52	227194	Yes
South Africa	2013	Country-specific	40,494	1,609	9	162652	No
South Africa	2014	Country-specific	45,845	1,609	9	238485	No
South Africa	2016	DHS	19,156	741	0	157064	No
South Africa	2016	Country-specific	1,699,197	1,718	212	280803	No
South Africa	2016	Country-specific	36,984	1,609	9	317089	No
South Sudan	2010	UNICEF MICS	20,531	748	10	32189	No
Sudan	2008	Census	542,765	0	72	106548	Yes
Sudan	2000	UNICEF MICS	65,449	2,257	16	12243	No
Sudan	2008	Census	2,253,065	2,291	126	43167	No
Sudan	2010	UNICEF MICS	35,181	2,244	15	153643	No
Sudan	2014	UNICEF MICS	40,931	2,272	18	200617	No
Suriname	1999	UNICEF MICS	8,736	118	10	12280	No
Suriname	2010	UNICEF MICS	13,479	118	10	81203	No
Swaziland	2000	UNICEF MICS	10,177	24	4	12320	Yes
Swaziland	2006	DHS	9,941	270	0	20829	Yes
Swaziland	2010	UNICEF MICS	9,150	24	4	30325	Yes
Swaziland	2014	UNICEF MICS	9,597	24	4	200707	No
Tajikistan	1999	Country-specific	4,961	213	5	12455	No
Tajikistan	2000	UNICEF MICS	12,421	213	5	12595	No
Tajikistan	2005	UNICEF MICS	20,685	213	5	12608	No
Tajikistan	2007	Country-specific	14,866	261	0	12584	No
Tajikistan	2012	DHS	18,876	343	0	74460	No
Tajikistan	2017	DHS	21,576	365	0	341838	No
Tanzania	1999	DHS	8,217	173	0	20865	Yes
Tanzania	2002	Census	1,719,577	1,112	129	43212	Yes
Tanzania	2003	DHS AIS	14,167	345	0	12630	No
Tanzania	2004	DHS	21,513	1,061	26	20875	Yes
Tanzania	2008	DHS AIS	18,901	466	0	12644	No
Tanzania	2009	DHS	20,629	458	0	21331	Yes
Tanzania	2011	DHS AIS	21,950	573	0	77395	No
Tanzania	2012	Census	2,054,046	1,129	169	294725	No
Tanzania	2015	DHS	27,670	608	0	218593	Yes
Thailand	2000	Census	347,465	659	76	43231	No
Thailand	2005	UNICEF MICS	70,730	623	4	12732	No
Thailand	2012	UNICEF MICS	42,441	623	5	148649	No
Thailand	2015	UNICEF MICS	49,442	623	5	296646	No
Thailand	2016	UNICEF MICS	5,804	2	1	331377	No
The Gambia	2000	UNICEF MICS	10,047	17	7	3922	Yes

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The Gambia	2010	UNICEF MICS	22,549	13	5	91506	No
The Gambia	2013	DHS	19,751	36	36	77384	Yes
Timor-Leste	2001	Country-specific	1,411	3	2	12863	No
Timor-Leste	2003	DHS	10,749	379	92	20888†	No
Timor-Leste	2009	DHS	27,914	23	13	21274	No
Timor-Leste	2016	DHS	26,425	455	0	286785	No
Togo	2000	UNICEF MICS	24,485	0	30	12886	Yes
Togo	1998	DHS	17,777	287	0	20909	Yes
Togo	2006	UNICEF MICS	13,862	70	6	12896	Yes
Togo	2010	UNICEF MICS	13,214	70	6	40021	Yes
Togo	2013	DHS	19,238	330	0	77515	Yes
Trinidad and Tobago	2000	Census	59,322	16	15	294806	No
Trinidad and Tobago	2006	UNICEF MICS	10,000	15	15	12950	No
Trinidad and Tobago	2011	Census	60,902	16	15	294807	No
Trinidad and Tobago	2011	UNICEF MICS	9,016	8	5	332558	No
Tunisia	2011	UNICEF MICS	20,596	223	9	76709	Yes
Turkmenistan	2006	UNICEF MICS	13,859	709	6	13064	No
Turkmenistan	2015	UNICEF MICS	15,019	709	6	264583	No
Uganda	2000	DHS	14,120	270	0	20993	Yes
Uganda	2002	Country-specific	1,087,339	318	161	43328	Yes
Uganda	2004	DHS AIS	20,039	256	55	13084†	No
Uganda	2006	DHS	16,206	336	0	21014	Yes
Uganda	2011	DHS AIS	20,707	470	0	55973	No
Uganda	2011	DHS	18,266	400	0	56021	Yes
Uganda	2014	DHS MIS	5,227	208	0	157065	No
Uganda	2016	DHS	36,805	685	0	286780	No
Uzbekistan	2000	UNICEF MICS	15,464	678	5	13436	No
Uzbekistan	2002	Country-specific	11,457	218	0	21039	No
Uzbekistan	2006	UNICEF MICS	28,484	678	6	13445	No
Venezuela	2001	Census	1,216,987	1,130	237	43412	No
Vietnam	1999	Census	1,277,625	429	61	43718	No
Vietnam	2000	UNICEF MICS	18,652	403	8	13708	No
Vietnam	2002	DHS	17,216	273	41	21058	No
Vietnam	2004	Country-specific	18,657	431	64	13693†	No
Vietnam	2005	DHS AIS	14,631	431	64	13544	No
Vietnam	2006	UNICEF MICS	20,230	405	8	13719	No
Vietnam	2009	Census	8,192,555	827	673	43726	No

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Vietnam	2010	UNICEF MICS	24,102	226	6	57999	No
Vietnam	2013	UNICEF MICS	20,342	508	508	152735	No
Yemen	2006	UNICEF MICS	11,917	175	21	13816	Yes
Yemen	2012	Country-specific	62,650	165	19	249499	No
Yemen	2013	DHS	55,227	175	21	112500	No
Zambia	1999	UNICEF MICS	18,627	892	70	14122	No
Zambia	2000	Country-specific	459,953	968	150	151325	Yes
Zambia	2001	DHS	519	896	9	21102	Yes
Zambia	2002	DHS	11,048	929	72	27898†	No
Zambia	2007	DHS	14,922	319	0	21117	No
Zambia	2010	Country-specific	579,018	968	150	151326	Yes
Zambia	2013	DHS	34,371	719	0	77516	Yes
Zimbabwe	1999	DHS	12,204	221	0	21151	Yes
Zimbabwe	2005	DHS	18,798	396	0	21163	Yes
Zimbabwe	2009	UNICEF MICS	23,995	486	10	35493	Yes
Zimbabwe	2010	DHS	17,967	393	0	55992	Yes
Zimbabwe	2012	Census	312,911	537	88	367747	No
Zimbabwe	2014	UNICEF MICS	29,221	486	10	152720	Yes
Zimbabwe	2015	DHS	19,947	400	0	157066	Yes

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† Data source is not publicly available due to restrictions by the data provider and was used under license for the current study.

3.1 Data excluded from model

Select data sources that were identified to contain years of education within the geographic area of interest were excluded for the following reasons: missing survey weights for areal data, missing gender variable, incomplete sampling (e.g., only a specific age range), high rates of missingness in education variables, implausible education data values, or untrustworthy data (as determined by the survey administrator or by inspection). This source was removed due to implausibly high educational attainment values around the capital city and expert opinion regarding the quality of the data. Within each source, administrative units with a sample size of one were excluded. We define high missingness as 50% of respondents missing a response for the relevant education variable. A survey was determined to have an implausible value if its spread of data for any indicator modelled was highly disparate from other surveys in the same location and similar years. A source identified for exclusion was excluded for all indicator and all age-sex combinations. All exclusions are listed in Supplementary Table 4.

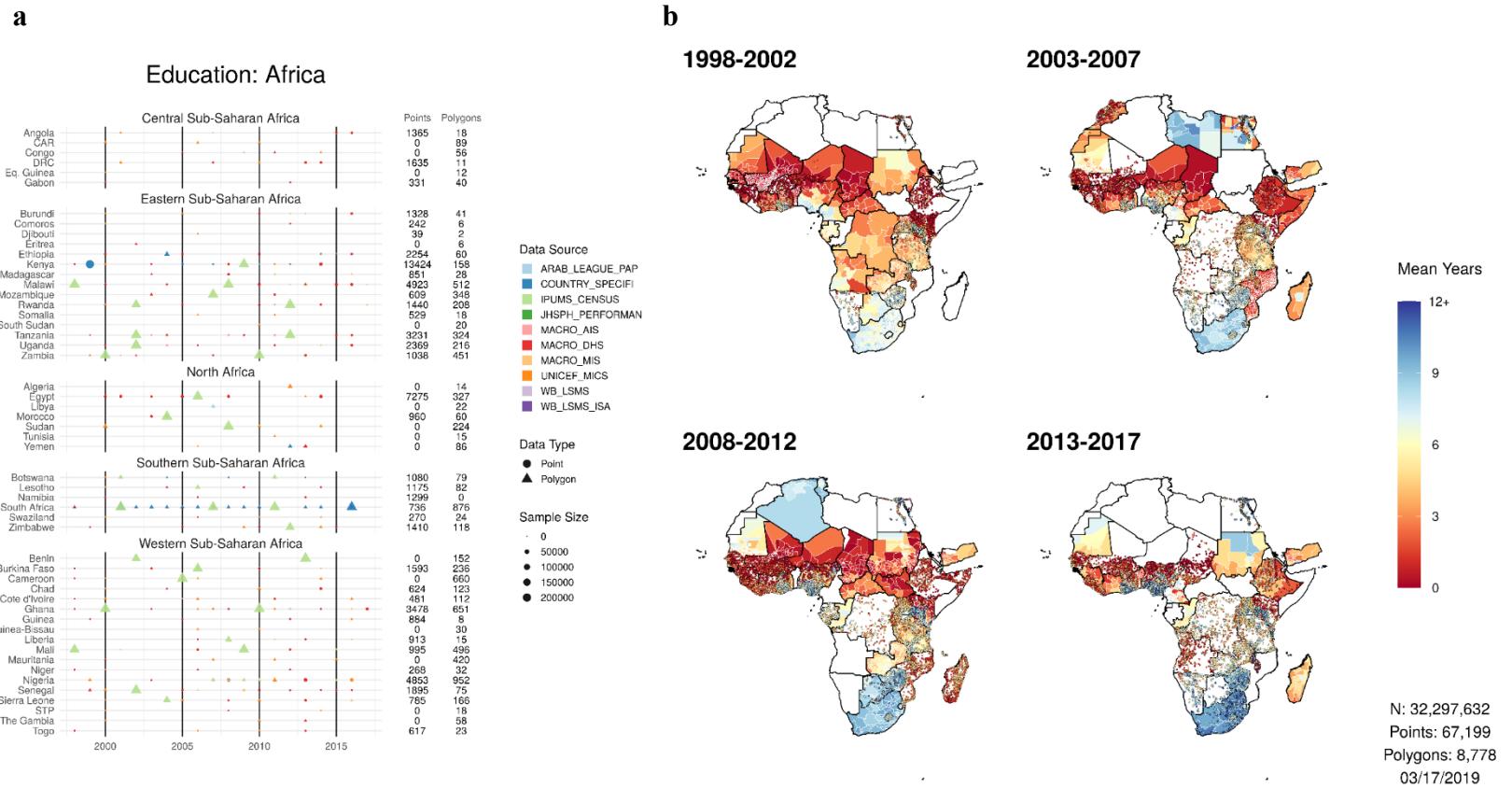
Supplementary Table 4. Excluded sources

Country	Source	Year	Reason for Exclusion	GHDx ID*
All	Gallup World Poll	1998–2017	Non-representative below national level	367574
All	ISSP	1998–2017	Survey dates unclear, not usable	142405
All	Afrobarometer	1998–2017	Very small sample sizes, non-representative	340004
All	Eurobarometer	1998–2017	No stage 1 or 2 country data	96291
All	WHS	1998–2017	Geographic data unusable	542
Bhutan	Bhutan Census	2005	Dropped for missingness in indicator responses	1175
Brazil	National Health Survey	2013	Dropped for missing weights	195010
Cambodia	IPUMS Census	1998	Small sample size, indicator measures not consistent with rest of data	35322
Cambodia	IPUMS Census	2008	Small sample size, indicator measures not consistent with rest of data	35329
Cambodia	Intercensal Pop Survey	2004	Small sample size, indicator measures not consistent with rest of data	2002
Cambodia	Labor Force Survey	2000	Mean educational attainment estimates unrealistically high	282112
Cambodia	IPUMS Census	1998	Zero proportion estimate unrealistically high	35322
China	WB STEP Household Survey	2012	Dropped for missing weights	298372
China	IPUMS Census	2000	Mean educational attainment estimates unrealistically low	294255
Ethiopia	IPUMS Census	2007	Dropped for missingness in indicator responses	227133
Ethiopia	PMA	2014	Extremely small sample size, indicator estimates non-representative/missingness in indicator responses	153503
Ethiopia	PMA	2014	Extremely small sample size, indicator estimates non-representative	256175
Ethiopia	PMA	2015	Extremely small sample size, indicator estimates non-representative	256176
India	Longitudinal Aging Study	2010	Dropped for missing weights	174154

Country	Source	Year	Reason for Exclusion	GHDx ID*
India	District Level Household Survey	2007	Dropped for missingness in indicator responses	23258
India	Global Adult Tobacco Survey	2009	Mean educational attainment estimates unrealistically high	21988
India	District Level Household Survey	2012	Mean educational attainment estimates unrealistically low	165390
India	District Level Household Survey	2012	Dropped for incomplete age ranges	165390
Indonesia	IPUMS Census	2000	Zero proportion/NA estimate unrealistically high	56554
Indonesia	UNICEF MICS	2000	Missingness in education variable	27009
Iraq	Socioeconomic Survey	2012	Dropped for missingness in indicator responses	235348
Kenya	UNICEF MICS	2007	Small sample size, indicator measures not consistent with rest of data	155335
Kenya	Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey	2012	Dropped for incomplete age ranges	133304
Kenya	Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey	2007	Dropped for incomplete age ranges	133219
Kyrgyzstan	WB LSMS	1998	Dropped for missingness in indicator responses	45989
Kyrgyzstan	IPUMS Census	1999	Dropped for missingness in indicator responses	39466
Kyrgyzstan	UNICEF MICS	2014	Dropped for missing weights	162283
Laos	UNICEF MICS	2006	Mean educational attainment estimates unrealistically high	7629
Madagascar	UNICEF MICS	2012	Dropped for missingness in indicator responses	125594
Malawi	WB LSMS	2013	Inconsistent w/ Country's time trend	224223
Mexico	Mexico National Addiction Survey	2002	Dropped for incomplete age ranges	8672
Mexico	IPUMS Census	2005	Dropped for incomplete age ranges	43776
Mexico	Mexico National Addiction Survey	2008	Dropped for incomplete age ranges	105286
Mexico	Income and Household Expenditure Survey	2010	Mean educational attainment estimates unrealistically low	93321
Nigeria	Household School and Health Facility Survey	2005	Mean educational attainment estimates unrealistically low	50393

Country	Source	Year	Reason for Exclusion	GHDx ID*
Palestine	IPUMS Census	2007	Dropped for missing weights	41088
South Sudan	IPUMS Census	2008	Dropped for missingness in indicator responses	106548
Swaziland	UNICEF MICS	2000	Mean educational attainment estimates unrealistically high	12320
Tanzania	WB LSMS	2010	Inconsistent w/ Country's time trend	93807
Turkmenistan	UNICEF MICS	2015	Dropped for missing weights	264583
Vietnam	WB LSMS	2004	Mean educational attainment estimates unrealistically low	13693

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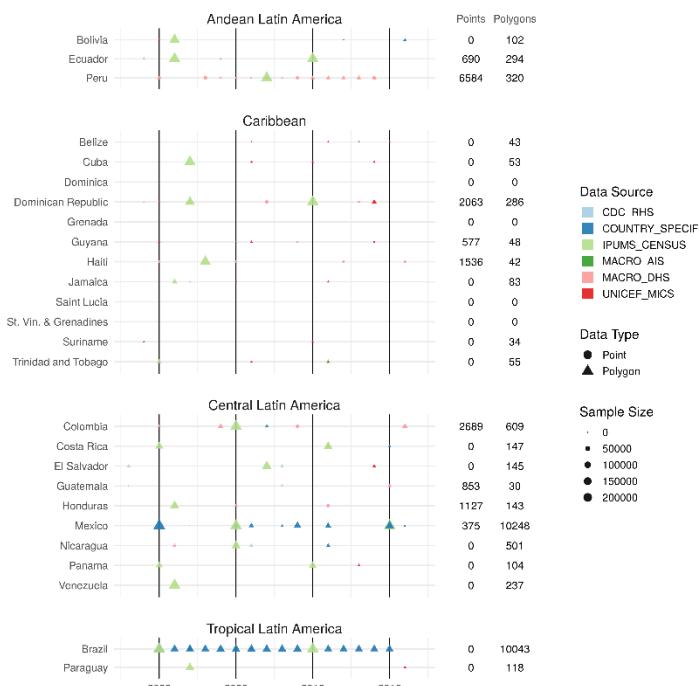


Supplementary Figure 1. Education data availability in Africa by type and country for women ages 15–49, 1998–2017

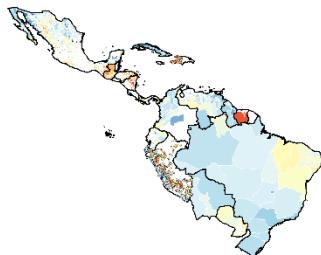
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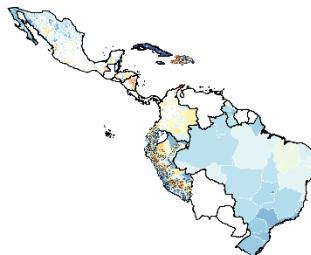
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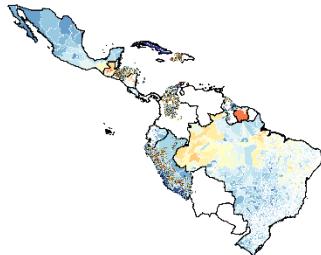
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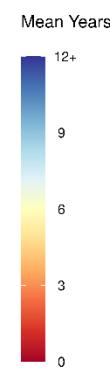
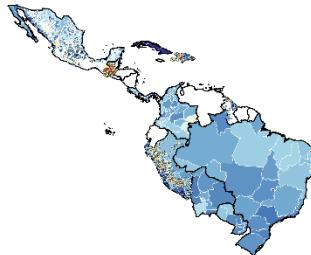
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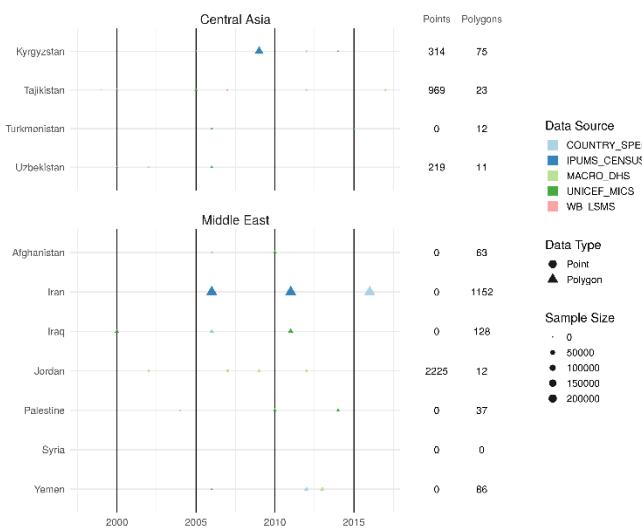
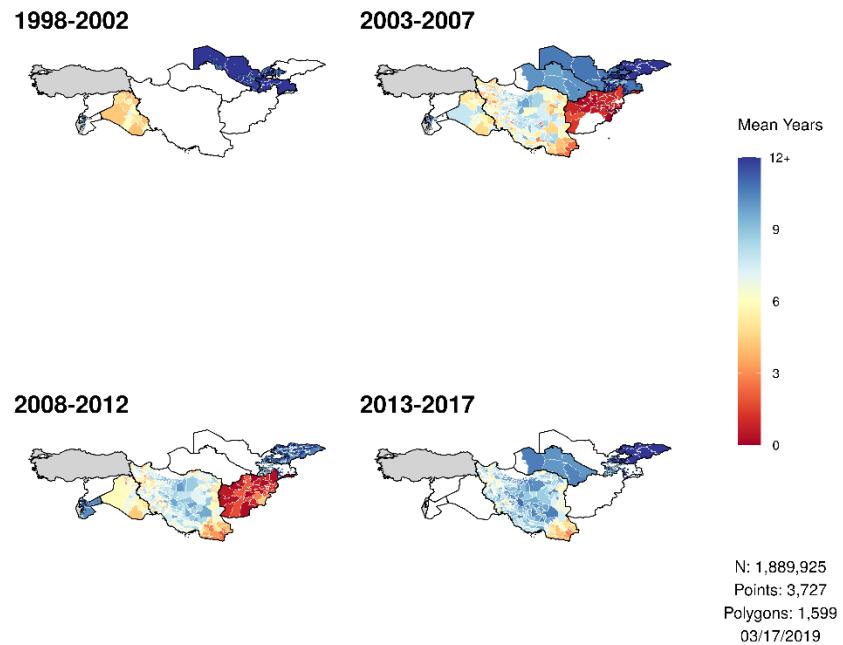
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Supplementary Figure 2. Education data availability in Latin America and the Caribbean by type and country for women ages 15–49, 1998–2017

Data are shown by country and year of survey and mapped at their corresponding geopositioned coordinate or area. The total number of points and polygons (areal) for each country are plotted by data source, type, and sample size (a). Sample size represents the number of individual microdata records for each survey. Mean years of attainment for the input coordinate or area are mapped (b). This database consists of 16,494 clusters and 23,685 polygons.

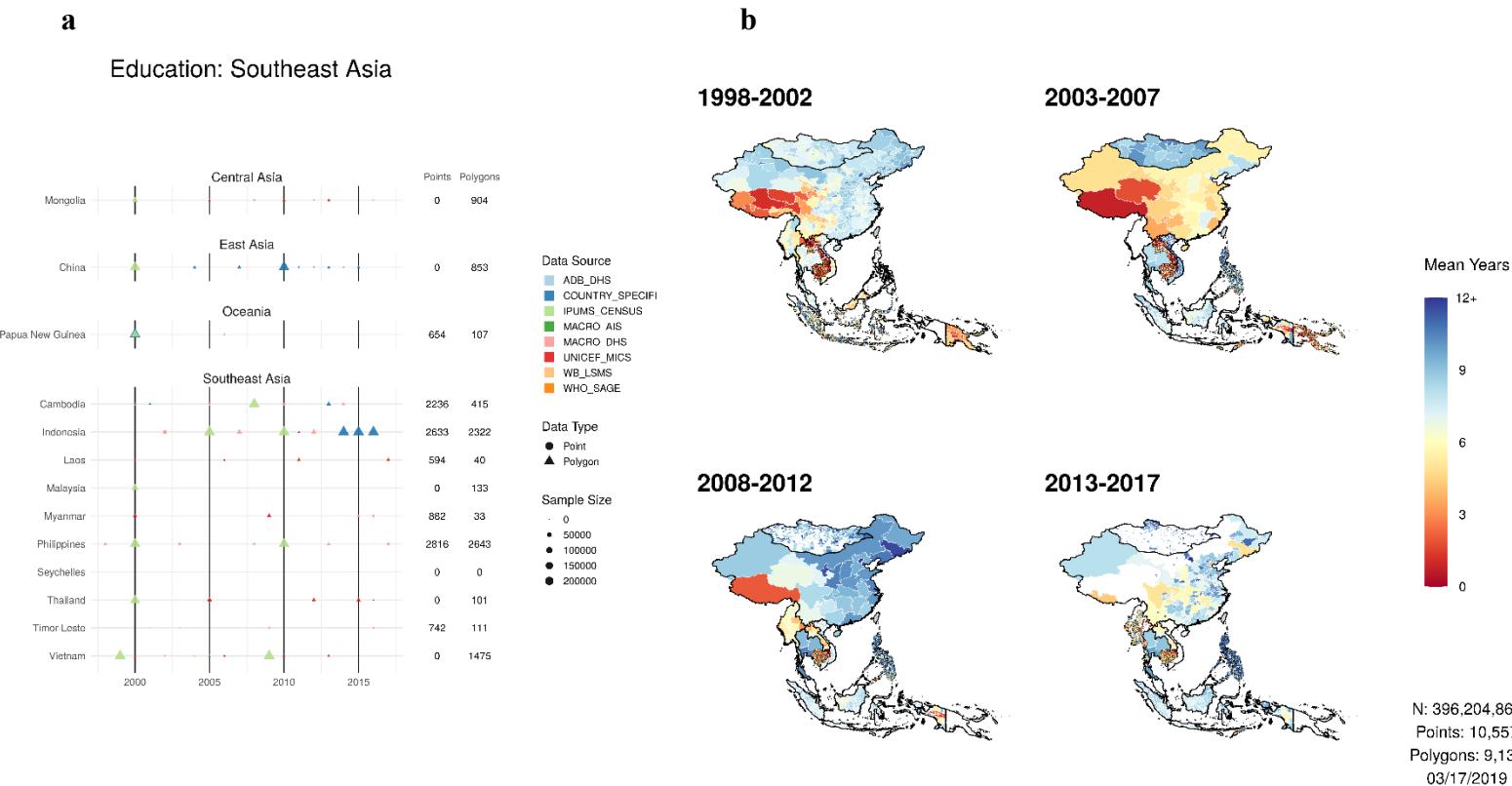
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Education: Middle East and Central Asia

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Supplementary Figure 3. Education data availability in the Middle East and Central Asia by type and country for women ages 15–49, 1998–2017

Data are shown by country and year of survey and mapped at their corresponding geopositioned coordinate or area. The total number of points and polygons (areal) for each country are plotted by data source, type, and sample size (a). Sample size represents the number of individual microdata records for each survey. Mean years of attainment for the input coordinate or area are mapped (b). This database consists of 3,727 clusters and 1,599 polygons.



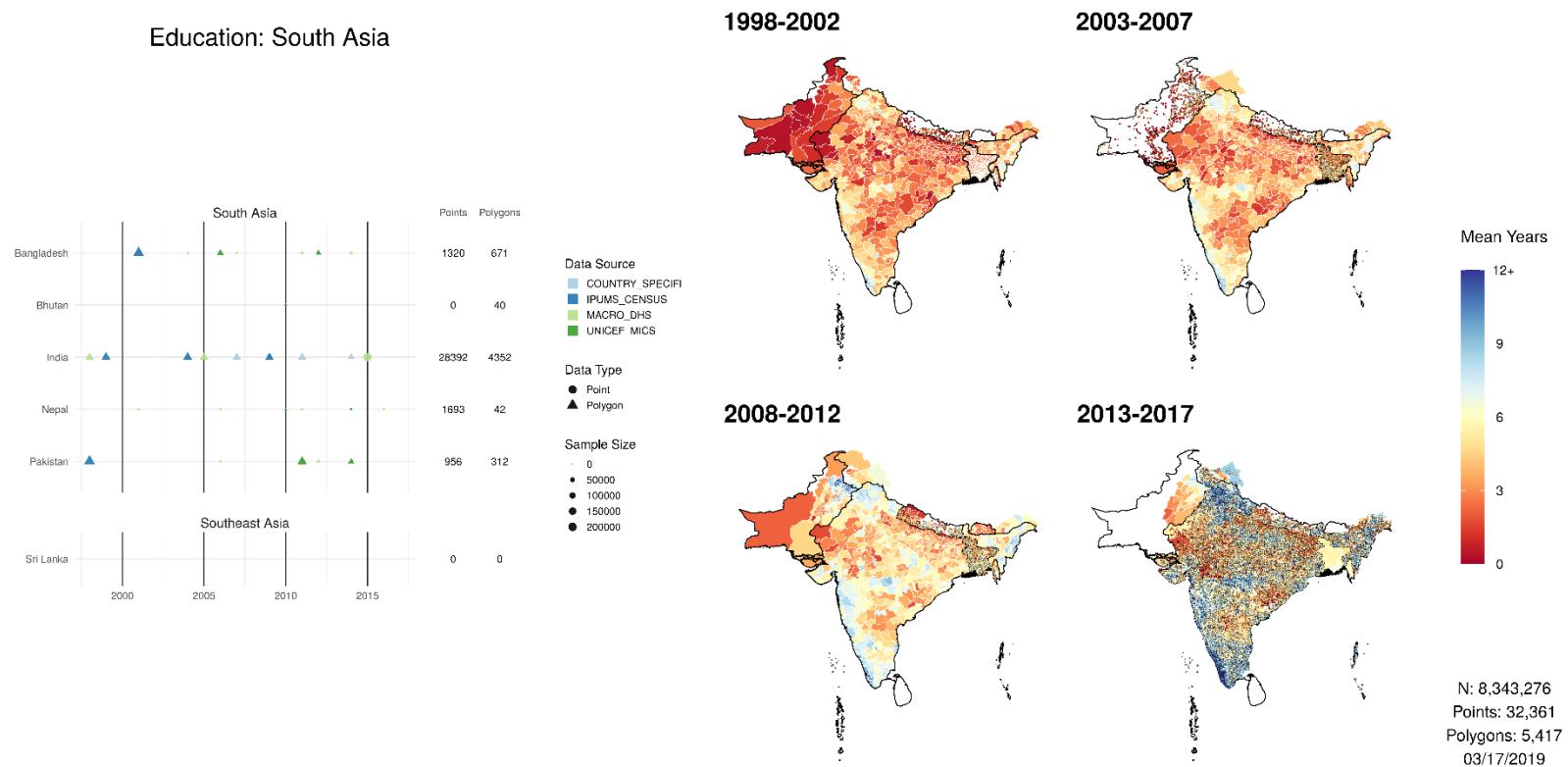
30 **Supplementary Figure 4. Education data availability in East and Southeast Asia by type and country for women ages 15–49, 1998–2017**
Data are shown by country and year of survey and mapped at their corresponding geopositioned coordinate or area. All points and polygons (areal) for each country are plotted by data source, type, and sample size (a). Sample size represents the number of individual microdata records for each survey. Mean years of attainment for the input coordinate or area are mapped (b). This database consists of 10,557 clusters and 9,137 polygons.

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Education: South Asia

**Supplementary Figure 5. Education data availability in South Asia by type and country for women ages 15–49, 1998–2017**

Data are shown by country and year of survey and mapped at their corresponding geopositioned coordinate or area. All points and polygons (areal) for each country are plotted by data source, type, and sample size (a). Sample size represents the number of individual microdata records for each survey. Mean years of attainment for the input coordinate or area are mapped (b). This database consists of 32,361 clusters and 5,417 polygons.

4.0 Supplementary covariates

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A variety of socioeconomic and environmental variables were used to predict educational attainment. Where available, the finest spatio-temporal resolution of gridded data sets was used. The most recent year available was substituted in for annual covariates without availability through the entire studied time period (2000–2017); the temporal availability of covariates is listed in Supplementary Table 5. One covariate raster brick, the population estimates from WorldPop, are only made available for the years 2000, 2005, 2010, and 2015. Because our model is indexed by individual year between 2000 and 2015, it is necessary for us to interpolate these population estimates between reported years. We use the exponential population growth rate calculated between each pair of years to interpolate to missing years between.

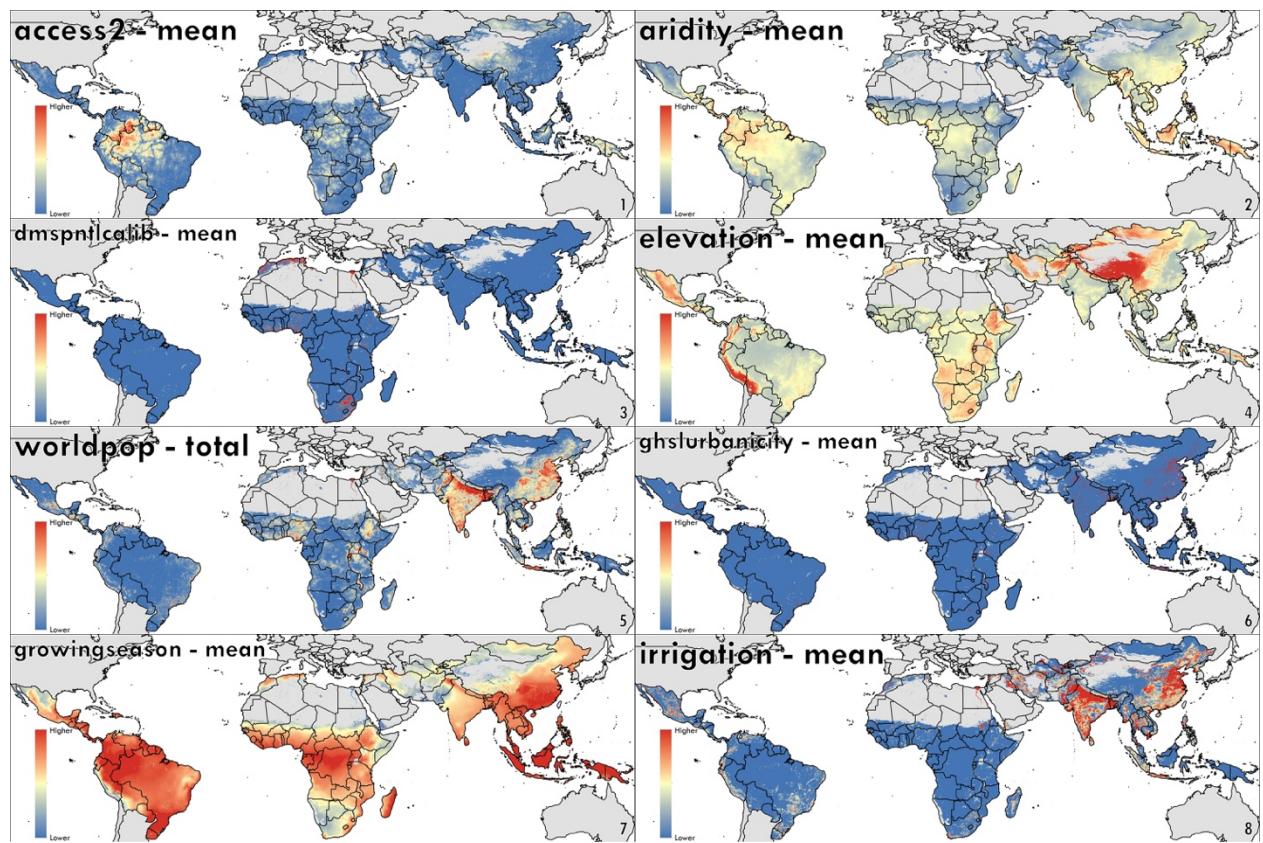
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Supplementary Table 5. Covariates used in mapping

Covariate	Temporal resolution	Source	Reference
Aridity	Annual (2000–2017)	Climatic Research Unit Time-Series (CRUTS)	Harris, I., Jones, P. d., Osborn, T. j. & Lister, D. h. Updated high-resolution grids of monthly climatic observations – the CRU TS3.10 dataset. <i>Int. J. Climatol.</i> 34 , 623–642 (2014). University of East Anglia. Climatic Research Unit TS v. 3.24 dataset. Available at: https://crudata.uea.ac.uk/cru/data/hrg/cru_ts_3.24.01/ . (Accessed: 24th July 2017).
Irrigation	Static	University of Frankfurt	Goethe-Universität. Generation of a digital global map of irrigation areas. Available at: https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/45218039/Global_Irrigation_Map . (Accessed: 25th July 2017)
Nighttime lights	Annual (2000–2013)	NOAA DMSP	NOAA. Version 4 DMSP-OLS nighttime lights time series dataset. Available at: https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/eog/dmsp/downloadV4composites.html . (Accessed: 25th July 2017)
Population	Annual (2000–2017)	WorldPop	Lloyd, C. T., Sorichetta, A. & Tatem, A. J. High resolution global gridded data for use in population studies. <i>Sci. Data</i> 4 , sdata20171 (2017). World Pop. Get data. Available at: http://www.worldpop.org.uk/data/get_data/ . (Accessed: 25th July 2017)

Covariate	Temporal resolution	Source	Reference
Travel time to nearest settlement >50,000 inhabitants	Static	Malaria Atlas Project, Big Data Institute, Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford	Weiss, D. J. <i>et al.</i> A global map of travel time to cities to assess inequalities in accessibility in 2015. <i>Nature</i> 533 , 333–336 (2018).
Urbanicity	Annual (2000–2016)	European Commission/GHS	Pesaresi, M. et al. Operating procedure for the production of the Global Human Settlement Layer from Landsat data of the epochs 1975, 1990, 2000, and 2014. (Publications Office of the European Union, 2016).
Elevation	Static	NOAA	Hastings, David A., and Paula K. Dunbar. Global Land One-kilometer Base Elevation (GLOBE) Digital Elevation Model, Documentation, Volume 1.0. Key to Geophysical Records Documentation (KGRD) 34. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Geophysical Data Center, 325 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado 80303, U.S.A (1999) GLOBE Task Team and others (Hastings, David A., Paula K. Dunbar, Gerald M. Elphingstone, Mark Bootz, Hiroshi Murakami, Hiroshi Maruyama, Hiroshi Masaharu, Peter Holland, John Payne, Nevin A. Bryant, Thomas L. Logan, J.-P. Muller, Gunter Schreier, and John S. MacDonald), eds., 1999. The Global Land One-kilometer Base Elevation (GLOBE) Digital Elevation Model, Version 1.0. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Geophysical Data Center, 325 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado 80303, U.S.A. Available at: https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/topo/globe.html . (Accessed: 16 th February 2017).
Growing Season Length	Static	FAO (derived)	FAO. GAEZ - Global Agro-Ecological Zones data portal. Available at: http://www.fao.org/nr/gaez/about-data-portal/en/ . (Accessed: 3/20/2018).



65 **Supplementary Figure 6. Covariates**

Eight covariate raster layers of possible socioeconomic and environmental correlates of educational attainment in LMICs were used as inputs for the stacking modelling process; **1** – travel time to nearest settlement; **2** – aridity; **3** – nighttime lights; **4** – elevation; **5** – population; **6** – urbanicity; **7** – growing season length; **8** – irrigation. Time-varying covariates are presented for the most recent available year.

70 The year of production of non-time-varying covariates is provided in the individual covariate citation in Supplementary Table 3.

5.0 Supplementary methods

5.1 Cluster combination and spatial integration over polygon records

Our individual-level data were collapsed (summarised) into clusters if they could be georeferenced to latitude-longitude pairs. Otherwise, we collapsed our individual-level data to the smallest polygon that could be referenced. We used survey weights and the survey package in R to account for non-equal sampling probabilities due to non-simple-random sampling²⁹.

Data without latitude and longitude, but that could be geolocated to an administrative area, were resampled to generate candidate point locations based on the underlying population of the administrative area. The main concept is to leverage covariate values across the polygon when performing the regression, while simultaneously accounting for a population-driven survey design. The methods used for the resampling are consistent with those used in geospatial modelling of under-5 mortality, published previously.

For each polygon-level observation, 10,000 points were randomly sampled from within the polygon (regardless of the polygon's area) using the WorldPop total population raster³⁰ to weight the locations of the draws. K-means clustering was performed on the candidate points to generate integration points (1 per 1,000 pixels) used in the modelling. Weights were assigned to each integration point proportionally to the number of candidate points that entered into the k-means cluster, such that the weight of each point represented the number of population-sampled locations contained within the K-means cluster location, divided by the number of sampled points generated (10,000). Each point generated by this process was assigned the mean attainment or relevant proportion of schooling observed from the survey for that polygon. These sample weights were used directly in the likelihood evaluation during model fitting²⁰.

5.2 Geostatistical model

5.2.1 Model geographies

Models were run for each indicator in fourteen continuous geographic regions within all LMICs chosen to align with the regions used in the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) study, which determines regions based on epidemiological homogeneity, sociodemographic similarity and geographic contiguity (see Supplementary Fig. 1–5 for lists of regions and countries). Minor changes were made to the GBD regions to ensure spatial contiguity within regions (see Extended Data Fig. 1 for an illustration of the modelling regions). All data within the spatial region, and within a one-degree buffer from the boundaries of each region, were included in each model to minimise edge effects.

5.2.2 Ensemble covariate modelling

An ensemble covariate modelling method was implemented in order to both select covariates and capture possible non-linear effects and complex interactions between them³¹. For each region, three sub-models were fit to our dataset, using all of our covariate data as explanatory predictors: generalised additive models, boosted regression trees, and lasso regression using the mgcv, glmnet, dismo, and caret packages in R. Sample weights are used in sub-models, where applicable, such that cluster locations with latitude and longitude had a sample weight of 1, while cluster locations where the latitude and longitude was generated by the polygon resampling process had a weight based on the K-means clustering process (see section 5.1, Cluster combination and spatial integration over polygon records).

Each sub-model is fit using five-fold cross-validation to avoid overfitting. The out-of-sample predictions from across the five holdouts are compiled into a single comprehensive set of predictions from that model. Additionally, the same sub-models were also run using 100% of the data, and a full set of in-sample predictions were created. The five sets of out-of-sample sub-model predictions are fed into the full geostatistical model as the explanatory covariates when performing the model fit. The in-sample predictions from the sub-models are used as the covariates when generating predictions using the fitted full geostatistical model. A recent study has shown that this ensemble approach can improve predictive validity by up to 25% over an individual model³¹.

Predictions from each sub-model are generated based on patterns and relationships between the raw covariates and attainment data, while predictions from the full geostatistical model are generated based on patterns and relationships between the predictions from the ensemble of sub-models and attainment data. To discover the relationships between the sub-model prediction layers (used as covariates in the full geostatistical model) and the attainment data, the only values of the covariates (sub-model prediction layers) “seen” by the model are the values underlying the locations of surveys. As such, it is possible that estimates will be generated in areas where the values of the covariates exceed the minimum and maximum values observed by the model. In these areas, the estimates are generated by extrapolating from the patterns observed within the range of covariates underlying the survey and census data.

5.2.3 Model description

Gaussian and binomial data are modeled within a Bayesian hierarchical modelling framework using a spatially and temporally explicit hierarchical generalized linear regression model to fit mean years of education attainment and proportion of population achieving key bins of school in 14 regions across all LMICs as defined in the GBD study (see Extended Data Fig. 1)³². This means we fit 14 independent models for each indicator (i.e., the proportion of women with zero years of schooling). The GBD study design sought to create regions on the basis of three primary criteria: epidemiological homogeneity, sociodemographic similarity and geographic contiguity³². For each Gaussian indicator, we modelled the expected mean years of attainment in location i and time t using observed means in each cluster d as indicated by edu_d . Each cluster (d) is located precisely in time (t) and space (i). We model the mean years of attainment as Gaussian data given fixed precision τ and a scaling parameter s_i (defined by the sample size in the observed cluster mean).

$$\text{edu}_d | \mu_{i(d),t(d)}, s_d, \tau \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_{i(d),t(d)}, \tau * s_d)$$

$$\mu_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \mathbf{X}_{i,t}\boldsymbol{\beta} + Z_{i,t} + \epsilon_{\text{ctr}(i)} + \epsilon_{i,t}$$

For each binomial indicator, we modelled the expected probability of attaining that level of educational attainment in location i and time t using the observed number of women in cluster d , among an observed sample size N_d , who reported that level as indicated by binomial count data C_d .

$$C_d | p_{i(d),t(d)}, N_d \sim \text{Binomial}(p_{i(d),t(d)}, N_d)$$

$$\text{logit}(p_{i,t}) = \beta_0 + \mathbf{X}_{i,t}\boldsymbol{\beta} + Z_{i,t} + \epsilon_{\text{ctr}(i)} + \epsilon_{i,t}$$

We used a continuation-ratio modelling approach to account for the ordinal data structure of the binomial indicators³³. To do this, the proportion of population with zero years of education was modelled using a binomial model. The proportion with less than primary education was modelled as those with less than primary education of those that have more than zero years of education. The same method followed for the proportion of population completing primary education. The proportion achieving secondary school or higher was estimated as the complement of sum of the three binomial models.

The remaining parameters were consistent between all indicators in both binomial and Gaussian models:

$$\sum_{h=1}^3 \beta_h = 1$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{ctr}} \sim \text{iid Normal}(0, \gamma^2)$$

$$\epsilon_{i,t} \sim \text{iid Normal}(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\mathbf{Z} \sim \text{GP}(0, \Sigma^{\text{space}} \otimes \Sigma^{\text{time}})$$

$$\Sigma^{\text{space}} = \frac{\omega^2}{\Gamma(\nu)2^{\nu-1}} \times (\kappa D)^\nu \times K_\nu(\kappa D)$$

$$\Sigma_{j,k}^{\text{time}} = \rho^{|k-j|}$$

For indices d , i , and t , $*(\text{index})$ is the value of $*$ at that index. The probabilities $p_{i,t}$ represent both the annual proportions at the space-time location and the probability that an individual had that level of attainment given that they lived at that particular location. The annual probability $p_{i,t}$ of each indicator (or $\mu_{i,t}$ for the mean indicators) was modelled as a linear combination of the three sub-models (generalised additive model (GAM), boosted regression trees (BRT), and lasso regression), rasterized covariate values $X_{i,t}$, a correlated spatiotemporal error term $Z_{i,t}$, country random effects $\epsilon_{ctr(i)}$ with one unstructured country random effect fit for each country in the modelling region and all sharing a common variance parameter, γ^2 , and an independent nugget effect $\epsilon_{i,t}$ with variance parameter σ^2 . Coefficients β_h in the three sub-models $h = 1, 2, 3$ represent their respective predictive weighting in the mean logit link, while the joint error term $Z_{i,t}$ accounts for residual spatiotemporal autocorrelation between individual data points that remains after accounting for the predictive effect of the sub-model covariates, the country-level random effect $\epsilon_{ctr(i)}$, and the nugget independent error term, $\epsilon_{i,t}$. The purpose of the country-level random effect is to capture spatially unstructured, unobserved country-specific variables, as there are often sharp discontinuities in educational attainment between adjacent countries due to systematic differences in governance, infrastructure, and social policy.

The residuals $Z_{i,t}$ are modelled as a three-dimensional Gaussian process (GP) in space-time centered at zero and with a covariance matrix constructed from a Kronecker product of spatial and temporal covariance kernels. The spatial covariance Σ^{space} is modelled using an isotropic and stationary Matérn function³⁴ and temporal covariance Σ^{time} as an annual autoregressive (AR1) function over the 18 years represented in the model. In the stationary Matérn function, Γ is the Gamma function, K_ν is the modified Bessel function of order $\nu > 0$, $\kappa > 0$ is a scaling parameter, D denotes the Euclidean distance, and ω^2 is the marginal variance. The scaling parameter, κ , is defined to be $\kappa = \sqrt{8\nu}/\delta$ where δ is a range parameter (which is about the distance where the covariance function approaches 0.1) and ν is a scaling constant, which is set to 2 rather than fit from the data³⁵. This parameter is difficult to reliably fit, as documented by many other analyses that set this to 2³⁵⁻³⁷. The number of rows and the number of columns of the spatial Matérn covariance matrix are equal to the number of spatial mesh points for a given modeling region. In the AR1 function, ρ is the autocorrelation function (ACF), and k and j are points in the time series where $|k - j|$ defines the lag. The number of rows and the number of columns of the AR1 covariance matrix are equal to the number of temporal mesh points³⁷. The number of rows and the number of columns of the space-time covariance matrix $\Sigma^{\text{space}} \otimes \Sigma^{\text{time}}$ for a given modeling region are both equal to: (the number of spatial mesh points \times the number of temporal mesh points).

This approach leveraged the data's residual correlation structure to more accurately predict estimates for locations with no data, while also propagating the dependence in the data through

to uncertainty estimates. The posterior distributions were fit using computationally efficient and accurate approximations in R-integrated nested Laplace approximation (INLA) with the stochastic partial differential equations (SPDE) approximation to the Gaussian process residuals using R project version 3.5.1. The SPDE approach using INLA has been demonstrated elsewhere, including the estimation of health indicators, particulate air matter, and population age structure^{20,21,38,39}. Uncertainty intervals (UIs) were generated from 1,000 draws (i.e., statistically plausible candidate maps)⁴⁰ created from the posterior-estimated distributions of modelled parameters.

To transform grid cell-level estimates into a range of information useful to a wide constituency of potential users, these estimates were aggregated from the 1,000 candidate maps up to district, provincial, and national levels using $5 \times 5\text{-km}^2$ population data⁶. This aggregation also allowed for calibration of estimates to national GBD estimates for 2000–2017. This was achieved by calculating the ratio of the posterior mean national-level estimate from each candidate map draw in the analysis to the posterior mean national estimates from GBD, and then multiplying each cell in the posterior sample by this ratio. National level estimates from this analysis with GBD estimates can be found in Supplementary Table 44.

5.2.4 Priors

The following priors were used for all sixteen of our education models:

- $\log\left(\frac{1+\rho}{1-\rho}\right) \sim Normal(\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 1/0.15)$,
- $\theta_1 = \log(\tau) \sim Normal(\mu_{\theta_1}, \sigma_{\theta_1}^2)$
- $\theta_2 = \log(\kappa) \sim Normal(\mu_2, \sigma_{\theta_2}^2)$
- $\beta_0 \sim N(\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 3^2)$,
- $\beta_h \sim N(\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 3^2)$,
- $\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_{nugget}^2}\right) \sim gamma(\alpha = 1, \gamma = 2)$.
- $\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_{country}^2}\right) \sim gamma(\alpha = 1, \gamma = 2)$.

Given that our covariates used in INLA, i.e., the predicted outputs from the ensemble models, should be on the same scale as our predictive target, we believe that the intercept in our model should be close to zero and that the regression coefficients should sum to one. As such, we have chosen the prior for our intercept to be $N(0, \sigma^2 = 3^2)$, and the prior for the fixed effect coefficients to be $N(\frac{1}{\# \text{ensemble models}}, \sigma^2 = 3^2)$. The prior on the temporal correlation parameter ρ is chosen to be mean 0.91, with a 95% range of ρ falling between 0.86 and 0.93. This high correlation prior is justified by a lack of large changes over short periods of time in education, suggesting high correlation of values over time. The priors on the random effects variances were chosen to be relatively loose given that we believe our fixed effects covariates should be well correlated with our outcome of interest, which might suggest relatively small random effects values. The priors used for the nugget and the country random effects are the default in INLA. We have run a series of sensitivity tests comparing our predictions between the default INLA gamma priors and the uniform prior. Due to close concordance in predictions (=0.97) and no meaningful difference identified in the fit statistics, we have decided to maintain the default

priors. At the same time, we wanted to avoid using a prior that was so diffuse as to actually put high prior weight on large random effect variances. For stability, we used the uncorrelated multivariate normal priors that INLA automatically determines (based on the finite elements mesh) for the log-transformed spatial hyperparameters κ and τ . The mean and variance parameters for the hyperpriors selected by INLA for the meshes in each region can be found in Supplementary Table 4. In our parameterization we represent α and γ in the *gamma* distribution as scale and shape, respectively.

After fitting each model, we generated 1,000 draws of all model parameters from the approximated joint posterior distribution using the `inla.posterior.sample()` function in R-INLA. For each binomial indicator draw s of the model parameters we constructed a draw of p_i as:

$$p_i^{(s)} = \text{logit}^{-1}\left(\beta_0^{(s)} + \boldsymbol{\beta}_1^{(s)} \mathbf{X}_i + \epsilon_i^{\text{CTRY } (s)} + \epsilon_i^{\text{GP } (s)} + \epsilon_i^{\text{nug } (s)}\right)$$

The construction of draws for Gaussian indicators is similar:

$$p_i^{(s)} = \beta_0^{(s)} + \boldsymbol{\beta}_1^{(s)} \mathbf{X}_i + \epsilon_i^{\text{CTRY } (s)} + \epsilon_i^{\text{GP } (s)} + \epsilon_i^{\text{nug } (s)}$$

Additional processing of the output from `inla.posterior.sample()` is required for the spatial-temporal random effect ($\epsilon_i^{\text{GP } (s)}$) and the nugget effect ($\epsilon_i^{\text{nug } (s)}$) prior to constructing $p_i^{(s)}$ according to the equation above. Specifically, for $\epsilon_i^{\text{GP } (s)}$, draws are generated initially only at vertices of the finite element mesh, so we project from this mesh to each location-year combination of (i) desired for prediction, i.e., the centroid of each grid cell on a 5×5 -km² grid as well as all years from 2000 to 2017. For the nugget effect, we generate $\epsilon_i^{\text{nug } (s)}$ for each location-year combination of (i) by sampling from $\text{Normal}(0, \sigma_{\text{nugget}}^2)$. At the end of this process, we have 1,000 draws of p_i for each grid cell and year combination.

Supplementary Table 6. Spatial hyperparameter priors by region

Region	μ_{θ_1}	$\sigma_{\theta_1}^2$	μ_2	$\sigma_{\theta_2}^2$
East Asia	0.3779940	10	-1.6435062	10
Southeast Asia	-0.3667678	10	-0.8987443	10
Oceania	0.5420207	10	-1.8075328	10
South Asia	0.2314676	10	-1.4969797	10
Tropical South America	0.1287355	10	-1.3942477	10
Andean South America	0.0516064	10	-1.3171185	10
Central America & Caribbean	0.3250544	10	-1.5905666	10
North Africa	0.2997445	10	-1.5652567	10
West Sub-Saharan Africa	0.2006548	10	-1.4661669	10
Central Sub-Saharan Africa	-0.2024953	10	-1.0630168	10
Eastern Sub-Saharan Africa	0.1372834	10	-1.4027955	10
Southern Sub-Saharan Africa	-0.1459584	10	-1.1195537	10
Middle East	-0.2211790	10	-1.0443331	10

Central Asia	-0.2064342	10	-1.0590779	10
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5.2.5 Mesh construction

We constructed the finite elements mesh for the stochastic partial differential equation approximation to the Gaussian process regression using a simplified polygon boundary (in which coastlines and complex boundaries were smoothed) for each of the regions within our model²⁰. This paper uses an improved mesh that is constructed on the S2 domain. This allows distance to be calculated along the sphere instead of using Euclidean distance between latitude and longitude coordinates. This mesh also generates denser vertices in data rich areas. We set the minimum triangle edge length to 25 kilometers, the maximum triangle length to 1000 kilometers, with the mesh extending 500 kilometers past the region's boundary. An example of finite elements mesh-constructed for East Asia mesh can be found in Supplementary Fig. 7.

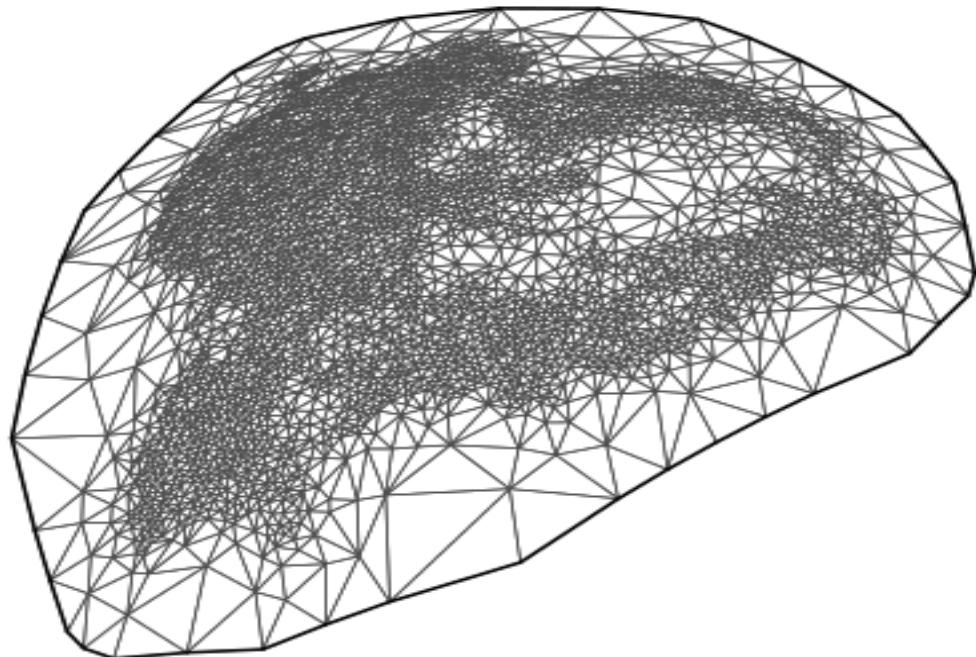
5.2.6 Model fitting and estimate generation

Models were fit in INLA with methods consistent with those used in geospatial modelling of under-5 mortality, published previously²¹.

Resampling K-means weights (Supplementary Methods 5.2) were used within the INLA fit by multiplying the corresponding log-likelihood evaluation for the specific observation by the observation's K-means weight. Data points that could be georeferenced to latitude-longitude locations were assigned a weight of 1. For cluster locations generated based on the polygon resampling process, the log-likelihood of those points contributed proportionate to the K-means weights, effectively diffusing the evaluation of the observation across the polygon.

As part of the ensemble modelling process, prediction surfaces from the out-of-sample ensemble sub-models were used as covariates in the spatiotemporal model. Estimates of the fixed effects beta coefficients derived from the contribution of each of the sub-models to INLA's predicted prevalence estimates, in conjunction with parameter estimates of the contribution of location and time (based on estimated parameters described in model description in the Supplementary Methods 5.3.3), were generated and can be found in Supplementary Tables 5–7. To create final estimates, the in-sample prediction surfaces of prevalence from the sub-models (serving as covariates) were used to calculate estimates of prevalence for each pixel in each year.

All estimates were generated by taking 1,000 draws from the posterior distribution, which yielded 1,000 candidate maps used to summarise the pixel- and aggregated-level statistics. For estimates at the pixel level, these draws were used directly to generate estimates and uncertainty. Aggregated estimates, in which estimates at the pixel level were summarised to administrative boundaries, were generated by creating population-weighted averages for each administrative boundary, for each draw.



Supplementary Figure 7. Finite elements mesh

The finite elements mesh used to fit the space-time correlated error for the East Asia (EAAS) region. Both the fine-scale mesh over land in the modelling region and the coarser buffer region mesh are shown.

5.2.7 Model Results

Fitted parameters and hyperparameters, as well as their 95% uncertainty intervals are shown by indicator and region in Supplementary Tables 8–23. Spatial hyperparameters (τ and κ) and their uncertainties have been transformed into more interpretable nominal variance and range parameters. Nominal variance, approximating the variance at any single point, is calculated as $nom. var = 4\pi\kappa^2\tau^2$, and nominal range, approximating the distance before spatial correlation decays by 90%, as $range = \sqrt{8}/\kappa$.¹

Supplementary Table 7. List of all modeled outcomes and the populations for which they are modelled

Indicator	Population
Proportion of population with zero years of education	Women, age 15–49
	Men, age 15–49
	Women, age 20–24
	Men, age 20–24
Proportion of population with 1–5 years of education	Women, age 15–49
	Men, age 15–49
	Women, age 20–24
	Men, age 20–24
Proportion of population with 6–11 years of education	Women, age 15–49
	Men, age 15–49
	Women, age 20–24
	Men, age 20–24
Proportion of population with 12+ years of education <i>*This is indirectly estimated as the complement of the sum of indicators 1–3</i>	Women, age 15–49
	Men, age 15–49
	Women, age 20–24
	Men, age 20–24
Mean years of educational attainment	Women, age 15–49
	Men, age 15–49
	Women, age 20–24
	Men, age 20–24

Supplementary Table 8. Proportion with zero years, women ages 15–49, fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Central sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-1.749	2.151	1.163	-3.645	0.050	1.156	0.945	8.090
	0.5	-1.359	2.502	1.675	-3.177	0.056	1.404	0.961	8.964
	0.975								
		-0.970	2.853	2.186	-2.710	0.063	1.848	0.982	10.924
Eastern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-3.239	-0.150	0.628	-0.389	0.068	2.214	0.938	5.752
	0.5	-2.474	0.023	0.987	-0.010	0.077	2.731	0.947	5.981
	0.975								
		-1.709	0.196	1.345	0.369	0.084	3.226	0.953	6.235
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-1.330	0.218	1.512	-1.433	0.046	0.785	0.932	5.222
	0.5	-0.948	0.440	1.733	-1.173	0.049	0.882	0.939	5.333
	0.975	-0.566	0.661	1.953	-0.912	0.053	1.007	0.949	5.472
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-3.125	0.208	-0.550	0.441	0.099	1.637	0.942	20.048
	0.5	-2.238	0.524	-0.265	0.741	0.112	2.115	0.952	21.237
	0.975								
		-1.351	0.840	0.019	1.041	0.128	2.725	0.960	22.256
Western sub-Saharan quantiles	0.025	-2.359	1.184	-0.958	-0.233	0.042	0.629	0.916	22.834
	0.5	-1.507	1.386	-0.552	0.165	0.048	0.750	0.928	24.625
	0.975	-0.655	1.589	-0.146	0.564	0.054	0.896	0.940	26.934
Middle East quantiles	0.025	-4.140	2.041	0.887	-3.116	0.089	4.321	0.989	5.141
	0.5	-2.901	2.378	1.332	-2.709	0.107	6.305	0.993	5.316
	0.975	-1.663	2.715	1.776	-2.304	0.130	9.127	0.994	5.515
Central Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.669	2.121	-1.060	-1.524	0.053	1.176	0.876	1.846
	0.5	-1.976	2.621	-0.635	-0.985	0.058	1.393	0.899	1.913
	0.975	-1.284	3.120	-0.211	-0.445	0.066	1.738	0.922	1.983
South Asia quantiles	0.025	-1.527	0.692	0.425	-0.634	0.081	2.889	0.958	4.770
	0.5	-0.893	0.816	0.636	-0.451	0.087	3.340	0.963	4.912
	0.975	-0.260	0.939	0.847	-0.269	0.096	3.976	0.968	5.073
East Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.312	1.725	1.683	-3.406	0.154	3.418	0.982	4.153
	0.5	-0.770	2.031	2.024	-3.054	0.197	5.479	0.987	4.322
	0.975	0.771	2.337	2.364	-2.703	0.264	9.683	0.992	4.456
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.312	1.725	1.683	-3.406	0.154	3.418	0.982	4.153
	0.5	-0.770	2.031	2.024	-3.054	0.197	5.479	0.987	4.322
	0.975	0.771	2.337	2.364	-2.703	0.264	9.683	0.992	4.456
Oceania quantiles	0.025	-2.312	1.725	1.683	-3.406	0.154	3.418	0.982	4.153
	0.5	-0.770	2.031	2.024	-3.054	0.197	5.479	0.987	4.322
	0.975	0.771	2.337	2.364	-2.703	0.264	9.683	0.992	4.456
	0.025	-2.312	1.725	1.683	-3.406	0.154	3.418	0.982	4.153
	0.5	-0.770	2.031	2.024	-3.054	0.197	5.479	0.987	4.322

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID	
Andean South America quantiles	0.975	0.771	2.337	2.364	-2.703	0.264	9.683	0.992	4.456	1.741
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025	-3.606	0.117	-0.083	0.198	0.067	0.594	0.887	1.630	0.077
	0.5	-2.129	0.330	0.185	0.485	0.087	0.906	0.926	1.742	0.241
	0.975	-0.654	0.543	0.453	0.771	0.105	1.272	0.948	1.825	0.639
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.025	-3.765	3.671	2.935	-7.868	0.070	1.140	0.906	13.623	0.367
	0.5	-3.097	4.163	3.819	-6.981	0.076	1.300	0.916	14.932	0.989
	0.975	-2.431	4.653	4.702	-6.095	0.085	1.553	0.929	15.874	2.547

Supplementary Table 9. Proportion with 1–5 years, women ages 15–49 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID	
Central sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-1.048	1.461	1.667	-3.276	0.045	0.683	0.918	5.271	0.660
	0.5	-0.619	1.782	2.090	-2.873	0.053	0.849	0.936	5.688	1.564
	0.975	-0.191	2.103	2.514	-2.470	0.062	1.073	0.951	6.044	3.069
Eastern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-2.920	1.410	2.415	-4.713	0.131	3.562	0.981	11.000	1.782
	0.5	-1.817	1.802	3.202	-4.004	0.151	4.681	0.985	11.471	6.097
	0.975	-0.716	2.194	3.988	-3.296	0.180	6.516	0.988	12.052	25.315
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-1.839	0.387	1.396	-1.782	0.057	0.589	0.886	9.186	1.461
	0.5	-1.385	0.602	1.780	-1.381	0.063	0.702	0.904	9.554	4.151
	0.975	-0.931	0.816	2.163	-0.981	0.071	0.870	0.925	9.964	14.198
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-2.575	-0.004	-1.964	1.447	0.094	0.977	0.969	34.790	0.584
	0.5	-1.739	0.528	-1.485	1.957	0.110	1.307	0.976	37.092	1.538
	0.975	-0.903	1.059	-1.006	2.467	0.127	1.783	0.982	39.145	3.520
Western sub-Saharan quantiles	0.025	-2.145	0.715	-0.022	-0.998	0.066	0.747	0.920	30.750	2.941
	0.5	-1.643	1.075	0.446	-0.521	0.078	1.010	0.935	33.503	22.946
	0.975	-1.142	1.436	0.914	-0.044	0.091	1.359	0.948	36.685	174.247
	0.025	-2.684	2.169	0.038	-2.159	0.114	3.840	0.990	6.301	0.713

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Middle East quantiles	0.5 0.975	-1.351 -0.019	2.477 2.785	0.388 0.737	-1.865 -1.571	0.133 0.155	5.269 7.105	0.992 0.994	6.512 6.704
Central Asia quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-1.859 -1.213 -0.568	1.960 2.217 2.474	0.022 0.268 0.514	-1.758 -1.486 -1.213	0.047 0.054 0.065	0.617 0.792 1.076	0.903 0.923 0.943	7.421 7.933 8.372
South Asia quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-1.859 -1.213 -0.568	1.960 2.217 2.474	0.022 0.268 0.514	-1.758 -1.486 -1.213	0.047 0.054 0.065	0.617 0.792 1.076	0.903 0.923 0.943	7.421 7.933 8.372
East Asia quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-1.676 -1.149 -0.623	0.176 0.545 0.914	0.438 0.894 1.350	-0.874 -0.439 -0.004	0.053 0.066 0.077	0.217 0.272 0.335	0.804 0.887 0.918	11.553 12.633 14.654
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-1.273 -0.841 -0.409	1.563 1.781 1.998	1.678 1.996 2.316	-3.085 -2.777 -2.470	0.089 0.102 0.118	0.866 1.118 1.523	0.899 0.918 0.937	9.902 10.394 11.042
Oceania quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-1.273 -0.841 -0.409	1.563 1.781 1.998	1.678 1.996 2.316	-3.085 -2.777 -2.470	0.089 0.102 0.118	0.866 1.118 1.523	0.899 0.918 0.937	9.902 10.394 11.042
Andean South America quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-2.303 -1.529 -0.755	-4.980 -2.589 -0.200	-0.127 0.313 0.750	0.948 3.277 5.604	0.161 0.186 0.209	1.921 2.537 3.238	0.669 0.753 0.815	87.974 93.858 99.985
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-3.492 -2.319 -1.146	1.272 1.691 2.111	-0.226 0.151 0.524	-1.314 -0.841 -0.369	0.127 0.174 0.241	0.857 1.540 2.830	0.853 0.916 0.952	5.103 5.458 5.814
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-2.155 -1.783 -1.411	1.255 1.413 1.572	0.589 0.903 1.217	-1.606 -1.317 -1.028	0.058 0.066 0.073	0.651 0.806 0.960	0.915 0.930 0.940	16.379 17.343 18.196
									4.113 0.234 0.931 2.839 0.623 3.216 9.507

Supplementary Table 10. Proportion with 6–11 years, women ages 15–49 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Central sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	1.229	4.391	4.636	-10.613	0.037	0.281	0.925	2.852
	0.5	1.507	5.193	5.527	-9.720	0.046	0.352	0.950	3.056
	0.975								
Eastern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles		1.785	5.995	6.417	-8.828	0.059	0.455	0.974	3.271
	0.025	-0.590	-2.100	1.419	0.925	0.104	1.475	0.968	12.431
	0.5	0.693	-1.897	1.674	1.223	0.128	2.124	0.977	12.999
Northern Africa quantiles	0.975								
		1.975	-1.694	1.929	1.522	0.153	2.964	0.983	13.512
	0.025	0.342	2.102	2.241	-4.206	0.039	0.283	0.741	6.140
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.5	0.612	2.329	2.554	-3.883	0.044	0.340	0.813	6.340
	0.975	0.882	2.556	2.866	-3.561	0.048	0.391	0.847	6.503
		1.860	-0.226	0.299	1.673	0.122	1.343	0.986	48.770
Western sub-Saharan quantiles	0.025	-0.206	0.529	0.673	-1.274	0.041	0.209	0.902	39.380
	0.5	0.034	0.812	1.064	-0.876	0.047	0.259	0.920	43.680
	0.975	0.274	1.095	1.455	-0.480	0.054	0.323	0.936	48.713
Middle East quantiles	0.025	-1.432	1.214	0.637	-1.807	0.139	6.502	0.994	6.484
	0.5	0.480	1.520	0.965	-1.485	0.164	9.069	0.996	6.651
	0.975	2.390	1.826	1.292	-1.163	0.195	13.155	0.997	6.785
Central Asia quantiles	0.025	0.216	-4.613	2.008	2.114	0.066	0.452	0.811	13.550
	0.5	0.664	-4.084	2.287	2.797	0.082	0.663	0.864	14.473
	0.975	1.111	-3.556	2.567	3.480	0.104	1.000	0.904	15.384
South Asia quantiles	0.025	1.036	3.866	0.074	-3.897	0.056	1.110	0.963	4.511
	0.5	1.449	4.180	0.377	-3.556	0.065	1.470	0.972	4.674
	0.975	1.861	4.493	0.680	-3.216	0.079	2.004	0.979	4.801
East Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.536	1.172	1.004	-2.412	0.177	1.157	0.965	7.836
	0.5	0.380	1.598	1.378	-1.976	0.248	2.138	0.980	8.522
	0.975	1.300	2.020	1.750	-1.540	0.424	5.790	0.993	9.200
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025	0.666	2.891	3.478	-6.574	0.086	0.478	0.832	8.613
	0.5	0.963	3.307	3.885	-6.192	0.102	0.619	0.868	9.051
	0.975	1.261	3.722	4.292	-5.811	0.123	0.847	0.902	9.600
Oceania quantiles	0.025	0.666	2.891	3.478	-6.574	0.086	0.478	0.832	8.613
	0.5	0.963	3.307	3.885	-6.192	0.102	0.619	0.868	9.051
	0.975	1.261	3.722	4.292	-5.811	0.123	0.847	0.902	9.600
Andean South America quantiles	0.025	0.152	2.630	1.039	-5.683	0.069	0.411	-0.304	73.312
	0.5	0.498	3.505	1.843	-4.348	0.075	0.476	0.216	77.804
	0.975	0.845	4.380	2.647	-3.016	0.080	0.528	0.471	84.941
									8.403

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID	
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025	0.072	0.424	1.473	-2.543	0.054	0.353	0.909	6.640	4.856
	0.5	0.483	0.870	2.019	-1.889	0.074	0.583	0.945	7.498	9.511
	0.975									
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.025	-0.597	1.662	-0.308	-1.365	0.154	2.053	0.969	12.293	0.701
	0.5	0.435	1.943	0.080	-1.023	0.179	2.787	0.976	13.003	1.859
	0.975									
	1.467	2.224	0.468	-0.682	0.210	3.951	0.983	14.371	4.361	

Supplementary Table 11. Proportion with zero years, men ages 15–49 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID	
Central sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-2.588	2.598	1.866	-5.588	0.067	1.349	0.959	13.215	1.844
	0.5	-2.044	3.167	2.649	-4.815	0.080	1.817	0.970	14.446	4.099
	0.975	-1.502	3.735	3.430	-4.043	0.094	2.515	0.979	16.185	8.920
Eastern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-3.484	-0.235	1.395	-1.346	0.050	1.291	0.925	5.911	0.747
	0.5	-2.853	-0.006	1.867	-0.861	0.058	1.680	0.943	6.224	2.531
	0.975	-2.223	0.223	2.338	-0.377	0.065	2.041	0.953	6.796	9.800
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-2.165	0.272	0.971	-1.268	0.049	0.650	0.904	5.895	1.242
	0.5	-1.701	0.522	1.349	-0.870	0.053	0.737	0.914	6.091	3.464
	0.975	-1.239	0.770	1.726	-0.472	0.056	0.815	0.922	6.235	9.762
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-3.050	-0.144	-0.813	0.890	0.102	1.727	0.946	21.804	0.660
	0.5	-2.108	0.240	-0.474	1.234	0.116	2.237	0.956	23.067	2.225
	0.975	-1.166	0.624	-0.135	1.577	0.134	2.978	0.964	24.347	5.520
Western sub-Saharan quantiles	0.025	-3.242	1.599	-1.014	-1.784	0.038	0.398	0.904	27.657	0.222
	0.5	-2.320	2.072	-0.143	-0.928	0.042	0.476	0.919	31.013	0.662
	0.975	-1.398	2.544	0.728	-0.074	0.047	0.576	0.935	34.542	1.803
Middle East quantiles	0.025	-5.123	1.462	2.295	-4.310	0.140	9.462	0.997	6.464	2.451
	0.5	-2.665	1.893	2.875	-3.767	0.176	14.899	0.998	6.649	4.655
	0.975	-0.209	2.323	3.455	-3.226	0.224	24.514	0.998	6.890	7.040
	0.025	-3.362	1.182	-0.907	-1.044	0.079	1.401	0.885	2.117	0.503

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Central Asia quantiles	0.5 0.975	-2.515 -1.669	1.791 2.399	-0.365 0.176	-0.424 0.195	0.095 0.110	1.864 2.447	0.911 0.933	2.196 2.262
South Asia quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-2.431 -1.470 -0.510	0.673 0.839 1.005	0.242 0.494 0.746	-0.556 -0.333 -0.110	0.106 0.120 0.131	3.839 4.777 5.670	0.963 0.969 0.972	4.922 5.054 5.221
East Asia quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-3.081 -1.516 0.048	2.131 2.611 3.090	0.778 1.226 1.673	-3.371 -2.837 -2.303	0.161 0.213 0.292	2.842 5.024 9.200	0.979 0.988 0.993	5.410 5.771 6.063
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-1.407 -0.959 -0.511	1.901 2.091 2.280	0.553 0.839 1.124	-2.206 -1.930 -1.654	0.074 0.083 0.090	1.315 1.534 1.771	0.886 0.909 0.922	2.165 2.204 2.261
Oceania quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-1.407 -0.959 -0.511	1.901 2.091 2.280	0.553 0.839 1.124	-2.206 -1.930 -1.654	0.074 0.083 0.090	1.315 1.534 1.771	0.886 0.909 0.922	2.165 2.204 2.261
Andean South America quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-3.880 -2.995 -2.111	-1.577 -0.105 1.366	-0.323 0.250 0.822	-0.629 0.856 2.339	0.136 0.152 0.174	1.756 2.177 2.719	0.789 0.827 0.856	109.194 115.886 125.628
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-3.737 -2.497 -1.258	0.151 0.450 0.749	-0.236 0.159 0.553	-0.011 0.392 0.794	0.041 0.049 0.061	0.356 0.455 0.566	0.847 0.894 0.922	5.191 5.420 5.687
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-4.045 -3.431 -2.818	2.190 2.692 3.194	2.961 4.373 5.783	-7.429 -6.065 -4.702	0.076 0.089 0.109	0.960 1.251 1.801	0.922 0.942 0.963	14.841 15.858 16.878

Supplementary Table 12. Proportion with 1–5 years, men ages 15–49 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Central sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-1.489 -1.074 -0.659	1.683 2.000 2.317	1.277 1.694 2.111	-3.132 -2.694 -2.257	0.053 0.063 0.079	0.811 1.093 1.704	0.932 0.954 0.978	8.416 9.500 10.333
Eastern sub-Saharan	0.025 0.5 0.975	-3.035 -2.038 -1.041	1.070 1.329 1.588	4.191 4.809 5.426	-5.714 -5.138 -4.562	0.123 0.146 0.174	2.767 3.931 5.450	0.973 0.981 0.985	10.562 11.194 11.693

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID	
Africa quantiles										
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-1.826	0.595	0.828	-1.566	0.059	0.566	0.892	7.326	0.589
	0.5	-1.466	0.852	1.259	-1.110	0.064	0.660	0.906	7.686	3.258
	0.975	-1.106	1.108	1.690	-0.655	0.071	0.789	0.920	7.961	14.658
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-2.351	-0.053	-1.005	0.797	0.085	0.899	0.969	37.365	0.823
	0.5	-1.633	0.355	-0.586	1.231	0.097	1.184	0.975	39.502	2.126
	0.975	-0.916	0.761	-0.166	1.664	0.113	1.634	0.981	42.022	4.893
Western sub-Saharan quantiles	0.025	-2.314	0.291	0.687	-1.597	0.067	0.528	0.899	39.429	1086.605
	0.5	-1.960	0.796	1.240	-1.030	0.078	0.674	0.918	43.600	11800.000
	0.975	-1.610	1.300	1.789	-0.471	0.091	0.896	0.937	48.180	76273.200
Middle East quantiles	0.025	-3.620	1.778	0.489	-2.217	0.153	7.816	0.997	6.881	1.427
	0.5	-1.334	2.090	0.840	-1.930	0.187	11.634	0.998	7.079	3.136
	0.975	0.950	2.401	1.191	-1.644	0.234	18.449	0.998	7.236	8.616
Central Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.183	0.982	-0.051	-0.698	0.052	0.677	0.921	6.845	0.422
	0.5	-1.416	1.246	0.212	-0.459	0.069	1.090	0.942	7.472	1.055
	0.975	-0.649	1.510	0.476	-0.219	0.090	1.705	0.958	7.907	2.702
South Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.183	0.982	-0.051	-0.698	0.052	0.677	0.921	6.845	0.422
	0.5	-1.416	1.246	0.212	-0.459	0.069	1.090	0.942	7.472	1.055
	0.975	-0.649	1.510	0.476	-0.219	0.090	1.705	0.958	7.907	2.702
East Asia quantiles	0.025	-1.835	-0.044	0.370	-0.597	0.050	0.153	0.844	10.801	0.564
	0.5	-1.366	0.325	0.839	-0.164	0.063	0.226	0.893	11.693	1.252
	0.975	-0.899	0.693	1.309	0.270	0.077	0.298	0.921	12.981	2.613
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025	-1.835	-0.044	0.370	-0.597	0.050	0.153	0.844	10.801	0.564
	0.5	-1.366	0.325	0.839	-0.164	0.063	0.226	0.893	11.693	1.252
	0.975	-0.899	0.693	1.309	0.270	0.077	0.298	0.921	12.981	2.613
Oceania quantiles	0.025	-1.835	-0.044	0.370	-0.597	0.050	0.153	0.844	10.801	0.564
	0.5	-1.366	0.325	0.839	-0.164	0.063	0.226	0.893	11.693	1.252
	0.975	-0.899	0.693	1.309	0.270	0.077	0.298	0.921	12.981	2.613
Andean South America quantiles	0.025	-2.497	1.048	-0.915	-2.495	0.166	1.990	0.770	120.364	0.381
	0.5	-1.588	2.341	-0.352	-0.989	0.191	2.635	0.820	128.681	0.995
	0.975	-0.680	3.633	0.210	0.516	0.218	3.416	0.858	137.869	2.355
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025	-3.432	0.326	-0.280	-0.693	0.107	0.421	0.676	7.355	0.309
	0.5	-2.461	0.875	0.204	-0.077	0.172	1.031	0.885	7.879	1.090
	0.975	-1.492	1.424	0.683	0.539	0.287	2.748	0.966	8.549	3.413
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.025	-2.220	1.084	0.442	-1.246	0.059	0.622	0.914	15.666	1.069
	0.5	-1.829	1.223	0.749	-0.972	0.066	0.745	0.927	16.554	3.243
	0.975	-1.438	1.361	1.056	-0.697	0.074	0.897	0.939	17.336	8.374

Supplementary Table 13. Proportion with 6–11 years, men ages 15–49 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

		int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Central sub- Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	0.649	2.992	3.150	-6.857	0.043	0.231	0.884	5.533	5.079
	0.5	0.867	3.548	3.737	-6.284	0.053	0.285	0.914	5.970	7.611
		1.084	4.103	4.322	-5.711	0.074	0.366	0.943	6.478	12.046
	0.975									
Eastern sub- Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.572	-2.196	1.874	0.609	0.088	0.906	0.960	12.607	0.199
	0.5	0.475	-1.995	2.110	0.885	0.103	1.208	0.970	13.172	0.636
		1.522	-1.794	2.346	1.161	0.126	1.756	0.980	13.828	1.878
	0.975									
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	0.286	2.413	3.469	-5.987	0.035	0.159	0.694	6.460	3.329
	0.5	0.570	2.729	3.854	-5.582	0.038	0.177	0.748	6.594	9.447
	0.975	0.855	3.044	4.238	-5.178	0.042	0.203	0.814	6.776	38.892
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	0.027	-0.895	-0.212	1.358	0.097	0.655	0.965	44.773	1.065
	0.5	0.742	-0.666	0.021	1.646	0.115	0.934	0.974	47.104	2.787
		1.456	-0.437	0.253	1.933	0.134	1.272	0.979	50.766	6.545
	0.975									
Western sub- Saharan quantiles	0.025	-0.324	1.196	0.036	-1.311	0.041	0.162	0.915	46.092	6.625
	0.5	-0.103	1.507	0.406	-0.913	0.047	0.201	0.931	51.269	31.698
	0.975	0.117	1.817	0.777	-0.516	0.053	0.251	0.944	56.645	152.982
Middle East quantiles	0.025	-0.662	2.041	-0.023	-2.019	0.108	4.059	0.995	6.475	1.655
	0.5	0.726	2.355	0.344	-1.699	0.132	5.957	0.996	6.826	4.041
	0.975	2.112	2.670	0.710	-1.379	0.161	8.874	0.998	7.044	9.353
Central Asia quantiles	0.025	0.130	1.637	0.938	-2.595	0.081	0.657	0.776	15.241	1.510
	0.5	0.669	2.023	1.290	-2.313	0.103	1.023	0.837	16.208	3.929
	0.975	1.207	2.408	1.642	-2.031	0.131	1.618	0.884	17.468	9.577
South Asia quantiles	0.025	0.130	1.637	0.938	-2.595	0.081	0.657	0.776	15.241	1.510
	0.5	0.669	2.023	1.290	-2.313	0.103	1.023	0.837	16.208	3.929
	0.975	1.207	2.408	1.642	-2.031	0.131	1.618	0.884	17.468	9.577
East Asia quantiles	0.025	0.130	1.637	0.938	-2.595	0.081	0.657	0.776	15.241	1.510
	0.5	0.669	2.023	1.290	-2.313	0.103	1.023	0.837	16.208	3.929
	0.975	1.207	2.408	1.642	-2.031	0.131	1.618	0.884	17.468	9.577
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025	0.130	1.637	0.938	-2.595	0.081	0.657	0.776	15.241	1.510
	0.5	0.669	2.023	1.290	-2.313	0.103	1.023	0.837	16.208	3.929
	0.975	1.207	2.408	1.642	-2.031	0.131	1.618	0.884	17.468	9.577
Oceania quantiles	0.025	0.130	1.637	0.938	-2.595	0.081	0.657	0.776	15.241	1.510
	0.5	0.669	2.023	1.290	-2.313	0.103	1.023	0.837	16.208	3.929
	0.975	1.207	2.408	1.642	-2.031	0.131	1.618	0.884	17.468	9.577
Andean South	0.025	0.130	1.637	0.938	-2.595	0.081	0.657	0.776	15.241	1.510
	0.5	0.669	2.023	1.290	-2.313	0.103	1.023	0.837	16.208	3.929
	0.975	1.207	2.408	1.642	-2.031	0.131	1.618	0.884	17.468	9.577

		int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
America quantiles										
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025	-0.004	0.042	1.382	-2.062	0.051	0.278	0.923	7.015	5.267
	0.5	0.349	0.513	1.931	-1.444	0.075	0.519	0.961	7.524	18.079
	0.975	0.702	0.984	2.479	-0.826	0.128	1.188	0.985	8.041	73.510
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.025	-0.087	1.410	-0.688	-0.762	0.109	1.453	0.966	10.611	0.721
	0.5	0.640	1.681	-0.284	-0.396	0.126	1.965	0.975	11.383	1.785
	0.975	1.367	1.950	0.119	-0.031	0.162	3.186	0.987	11.928	4.722

Supplementary Table 14. Proportion with zero years, women ages 20–24 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

		int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Central sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-2.355	1.501	0.817	-3.368	0.067	1.389	0.959	18.561	1.144
	0.5	-1.730	2.014	1.613	-2.625	0.082	2.013	0.973	23.993	2.548
	0.975	-1.105	2.527	2.404	-1.882	0.100	2.850	0.981	28.764	5.555
Eastern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-3.842	-0.364	1.030	-1.066	0.054	1.509	0.919	6.613	0.547
	0.5	-3.168	-0.099	1.608	-0.509	0.063	1.935	0.940	7.202	2.198
	0.975	-2.496	0.167	2.185	0.048	0.071	2.389	0.954	7.935	8.488
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-2.160	-0.363	1.419	-1.266	0.043	1.188	0.905	10.788	4.802
	0.5	-1.810	-0.036	1.829	-0.792	0.049	1.360	0.918	11.858	21.478
	0.975	-1.461	0.291	2.239	-0.320	0.054	1.567	0.930	14.024	118.098
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-4.003	0.146	-1.492	-0.051	0.119	2.284	0.944	19.357	0.371
	0.5	-2.618	0.965	-0.712	0.748	0.146	3.349	0.959	21.176	0.988
	0.975	-1.234	1.785	0.068	1.541	0.180	5.190	0.973	23.587	2.360
Western sub-Saharan quantiles	0.025	-3.163	0.276	-1.717	-1.650	0.047	0.634	0.903	1958.978	0.139
	0.5	-2.120	0.746	0.099	0.156	0.056	0.838	0.927	15900.000	0.506
	0.975	-1.082	1.216	1.916	1.956	0.064	1.041	0.950	77657.443	1.337
	0.025	-5.741	2.155	1.107	-4.781	0.167	14.290	0.992	4.873	1.924

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID	
Middle East quantiles	0.5 0.975	-2.650 0.438	2.948 3.740	1.999 2.894	-3.946 -3.117	0.222 0.335	26.122 69.330	0.997 0.999	5.165 5.506	6.742 25.736
Central Asia quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-3.688 -2.672 -1.657	2.112 2.839 3.565	-1.263 -0.571 0.118	-2.049 -1.264 -0.483	0.064 0.089 0.112	1.690 2.615 3.724	0.836 0.887 0.918	1.741 1.843 1.928	0.300 0.836 2.094
South Asia quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-2.063 -1.153 -0.244	0.320 0.457 0.594	0.874 1.127 1.380	-0.810 -0.585 -0.359	0.092 0.105 0.122	3.859 4.939 6.515	0.977 0.981 0.985	11.094 11.797 12.396	0.641 1.285 2.591
East Asia quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-2.402 -1.410 -0.419	1.217 1.651 2.085	1.431 1.872 2.313	-3.017 -2.523 -2.029	0.081 0.121 0.168	1.289 2.519 4.525	0.956 0.977 0.986	4.566 4.800 5.146	0.153 0.506 1.231
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-1.131 -0.557 0.018	2.290 2.513 2.736	0.382 0.686 0.990	-2.479 -2.199 -1.919	0.075 0.082 0.090	2.052 2.472 2.904	0.945 0.956 0.962	5.062 5.310 5.645	0.850 1.852 3.377
Oceania quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-1.131 -0.557 0.018	2.290 2.513 2.736	0.382 0.686 0.990	-2.479 -2.199 -1.919	0.075 0.082 0.090	2.052 2.472 2.904	0.945 0.956 0.962	5.062 5.310 5.645	0.850 1.852 3.377
Andean South America quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-3.700 -2.813 -1.931	-0.245 0.066 0.377	0.284 0.552 0.820	0.159 0.382 0.605	0.109 0.123 0.134	2.175 2.717 3.205	0.062 0.274 0.535	66.883 74.146 79.813	0.232 0.653 1.981
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-4.007 -2.595 -1.184	0.048 0.350 0.652	-0.184 0.267 0.717	-0.085 0.384 0.852	0.049 0.063 0.076	0.715 1.031 1.409	0.862 0.922 0.952	1.928 2.096 2.246	0.085 0.271 0.778
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.025 0.5 0.975	-4.424 -3.919 -3.414	3.635 4.773 5.907	7.365 9.921 12.473	-16.247 -13.692 -11.136	0.070 0.084 0.111	1.131 1.478 2.142	0.856 0.906 0.954	10.902 12.900 14.795	0.681 2.533 8.887

Supplementary Table 15. Proportion with 1–5 years, women ages 20–24 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

		int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Central sub- Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-1.361	1.933	0.901	-3.473	0.040	0.577	0.906	13.977	0.915
	0.5	-0.949	2.378	1.514	-2.893	0.052	0.729	0.935	17.301	1.970
		-0.538	2.824	2.129	-2.316	0.063	0.923	0.952	25.541	4.345
	0.975									
Eastern sub- Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-5.721	1.702	1.927	-5.518	0.292	19.621	0.996	11.511	27.606
	0.5	-1.368	2.309	3.130	-4.439	0.384	34.174	0.998	12.521	65.516
		2.981	2.915	4.333	-3.361	0.516	62.652	0.999	13.605	338.168
	0.975									
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-2.553	-0.098	1.579	-1.941	0.055	0.790	0.837	28.437	0.548
	0.5	-1.979	0.212	2.143	-1.355	0.061	0.932	0.864	32.368	1.919
		-1.405	0.522	2.707	-0.769	0.068	1.130	0.894	36.976	5.499
	0.975									
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-3.323	1.221	-2.410	-1.537	0.094	1.381	0.981	20.447	0.297
	0.5	-2.156	2.396	-1.239	-0.150	0.124	2.332	0.989	22.515	0.960
		-0.990	3.569	-0.070	1.228	0.167	4.145	0.994	24.863	2.225
	0.975									
Western sub- Saharan quantiles	0.025	-2.783	0.441	-1.400	-0.237	0.051	0.826	0.864	111.925	1.143
	0.5	-2.145	0.952	-0.564	0.614	0.075	1.293	0.917	234.303	9.209
		-1.507	1.462	0.262	1.471	0.094	1.792	0.939	623.105	72.769
	0.975									
Middle East quantiles	0.025	-5.226	1.331	0.724	-2.547	0.222	19.353	0.996	6.593	0.929
	0.5	-1.327	1.816	1.240	-2.056	0.274	29.524	0.997	6.956	2.744
		2.569	2.301	1.755	-1.566	0.353	50.819	0.999	7.279	6.795
	0.975									
Central Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.680	2.603	0.243	-3.119	0.038	0.562	0.873	8.530	0.137
	0.5	-1.860	3.062	0.609	-2.671	0.054	0.898	0.919	9.307	0.560
		-1.041	3.521	0.974	-2.224	0.070	1.306	0.944	10.110	1.374
	0.975									
South Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.680	2.603	0.243	-3.119	0.038	0.562	0.873	8.530	0.137
	0.5	-1.860	3.062	0.609	-2.671	0.054	0.898	0.919	9.307	0.560
		-1.041	3.521	0.974	-2.224	0.070	1.306	0.944	10.110	1.374
	0.975									
East Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.157	0.312	0.061	-1.391	0.072	0.300	0.749	9.630	0.260
	0.5	-1.493	0.897	0.816	-0.712	0.105	0.466	0.834	11.263	0.656
		-0.829	1.482	1.570	-0.035	0.138	0.664	0.891	12.781	1.475
	0.975									
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025	-1.629	1.669	1.425	-3.284	0.094	0.790	0.902	16.382	1.412
	0.5	-1.058	1.974	1.879	-2.853	0.131	1.390	0.940	18.752	2.614
		-0.488	2.278	2.336	-2.425	0.183	2.513	0.965	21.478	4.748
	0.975									
Oceania quantiles	0.025	-1.629	1.669	1.425	-3.284	0.094	0.790	0.902	16.382	1.412
	0.5	-1.058	1.974	1.879	-2.853	0.131	1.390	0.940	18.752	2.614
		-0.488	2.278	2.336	-2.425	0.183	2.513	0.965	21.478	4.748
	0.975									
	0.025	-2.949	-0.606	-0.194	0.588	0.066	0.850	0.686	24.134	0.302
	0.5	-2.347	-0.152	0.070	1.083	0.074	1.013	0.777	25.717	1.114

		int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Andean South America quantiles		-1.747	0.302	0.331	1.578	0.083	1.216	0.842	27.693	2.851
	0.975									
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025	-3.751	1.390	-0.353	-2.116	0.128	1.105	0.925	4.363	0.099
	0.5	-2.573	2.014	0.314	-1.324	0.181	2.017	0.963	4.921	12.044
Central America and Caribbean quantiles		-1.396	2.638	0.964	-0.527	0.267	4.122	0.986	5.569	155.288
	0.975									
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.025	-3.071	2.057	1.390	-3.857	0.092	1.721	0.963	16.075	1.016
	0.5	-2.401	2.332	1.981	-3.313	0.116	2.684	0.984	17.572	3.566
		-1.732	2.607	2.571	-2.770	0.172	5.551	0.997	18.838	11.121
	0.975									

Supplementary Table 16. Proportion with 6–11 years, women ages 20–24 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

		int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Central sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	1.095	2.222	2.827	-6.600	0.028	0.375	0.890	5.165	2.667
	0.5	1.347	3.023	3.667	-5.690	0.038	0.474	0.926	6.097	6.450
Africa quantiles		1.599	3.822	4.507	-4.780	0.049	0.615	0.955	7.527	16.589
	0.975									
Eastern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-1.291	0.196	0.630	-0.667	0.126	2.552	0.985	12.270	0.103
	0.5	0.212	0.421	0.932	-0.353	0.158	3.931	0.990	13.016	0.404
Africa quantiles		1.713	0.645	1.233	-0.038	0.203	6.494	0.993	13.756	1.179
	0.975									
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.085	1.278	1.978	-3.300	0.039	0.331	0.735	17.254	1.349
	0.5	0.250	1.552	2.351	-2.902	0.044	0.392	0.787	19.296	5.605
Africa quantiles		0.584	1.825	2.723	-2.506	0.049	0.452	0.822	21.780	18.279
	0.975									
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	0.305	-0.172	-0.121	0.461	0.057	0.370	0.955	37.259	0.538
	0.5	0.902	0.109	0.137	0.754	0.067	0.498	0.966	40.344	1.439
Africa quantiles		1.499	0.389	0.395	1.048	0.079	0.682	0.974	43.311	3.331
	0.975									
Western sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.749	0.802	0.397	-1.566	0.043	0.313	0.883	60.767	2.034
	0.5	-0.387	1.136	0.906	-1.042	0.050	0.392	0.910	82.730	12.575
Africa quantiles		-0.025	1.470	1.415	-0.519	0.059	0.494	0.932	113.272	118.979
	0.975									
	0.025	-1.339	1.313	0.213	-1.662	0.134	6.277	0.995	8.099	0.838
	0.5	0.493	1.654	0.630	-1.284	0.164	9.476	0.996	8.419	2.153

		int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Middle East quantiles	0.975	2.323	1.995	1.046	-0.906	0.217	17.309	0.998	8.686	4.826
Central Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.114	2.094	0.385	-2.591	0.042	0.285	0.739	11.592	1.446
	0.5	0.226	2.476	0.757	-2.233	0.050	0.367	0.812	12.498	4.230
	0.975	0.565	2.857	1.129	-1.874	0.062	0.490	0.877	13.801	9.878
South Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.114	2.094	0.385	-2.591	0.042	0.285	0.739	11.592	1.446
	0.5	0.226	2.476	0.757	-2.233	0.050	0.367	0.812	12.498	4.230
	0.975	0.565	2.857	1.129	-1.874	0.062	0.490	0.877	13.801	9.878
East Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.572	1.933	0.718	-3.613	0.157	0.465	0.858	24.146	1.445
	0.5	0.019	2.639	1.276	-2.914	0.226	0.816	0.918	27.838	7.522
	0.975	0.610	3.344	1.833	-2.216	0.345	1.585	0.960	32.490	57.642
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025	0.166	2.287	2.306	-4.937	0.103	0.602	0.880	14.088	1.768
	0.5	0.644	2.768	2.753	-4.521	0.134	0.944	0.920	15.757	3.683
	0.975	1.121	3.248	3.201	-4.105	0.176	1.500	0.948	17.913	7.259
Oceania quantiles	0.025	0.166	2.287	2.306	-4.937	0.103	0.602	0.880	14.088	1.768
	0.5	0.644	2.768	2.753	-4.521	0.134	0.944	0.920	15.757	3.683
	0.975	1.121	3.248	3.201	-4.105	0.176	1.500	0.948	17.913	7.259
Andean South America quantiles	0.025	-0.567	-0.130	-0.042	-0.203	0.076	0.628	-0.848	95.774	1.166
	0.5	-0.141	0.281	0.388	0.332	0.096	0.887	0.150	103.969	3.548
	0.975	0.285	0.691	0.817	0.866	0.110	1.104	0.663	111.272	10.622
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025	-0.423	0.418	0.612	-1.814	0.063	0.427	0.905	8.970	1.794
	0.5	0.046	0.924	1.201	-1.125	0.086	0.687	0.945	11.018	7.664
	0.975	0.514	1.429	1.790	-0.437	0.121	1.310	0.976	12.889	25.633
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.025	-0.423	0.418	0.612	-1.814	0.063	0.427	0.905	8.970	1.794
	0.5	0.046	0.924	1.201	-1.125	0.086	0.687	0.945	11.018	7.664
	0.975	0.514	1.429	1.790	-0.437	0.121	1.310	0.976	12.889	25.633

Supplementary Table 17. Proportion with zero years, men ages 20–24 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

		int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Central sub-Saharan	0.025	-3.217	2.242	-0.395	-4.313	0.122	1.549	0.961	19.928	1.912
	0.5	-2.225	3.172	0.873	-3.043	0.157	2.446	0.976	23.879	4.535
	0.975	-1.234	4.102	2.139	-1.777	0.207	4.258	0.986	30.630	10.275

		int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Africa quantiles										
Eastern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-3.744	-0.305	1.139	-1.475	0.044	0.948	0.943	7.377	0.848
	0.5	-3.217	0.035	1.809	-0.844	0.054	1.247	0.957	8.076	3.399
	0.975	-2.690	0.374	2.480	-0.214	0.063	1.559	0.969	9.084	11.824
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-2.872	-0.383	0.991	-1.643	0.046	0.802	0.887	14.160	1.114
	0.5	-2.381	0.041	1.783	-0.824	0.053	0.982	0.912	15.643	3.450
	0.975	-1.891	0.465	2.575	-0.006	0.060	1.176	0.929	17.793	10.420
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-3.685	-0.930	-2.080	1.112	0.107	1.947	0.939	26.783	0.408
	0.5	-2.368	0.052	-1.143	2.094	0.131	3.171	0.964	29.513	1.192
	0.975	-1.052	1.033	-0.204	3.065	0.159	4.716	0.975	31.770	2.826
Western sub-Saharan quantiles	0.025	-3.581	1.103	-2.727	-5.581	0.048	0.289	0.891	1931.458	0.234
	0.5	-2.679	2.313	0.778	-2.087	0.058	0.379	0.926	15391.062	0.721
	0.975	-1.780	3.520	4.340	1.340	0.072	0.517	0.951	73400.000	2.020
Middle East quantiles	0.025	-5.562	1.300	2.341	-5.648	0.181	12.462	0.994	6.195	4.288
	0.5	-2.380	2.225	3.436	-4.658	0.229	19.735	0.996	6.985	17.661
	0.975	0.800	3.148	4.533	-3.676	0.294	32.744	0.997	7.530	94.822
Central Asia quantiles	0.025	-3.984	0.373	-1.050	-2.044	0.088	1.383	0.859	2.295	0.268
	0.5	-3.010	1.609	0.131	-0.732	0.106	1.922	0.905	2.561	0.790
	0.975	-2.038	2.842	1.304	0.576	0.134	2.858	0.944	2.751	2.095
South Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.769	0.290	0.743	-0.933	0.103	3.440	0.967	14.197	1.165
	0.5	-1.854	0.502	1.104	-0.606	0.120	4.650	0.974	15.010	2.549
	0.975	-0.940	0.714	1.465	-0.280	0.141	6.599	0.981	16.137	4.959
East Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.809	1.648	1.210	-4.370	0.092	1.112	0.939	6.524	0.379
	0.5	-2.018	2.510	1.943	-3.453	0.127	1.947	0.969	7.223	0.930
	0.975	-1.228	3.372	2.676	-2.537	0.209	4.730	0.992	7.908	3.309
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025	-1.819	1.898	0.655	-2.483	0.079	1.708	0.935	6.282	1.009
	0.5	-1.229	2.129	1.019	-2.147	0.090	2.206	0.953	6.611	1.962
	0.975	-0.639	2.359	1.382	-1.813	0.104	2.753	0.964	7.088	3.654
Oceania quantiles	0.025	-1.819	1.898	0.655	-2.483	0.079	1.708	0.935	6.282	1.009
	0.5	-1.229	2.129	1.019	-2.147	0.090	2.206	0.953	6.611	1.962
	0.975	-0.639	2.359	1.382	-1.813	0.104	2.753	0.964	7.088	3.654
Andean South America quantiles	0.025	-1.819	1.898	0.655	-2.483	0.079	1.708	0.935	6.282	1.009
	0.5	-1.229	2.129	1.019	-2.147	0.090	2.206	0.953	6.611	1.962
	0.975	-0.639	2.359	1.382	-1.813	0.104	2.753	0.964	7.088	3.654
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025	-4.183	0.273	-0.804	-0.385	0.052	0.505	0.879	4.509	0.120
	0.5	-2.936	0.783	-0.101	0.321	0.069	0.745	0.935	5.077	0.368
	0.975	-1.689	1.292	0.604	1.017	0.086	1.064	0.967	5.670	1.067
Central America and	0.025	-4.351	2.080	7.016	-14.610	0.073	0.793	0.862	13.833	0.696
	0.5	-3.825	3.051	9.856	-11.906	0.093	1.200	0.926	16.068	2.352
Central America and	0.975	-3.299	4.019	12.696	-9.206	0.121	1.890	0.963	20.264	6.495

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Caribbean quantiles									

Supplementary Table 18. Proportion with 1–5 years, men ages 20–24 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID	
Central sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-1.772	1.761	0.402	-2.963	0.058	0.580	0.896	28.927	1.835
	0.5	-1.405	2.227	1.041	-2.269	0.072	0.820	0.929	37.571	4.495
	0.975	-1.039	2.694	1.683	-1.578	0.091	1.104	0.952	50.190	10.452
Eastern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-5.678	1.370	4.347	-7.015	0.309	16.102	0.995	11.428	1017.872
	0.5	-1.324	1.752	5.336	-6.088	0.419	29.546	0.997	12.291	4791.368
	0.975	3.027	2.133	6.324	-5.161	0.585	57.237	0.998	13.150	16698.411
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-2.736	-0.198	1.168	-1.667	0.075	0.915	0.875	29.948	0.613
	0.5	-2.104	0.176	1.811	-0.987	0.087	1.204	0.903	34.637	2.218
	0.975	-1.473	0.549	2.453	-0.307	0.100	1.508	0.920	39.051	6.688
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-2.710	-0.299	-0.176	-1.048	0.077	0.807	0.978	27.941	0.616
	0.5	-1.958	0.544	0.607	-0.148	0.097	1.252	0.986	30.596	1.694
	0.975	-1.206	1.388	1.391	0.740	0.137	2.201	0.992	33.816	3.871
Western sub-Saharan quantiles	0.025	-2.872	-0.373	0.285	-2.225	0.082	0.749	0.855	1810.944	2255.081
	0.5	-2.370	0.361	1.570	-0.928	0.100	1.000	0.893	15300.000	17800.000
	0.975	-1.863	1.093	2.849	0.369	0.119	1.353	0.922	83981.503	93530.334
Middle East quantiles	0.025	-5.573	1.550	0.917	-2.968	0.282	30.095	0.998	7.657	1.862
	0.5	-0.519	2.038	1.441	-2.479	0.376	53.347	0.999	8.105	4.042
	0.975	4.532	2.526	1.965	-1.991	0.499	96.435	0.999	8.577	8.551
Central Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.734	1.299	-0.122	-1.432	0.042	0.565	0.911	9.343	0.244
	0.5	-1.883	1.718	0.298	-1.015	0.051	0.780	0.940	10.157	0.628
	0.975	-1.033	2.137	0.718	-0.600	0.066	1.107	0.961	11.201	1.500
South Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.734	1.299	-0.122	-1.432	0.042	0.565	0.911	9.343	0.244
	0.5	-1.883	1.718	0.298	-1.015	0.051	0.780	0.940	10.157	0.628
	0.975	-1.033	2.137	0.718	-0.600	0.066	1.107	0.961	11.201	1.500
East Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.019	0.311	-0.073	-1.207	0.073	0.231	0.777	11.400	0.328
	0.5	-1.549	0.925	0.635	-0.560	0.110	0.382	0.863	13.065	1.334
	0.975	-1.079	1.538	1.344	0.085	0.153	0.582	0.910	14.954	3.620

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025	-2.112	1.646	1.001	-3.086	0.113	0.837	0.909	17.887
	0.5	-1.458	2.029	1.537	-2.566	0.155	1.475	0.944	20.534
	0.975	-0.805	2.411	2.080	-2.053	0.214	2.679	0.967	23.758
Oceania quantiles	0.025	-2.112	1.646	1.001	-3.086	0.113	0.837	0.909	17.887
	0.5	-1.458	2.029	1.537	-2.566	0.155	1.475	0.944	20.534
	0.975	-0.805	2.411	2.080	-2.053	0.214	2.679	0.967	23.758
Andean South America quantiles	0.025	-2.928	-0.706	-1.210	0.240	0.155	0.881	0.820	27541.651
	0.5	-2.089	0.136	-0.422	1.290	0.182	1.180	0.865	63216.340
	0.975	-1.250	0.975	0.357	2.340	0.216	1.590	0.901	143000.000
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025	-4.966	-0.703	-1.066	-0.100	0.207	1.458	0.940	9.848
	0.5	-2.409	0.166	-0.179	1.026	0.361	4.576	0.984	12.139
	0.975	0.146	1.033	0.660	2.172	0.807	22.704	0.998	15.008
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.025	-3.094	1.721	0.956	-2.876	0.091	1.304	0.941	14.380
	0.5	-2.479	1.956	1.470	-2.426	0.106	1.771	0.957	15.642
	0.975	-1.863	2.190	1.984	-1.976	0.130	2.547	0.971	16.712

Supplementary Table 19. Proportion with 6–11 years, men ages 20–24 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Central sub- Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	0.718	1.118	2.371	-4.859	0.041	0.394	0.860	10.158
	0.5	0.968	1.826	3.157	-3.983	0.051	0.501	0.906	13.482
	0.975	1.218	2.532	3.943	-3.107	0.064	0.660	0.935	22.624
Eastern sub- Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-1.340	0.143	0.853	-0.868	0.142	2.302	0.984	12.835
	0.5	0.177	0.392	1.170	-0.562	0.177	3.496	0.989	13.451
	0.975	1.694	0.641	1.487	-0.256	0.231	5.835	0.993	14.320
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.206	0.917	2.998	-4.338	0.043	0.260	0.574	26.201
	0.5	0.283	1.273	3.498	-3.772	0.049	0.310	0.666	29.334
	0.975	0.772	1.630	3.999	-3.207	0.055	0.355	0.727	32.877
Southern sub-Saharan	0.025	0.100	-0.285	-0.258	0.658	0.062	0.334	0.948	39.634
	0.5	0.596	0.003	0.015	0.981	0.076	0.479	0.962	42.919
	0.975	1.092	0.292	0.288	1.305	0.094	0.717	0.973	46.447

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Africa quantiles									
Western sub-Saharan quantiles	0.025	-0.604	1.041	0.061	-1.531	0.048	0.252	0.898	105.570
	0.5	-0.359	1.398	0.580	-0.978	0.057	0.332	0.923	149.667
	0.975	-0.114	1.754	1.099	-0.425	0.068	0.434	0.943	222.815
Middle East quantiles	0.025	-0.521	1.214	0.514	-1.957	0.096	3.592	0.994	9.184
	0.5	0.624	1.586	0.965	-1.550	0.116	5.136	0.995	9.638
	0.975	1.769	1.958	1.415	-1.144	0.150	8.305	0.997	9.995
Central Asia quantiles	0.025	0.124	1.338	0.938	-2.503	0.040	0.275	0.463	12.114
	0.5	0.469	1.787	1.384	-2.171	0.048	0.343	0.638	13.233
	0.975	0.813	2.235	1.830	-1.840	0.060	0.437	0.755	14.274
South Asia quantiles	0.025	0.124	1.338	0.938	-2.503	0.040	0.275	0.463	12.114
	0.5	0.469	1.787	1.384	-2.171	0.048	0.343	0.638	13.233
	0.975	0.813	2.235	1.830	-1.840	0.060	0.437	0.755	14.274
East Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.896	0.792	0.925	-2.679	0.192	0.463	0.873	38.058
	0.5	0.074	1.482	1.542	-2.024	0.317	1.105	0.943	45.137
	0.975	1.043	2.172	2.159	-1.371	0.523	2.579	0.974	52.868
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.140	1.377	2.107	-3.732	0.120	0.642	0.874	16.595
	0.5	0.423	1.831	2.505	-3.336	0.166	1.135	0.920	18.458
	0.975	0.985	2.285	2.903	-2.940	0.242	2.190	0.954	20.592
Oceania quantiles	0.025	-0.140	1.377	2.107	-3.732	0.120	0.642	0.874	16.595
	0.5	0.423	1.831	2.505	-3.336	0.166	1.135	0.920	18.458
	0.975	0.985	2.285	2.903	-2.940	0.242	2.190	0.954	20.592
Andean South America quantiles	0.025	-0.570	0.509	-0.575	-0.440	0.054	0.342	-0.506	122.050
	0.5	0.000	0.954	-0.196	0.242	0.091	0.820	0.511	130.606
	0.975	0.569	1.399	0.182	0.924	0.118	1.276	0.798	138.658
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025	-0.287	-0.176	0.884	-1.684	0.057	0.298	0.852	7.893
	0.5	0.062	0.391	1.531	-0.922	0.077	0.475	0.916	9.195
	0.975	0.410	0.958	2.177	-0.160	0.109	0.785	0.955	10.467
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.025	-0.431	1.753	0.685	-2.575	0.110	1.297	0.943	11.487
	0.5	0.336	2.028	1.129	-2.157	0.130	1.786	0.958	12.382
	0.975	1.102	2.303	1.572	-1.740	0.159	2.596	0.971	13.827

Supplementary Table 20. Mean years, women ages 15–49 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID	
Central sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.752	0.348	0.163	0.304	0.067	1.426	0.961	4.722	0.930
	0.5	-0.186	0.395	0.238	0.367	0.083	2.007	0.974	5.516	2.360
	0.975	0.380	0.443	0.313	0.430	0.106	3.070	0.984	7.397	5.520
Eastern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.753	0.526	0.180	0.154	0.017	1.323	0.985	4.078	0.616
	0.5	-0.188	0.557	0.237	0.206	0.031	2.038	0.992	4.375	2.341
	0.975	0.376	0.588	0.294	0.257	0.041	2.647	0.995	4.685	7.749
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.666	0.393	-0.004	0.508	0.042	1.774	0.917	6.480	0.913
	0.5	-0.135	0.418	0.037	0.546	0.049	2.169	0.932	6.997	3.463
	0.975	0.394	0.442	0.078	0.583	0.055	2.619	0.944	7.656	12.674
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-1.696	0.929	-0.494	0.419	0.104	2.910	0.971	6.255	0.140
	0.5	-0.597	0.972	-0.449	0.477	0.129	4.329	0.982	6.601	0.392
	0.975	0.502	1.015	-0.403	0.535	0.152	6.071	0.987	6.988	0.895
Western sub-Saharan quantiles	0.025	-1.416	0.644	-0.051	0.269	0.031	1.705	0.937	9.517	0.166
	0.5	-0.523	0.683	-0.003	0.320	0.035	1.993	0.952	13.151	0.613
	0.975	0.369	0.722	0.044	0.372	0.040	2.341	0.966	16.962	2.607
Middle East quantiles	0.025	-1.381	0.495	0.104	0.260	0.152	30.654	0.999	2.948	0.325
	0.5	-0.013	0.529	0.160	0.311	0.236	73.899	0.999	3.081	0.915
	0.975	1.355	0.563	0.216	0.362	0.349	161.160	1.000	3.232	2.523
Central Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.602	0.613	0.037	0.163	0.034	1.211	0.949	2.448	0.176
	0.5	0.220	0.656	0.108	0.236	0.041	1.623	0.966	2.621	0.460
	0.975	1.042	0.699	0.178	0.309	0.052	2.199	0.979	2.797	1.099
South Asia quantiles	0.025	-1.180	0.214	0.208	0.496	0.147	15.591	0.991	4.564	0.296
	0.5	0.059	0.234	0.242	0.525	0.175	22.281	0.993	4.848	0.596
	0.975	1.297	0.253	0.275	0.553	0.219	34.530	0.995	5.419	1.076
East Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.936	0.345	-0.003	0.503	0.070	2.941	0.976	1.279	0.134
	0.5	-0.053	0.391	0.050	0.559	0.089	4.125	0.985	1.371	0.365
	0.975	0.830	0.437	0.102	0.616	0.110	5.900	0.991	1.452	0.906
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.162	0.287	0.033	0.571	0.086	2.596	0.962	4.171	0.646
	0.5	0.573	0.311	0.078	0.612	0.104	3.764	0.972	4.523	1.306
	0.975	1.308	0.334	0.123	0.652	0.128	5.345	0.979	4.874	2.463
Oceania quantiles	0.025	-0.162	0.287	0.033	0.571	0.086	2.596	0.962	4.171	0.646
	0.5	0.573	0.311	0.078	0.612	0.104	3.764	0.972	4.523	1.306
	0.975	1.308	0.334	0.123	0.652	0.128	5.345	0.979	4.874	2.463
Andean South America quantiles	0.025	-0.563	0.978	-0.267	0.221	0.206	2.089	0.014	84.569	1099.152
	0.5	-0.048	0.996	-0.244	0.248	0.239	2.695	0.481	98.598	11896.816
	0.975	0.467	1.014	-0.221	0.276	0.287	3.546	0.844	115.700	60201.968
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025	-0.896	0.176	-0.035	0.649	0.045	1.456	0.884	1218.805	0.052
	0.5	0.151	0.222	0.044	0.734	0.067	1.980	0.939	13600.000	0.207
	0.975	1.200	0.268	0.123	0.819	0.088	2.780	0.965	68500.000	0.536
	0.025	-0.519	0.741	-0.012	0.125	0.064	2.667	0.938	3.923	0.690

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID	
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.5	0.068	0.778	0.039	0.183	0.071	3.225	0.949	4.209	2.494
	0.975	0.654	0.816	0.089	0.241	0.080	4.038	0.960	4.489	8.752

Supplementary Table 21. Mean years, men ages 15–49 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID	
Central sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.838	0.421	0.069	0.308	0.060	1.121	0.962	5.386	0.577
	0.5	-0.265	0.476	0.149	0.375	0.077	1.627	0.976	6.196	1.369
	0.975	0.307	0.530	0.229	0.442	0.098	2.355	0.985	7.058	3.117
Eastern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.794	0.728	0.011	0.119	0.032	1.110	0.988	4.382	0.676
	0.5	-0.232	0.765	0.066	0.169	0.038	1.369	0.992	5.214	2.183
	0.975	0.330	0.803	0.121	0.219	0.049	1.755	0.994	5.714	7.074
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.995	0.348	-0.010	0.530	0.052	1.578	0.924	6.712	0.473
	0.5	-0.375	0.376	0.044	0.580	0.058	1.871	0.935	8.027	1.631
	0.975	0.245	0.403	0.097	0.631	0.067	2.297	0.947	8.852	4.694
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-1.636	0.986	-0.470	0.360	0.098	3.060	0.980	6.504	0.231
	0.5	-0.578	1.026	-0.431	0.405	0.121	4.616	0.987	6.957	0.605
	0.975	0.480	1.065	-0.391	0.451	0.151	7.422	0.992	7.469	1.452
Western sub-Saharan quantiles	0.025	-1.253	0.624	-0.055	0.272	0.027	0.665	0.923	15.851	0.180
	0.5	-0.482	0.671	-0.001	0.329	0.034	0.885	0.943	21.750	0.751
	0.975	0.289	0.718	0.054	0.386	0.040	1.105	0.959	30.816	2.595
Middle East quantiles	0.025	-1.375	0.535	0.018	0.311	0.208	44.042	0.999	3.226	0.501
	0.5	-0.005	0.571	0.072	0.357	0.273	75.594	1.000	3.377	1.597
	0.975	1.364	0.606	0.126	0.404	0.373	143.783	1.000	3.541	4.663
Central Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.559	0.536	0.067	0.225	0.040	1.072	0.948	3.149	0.222
	0.5	0.205	0.582	0.131	0.287	0.049	1.447	0.965	3.399	0.607
	0.975	0.968	0.628	0.195	0.349	0.063	2.087	0.980	3.633	1.511
South Asia quantiles	0.025	-1.255	0.235	0.202	0.471	0.168	19.088	0.994	4.559	0.321
	0.5	0.056	0.257	0.240	0.503	0.211	30.257	0.996	4.806	0.628
	0.975	1.367	0.280	0.278	0.534	0.258	45.091	0.997	5.198	1.165
	0.025	-1.135	0.227	0.012	0.575	0.080	2.959	0.979	1.851	0.217
	0.5	-0.243	0.283	0.074	0.643	0.111	5.022	0.988	2.015	0.689

	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID	
East Asia quantiles	0.975	0.648	0.339	0.136	0.711	0.149	8.369	0.993	2.152	1.827
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.188	0.281	0.056	0.538	0.077	2.152	0.963	3.458	0.414
	0.5	0.584	0.304	0.109	0.587	0.099	3.641	0.979	3.678	0.799
	0.975	1.356	0.328	0.162	0.635	0.124	5.399	0.985	3.965	1.491
Oceania quantiles	0.025	-0.188	0.281	0.056	0.538	0.077	2.152	0.963	3.458	0.414
	0.5	0.584	0.304	0.109	0.587	0.099	3.641	0.979	3.678	0.799
	0.975	1.356	0.328	0.162	0.635	0.124	5.399	0.985	3.965	1.491
Andean South America quantiles	0.025	-0.090	0.417	-0.654	1.105	0.115	0.705	0.631	11.315	1356.584
	0.5	0.281	0.444	-0.603	1.159	0.143	1.006	0.824	12.116	12965.278
	0.975	0.652	0.470	-0.552	1.213	0.181	1.473	0.915	13.150	69925.585
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025	-1.144	0.167	-0.045	0.643	0.052	0.873	0.835	6.924	0.083
	0.5	-0.098	0.220	0.045	0.734	0.070	1.385	0.914	13.960	0.237
	0.975	0.948	0.274	0.135	0.826	0.109	2.117	0.963	41.711	0.645
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.025	-0.562	0.637	-0.187	0.380	0.068	2.031	0.936	3.896	0.382
	0.5	0.052	0.676	-0.125	0.448	0.076	2.438	0.947	4.142	1.240
	0.975	0.665	0.716	-0.062	0.516	0.090	3.103	0.960	4.471	3.019

Supplementary Table 22. Mean years, women ages 20–24 fitted parameters

Lower, median, and upper quantiles (0.025%, 0.50%, 0.975%) are displayed for the main parameters by region. The fixed effects covariates corresponding to the predicted ensemble rasters are shown in the first four columns, while fitted values for the spatiotemporal field hyperparameters and the precisions (inverse variance) for our random effects are shown in the last five columns.

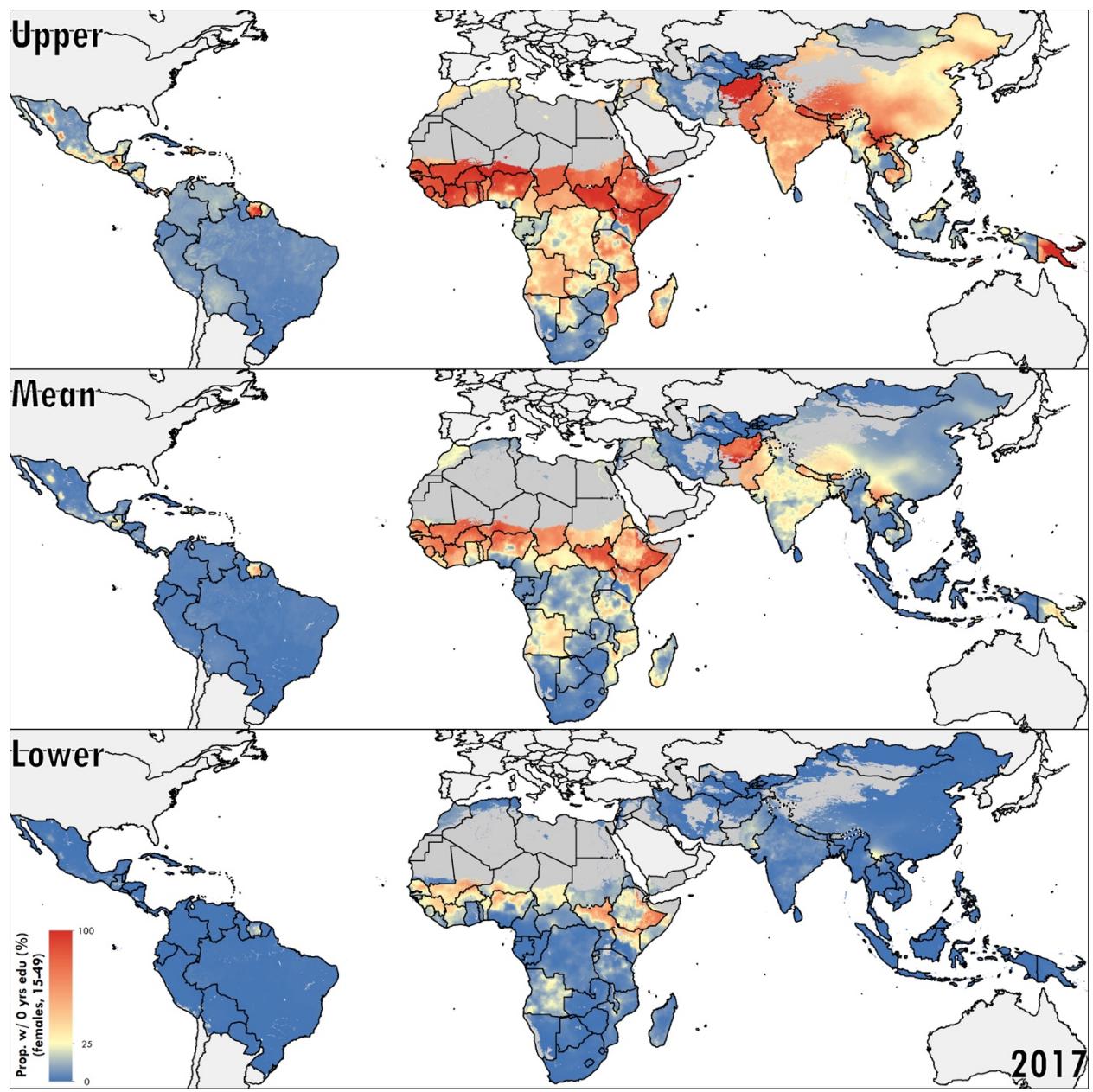
	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID	
Central sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.769	0.303	0.121	0.360	0.060	1.680	0.954	3.834	0.533
	0.5	-0.155	0.355	0.210	0.435	0.076	2.377	0.970	4.465	1.412
	0.975	0.459	0.407	0.298	0.510	0.097	3.411	0.981	5.154	3.361
Eastern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.672	0.593	-0.058	0.316	0.032	1.574	0.979	5.123	0.439
	0.5	-0.045	0.628	-0.001	0.373	0.040	2.209	0.986	5.623	1.745
	0.975	0.582	0.664	0.056	0.429	0.047	2.830	0.990	6.117	6.040
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.640	0.305	0.004	0.550	0.044	2.631	0.894	4.383	0.487
	0.5	-0.063	0.335	0.061	0.604	0.049	3.092	0.911	4.772	2.659
	0.975	0.514	0.366	0.118	0.657	0.056	3.740	0.928	5.274	10.781
Southern sub-Saharan	0.025	-1.776	0.922	-0.355	0.280	0.077	1.704	0.975	10.038	0.093
	0.5	-0.775	0.966	-0.307	0.341	0.092	2.391	0.982	10.690	0.271
	0.975	0.226	1.010	-0.260	0.402	0.108	3.415	0.988	11.528	0.615

		int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID
Africa quantiles										
Western sub-Saharan quantiles	0.025	-1.889	0.400	-0.082	0.517	0.031	1.444	0.950	20.779	0.057
	0.5	-0.794	0.445	-0.026	0.581	0.036	1.764	0.967	38.708	0.188
	0.975	0.299	0.490	0.030	0.645	0.042	2.263	0.977	110.729	0.547
Middle East quantiles	0.025	-1.228	0.405	0.089	0.355	0.081	8.324	0.993	2.941	0.279
	0.5	-0.159	0.445	0.148	0.407	0.098	12.102	0.995	3.093	0.916
	0.975	0.909	0.484	0.207	0.460	0.126	19.678	0.997	3.219	2.319
Central Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.663	0.619	0.102	0.065	0.034	1.450	0.898	1.891	0.129
	0.5	0.237	0.665	0.184	0.151	0.044	2.028	0.936	2.034	0.342
	0.975	1.137	0.711	0.266	0.237	0.054	2.708	0.956	2.184	0.809
South Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.663	0.619	0.102	0.065	0.034	1.450	0.898	1.891	0.129
	0.5	0.237	0.665	0.184	0.151	0.044	2.028	0.936	2.034	0.342
	0.975	1.137	0.711	0.266	0.237	0.054	2.708	0.956	2.184	0.809
East Asia quantiles	0.025	-1.136	0.223	-0.017	0.619	0.052	3.138	0.981	1.282	0.066
	0.5	-0.109	0.276	0.039	0.685	0.073	4.479	0.988	1.390	0.159
	0.975	0.918	0.329	0.095	0.750	0.091	6.114	0.992	1.505	0.408
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.267	0.230	0.105	0.547	0.096	4.406	0.965	2.877	0.414
	0.5	0.654	0.254	0.154	0.592	0.118	6.574	0.975	3.152	0.829
	0.975	1.574	0.277	0.204	0.637	0.149	9.795	0.982	3.412	1.610
Oceania quantiles	0.025	-0.267	0.230	0.105	0.547	0.096	4.406	0.965	2.877	0.414
	0.5	0.654	0.254	0.154	0.592	0.118	6.574	0.975	3.152	0.829
	0.975	1.574	0.277	0.204	0.637	0.149	9.795	0.982	3.412	1.610
Andean South America quantiles	0.025	-0.962	0.957	-0.293	0.248	0.170	2.945	0.047	46.963	1209.715
	0.5	-0.405	0.982	-0.265	0.283	0.199	3.761	0.383	54.302	14318.265
	0.975	0.152	1.007	-0.237	0.318	0.229	4.886	0.663	62.993	72811.134
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025	-0.952	0.214	-0.045	0.553	0.052	1.477	0.896	1103.715	0.070
	0.5	0.102	0.267	0.067	0.666	0.065	1.940	0.939	11000.000	0.224
	0.975	1.160	0.319	0.179	0.780	0.081	2.710	0.970	63600.000	0.595
Central America and Caribbean quantiles	0.025	-0.673	0.727	0.011	0.079	0.053	2.520	0.926	4.390	0.807
	0.5	-0.214	0.778	0.068	0.154	0.058	2.964	0.939	4.745	4.908
	0.975	0.245	0.829	0.126	0.229	0.065	3.601	0.952	5.099	21.510

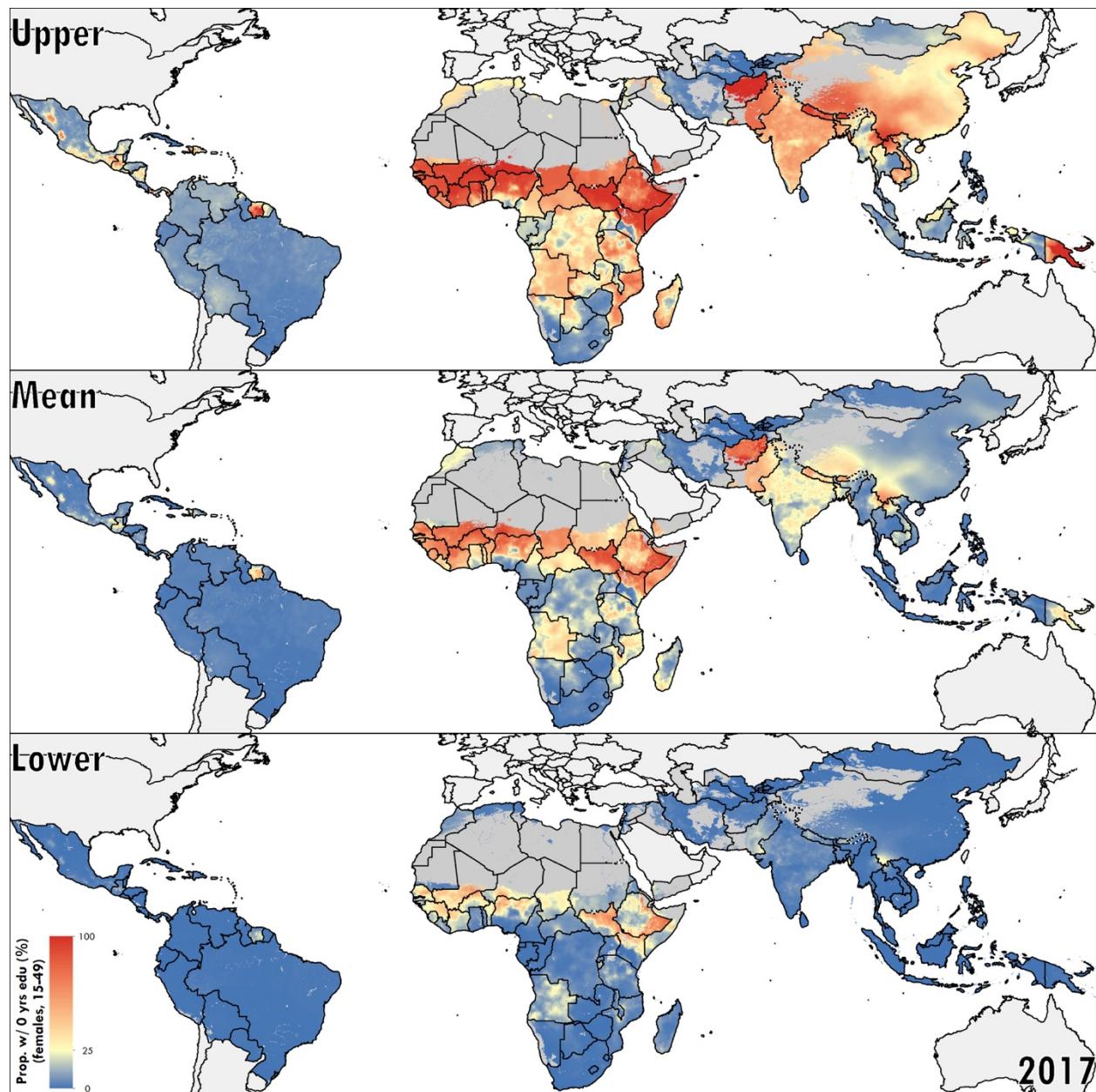
Supplementary Table 23. Mean years, men ages 20–24 fitted parameters

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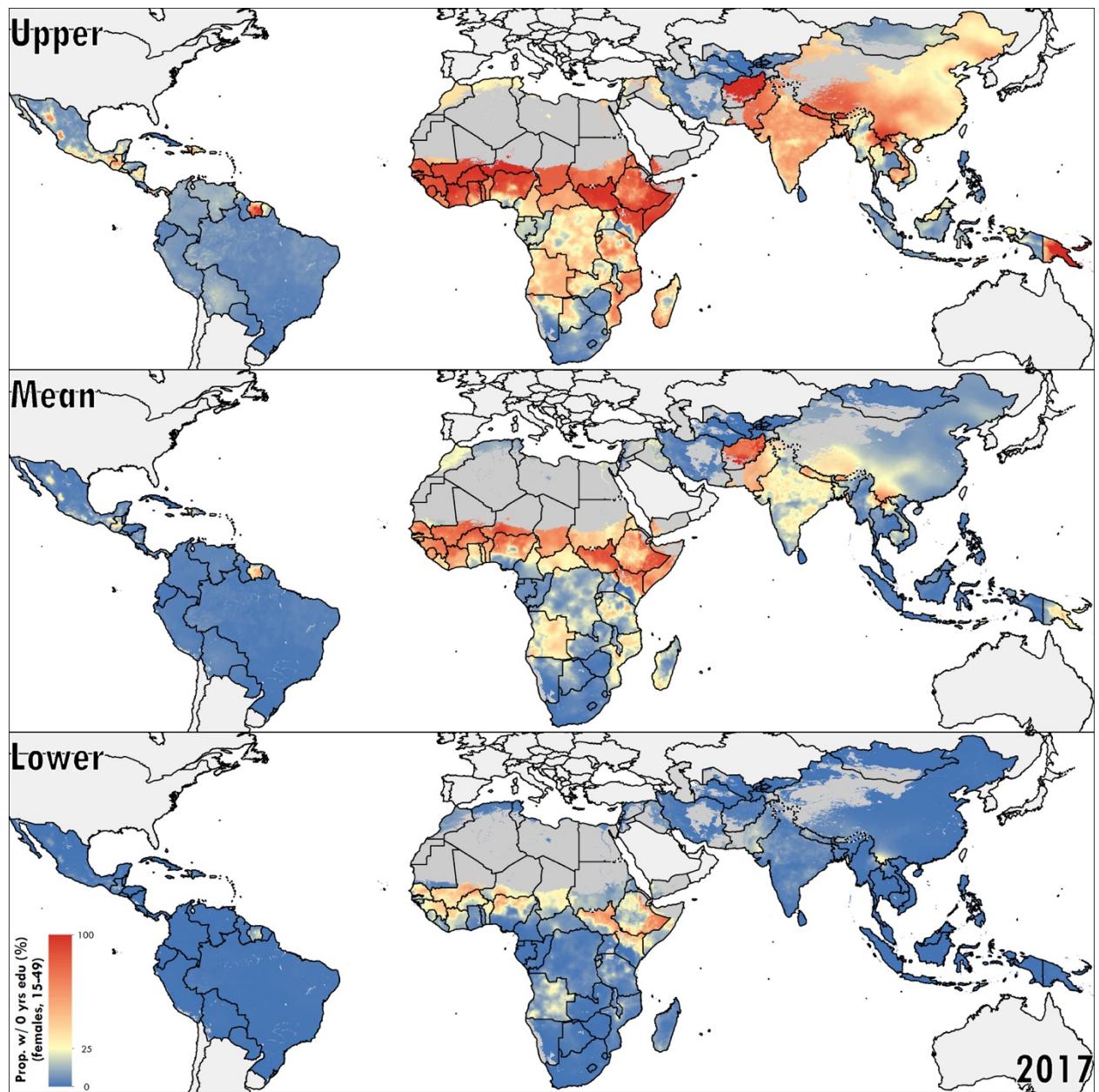
	int	gam	gbm	lasso	Nominal Range	Nominal Variance	AR1 rho	Precision for IID.ID	Precision for CTRY.ID	
Central sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.822	0.358	0.009	0.381	0.065	1.121	0.943	5.300	0.560
	0.5	-0.261	0.420	0.110	0.469	0.081	1.533	0.965	6.259	1.367
	0.975	0.300	0.482	0.212	0.557	0.111	2.202	0.983	7.961	3.531
Eastern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.808	0.726	-0.096	0.211	0.041	1.252	0.982	5.750	0.368
	0.5	-0.094	0.769	-0.038	0.269	0.052	1.828	0.987	6.234	1.220
	0.975	0.620	0.812	0.019	0.328	0.064	2.473	0.990	6.806	4.022
Northern Africa quantiles	0.025	-0.885	0.207	0.019	0.568	0.057	2.112	0.902	6.086	0.262
	0.5	-0.153	0.244	0.105	0.651	0.064	2.522	0.917	6.667	0.957
	0.975	0.579	0.282	0.191	0.733	0.075	3.169	0.935	7.549	2.614
Southern sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-1.567	0.941	-0.357	0.291	0.068	1.471	0.977	10.107	0.187
	0.5	-0.642	0.983	-0.319	0.337	0.091	2.482	0.986	11.023	0.519
	0.975	0.283	1.024	-0.282	0.382	0.117	4.005	0.992	12.331	1.188
Western sub-Saharan Africa quantiles	0.025	-1.758	0.340	-0.092	0.562	0.025	0.701	0.887	801.415	0.130
	0.5	-0.867	0.391	-0.027	0.636	0.044	0.990	0.934	10100.000	0.499
	0.975	0.023	0.443	0.038	0.710	0.058	1.270	0.955	59800.000	1.740
Middle East quantiles	0.025	-1.324	0.412	0.061	0.376	0.095	10.104	0.995	3.367	0.731
	0.5	-0.160	0.453	0.119	0.428	0.118	15.763	0.997	3.651	2.351
	0.975	1.003	0.495	0.177	0.479	0.151	25.554	0.998	3.859	6.889
Central Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.832	0.561	0.087	0.124	0.034	1.092	0.878	2.690	0.196
	0.5	0.022	0.614	0.170	0.216	0.056	1.874	0.937	2.895	0.510
	0.975	0.875	0.667	0.254	0.307	0.074	2.786	0.960	3.215	1.344
South Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.384	0.186	0.157	0.542	0.066	3.514	0.975	4.721	0.302
	0.5	0.343	0.214	0.205	0.582	0.079	4.798	0.982	5.073	0.578
	0.975	1.070	0.241	0.252	0.621	0.102	7.163	0.988	5.433	1.080
East Asia quantiles	0.025	-1.279	0.113	-0.021	0.714	0.065	2.321	0.981	2.255	0.165
	0.5	-0.461	0.169	0.046	0.785	0.078	3.194	0.989	2.448	0.437
	0.975	0.358	0.224	0.113	0.856	0.099	4.501	0.994	2.614	1.152
Southeast Asia quantiles	0.025	-0.187	0.255	0.082	0.526	0.071	2.178	0.935	2.585	0.309
	0.5	0.618	0.280	0.140	0.580	0.095	4.204	0.968	2.959	0.636
	0.975	1.423	0.305	0.198	0.634	0.120	6.511	0.979	3.241	1.178
Oceania quantiles	0.025	-0.187	0.255	0.082	0.526	0.071	2.178	0.935	2.585	0.309
	0.5	0.618	0.280	0.140	0.580	0.095	4.204	0.968	2.959	0.636
	0.975	1.423	0.305	0.198	0.634	0.120	6.511	0.979	3.241	1.178
Andean South America quantiles	0.025	-0.628	0.272	-0.849	1.440	0.094	0.926	0.330	11.577	1597.043
	0.5	-0.270	0.304	-0.794	1.489	0.119	1.325	0.688	12.476	15224.582
	0.975	0.089	0.337	-0.738	1.539	0.145	1.830	0.861	13.445	74726.256
Tropical South America quantiles	0.025	-1.130	0.147	-0.005	0.542	0.056	0.938	0.495	1130.000	0.087
	0.5	-0.110	0.209	0.121	0.670	0.077	1.710	0.893	11800.000	0.270
	0.975	0.906	0.271	0.246	0.798	0.119	2.690	0.959	64600.000	0.676



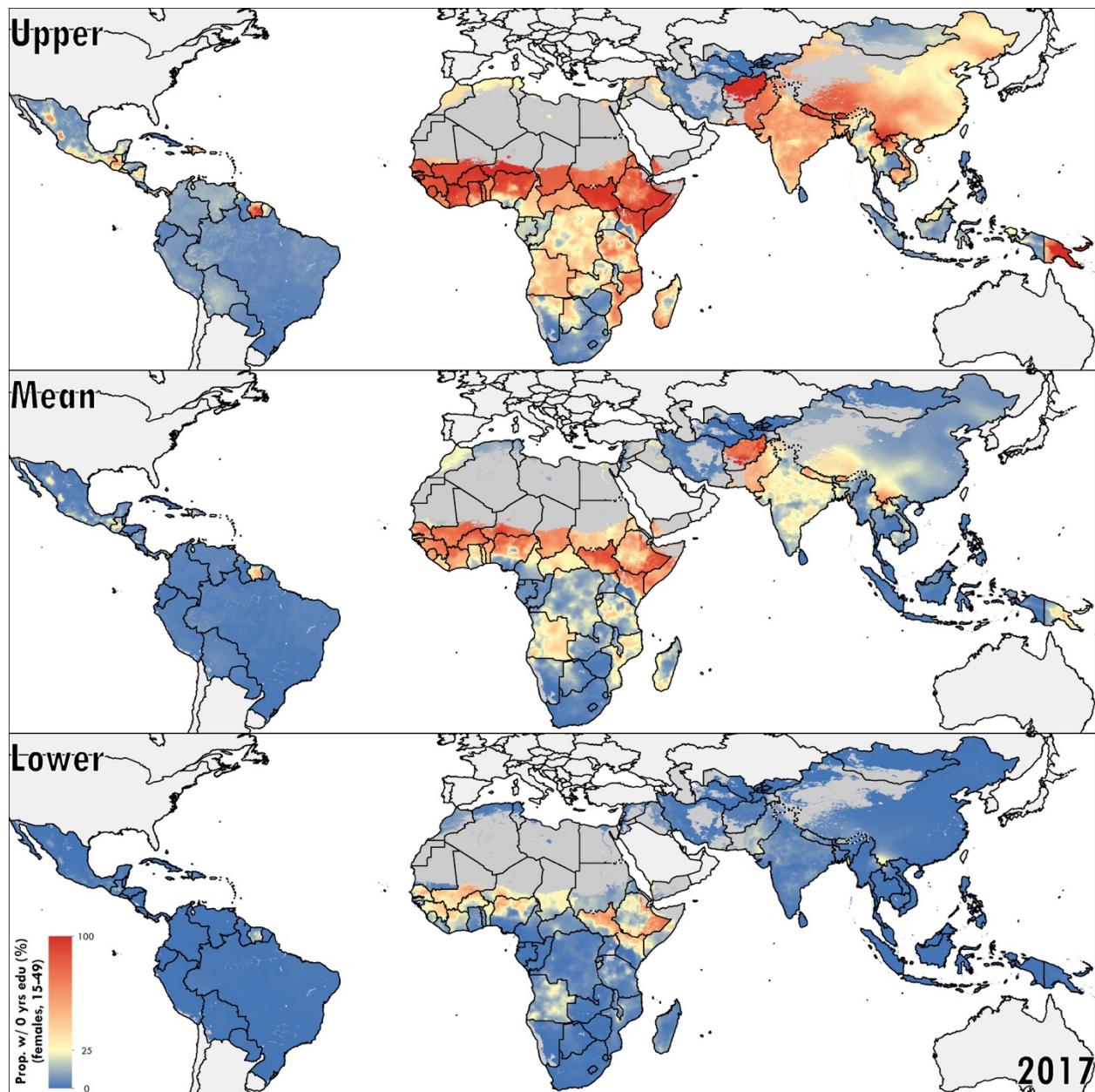
Supplementary Figure 8. Zero years, women ages 15–49 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



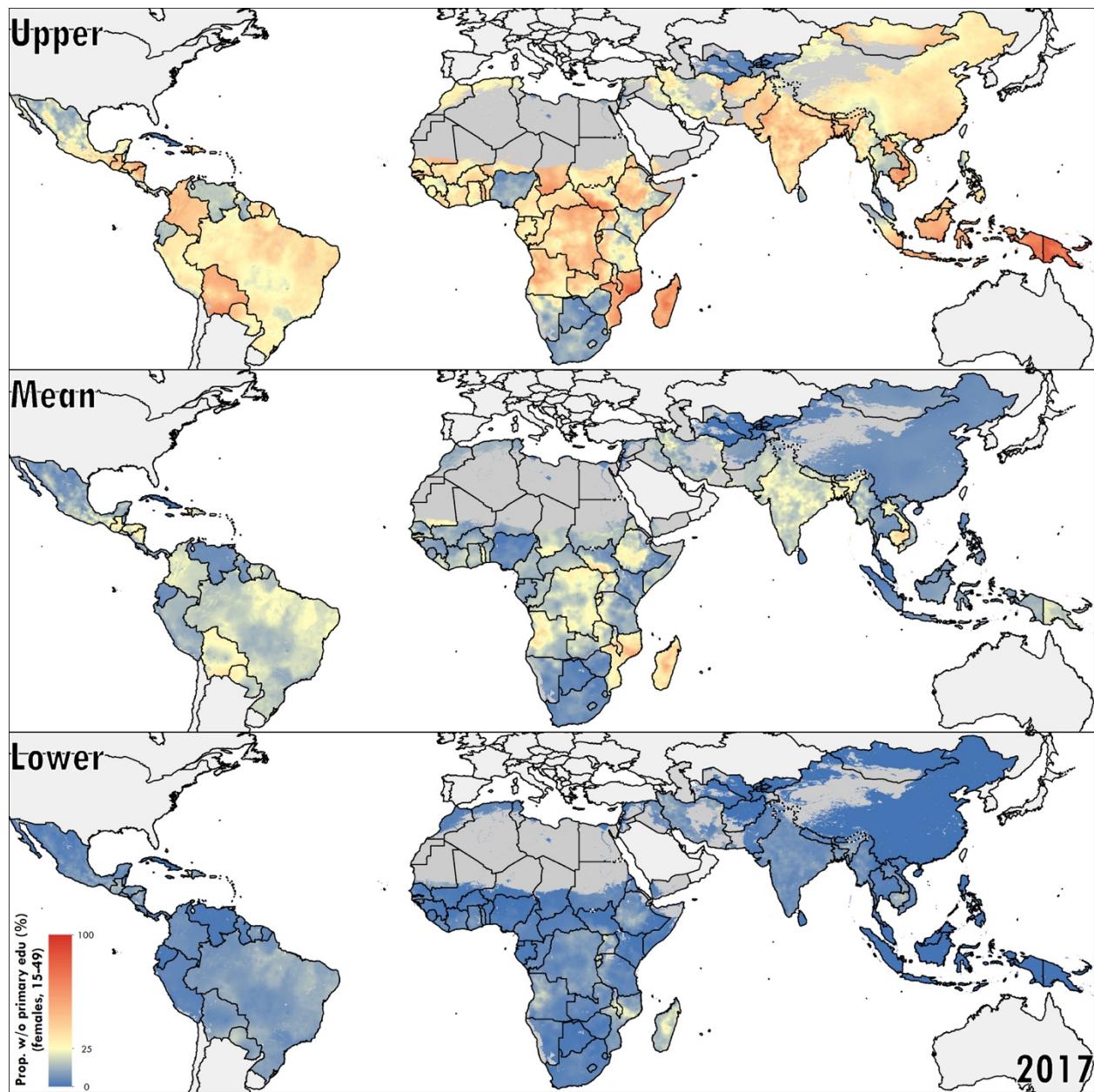
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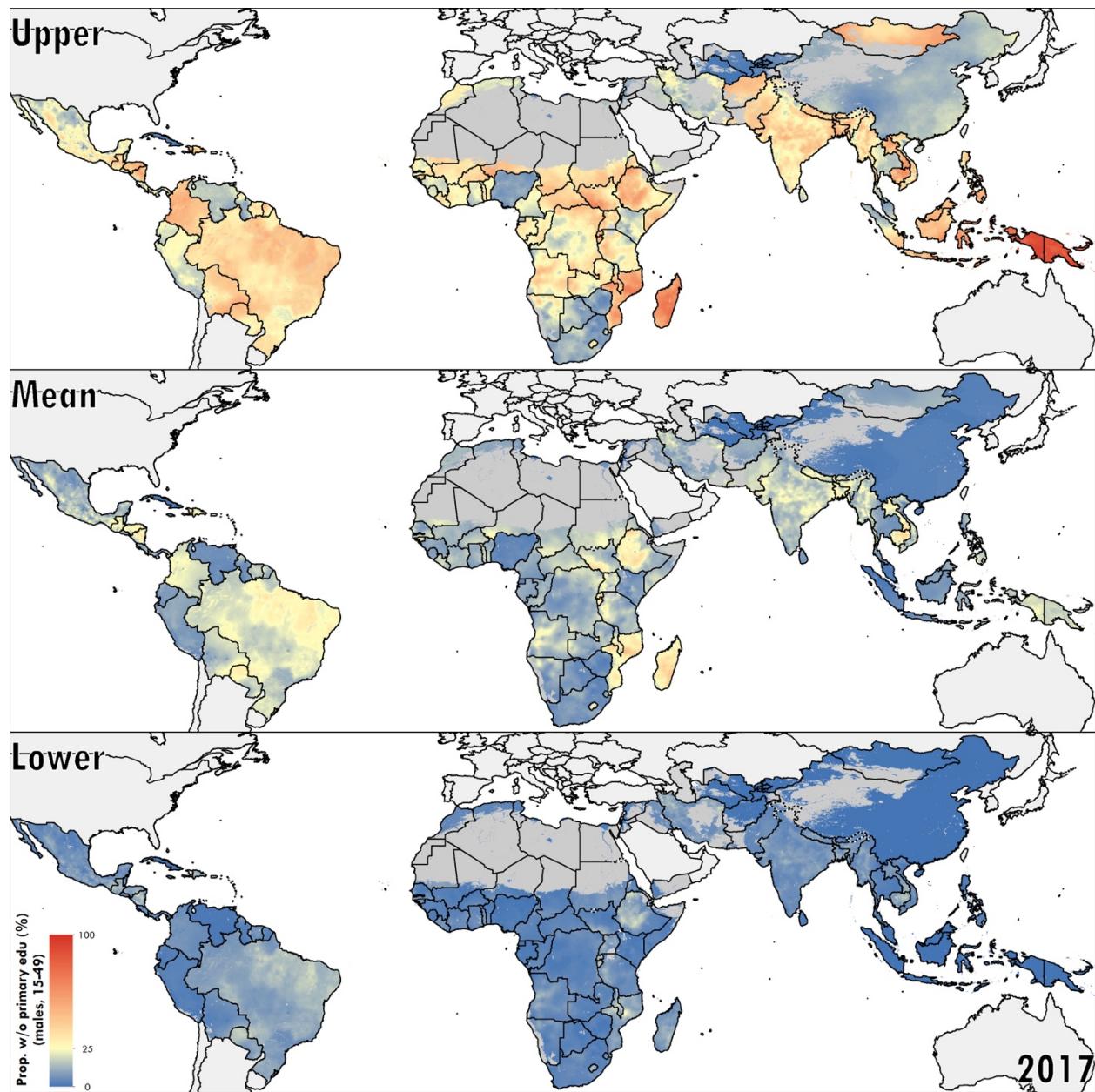
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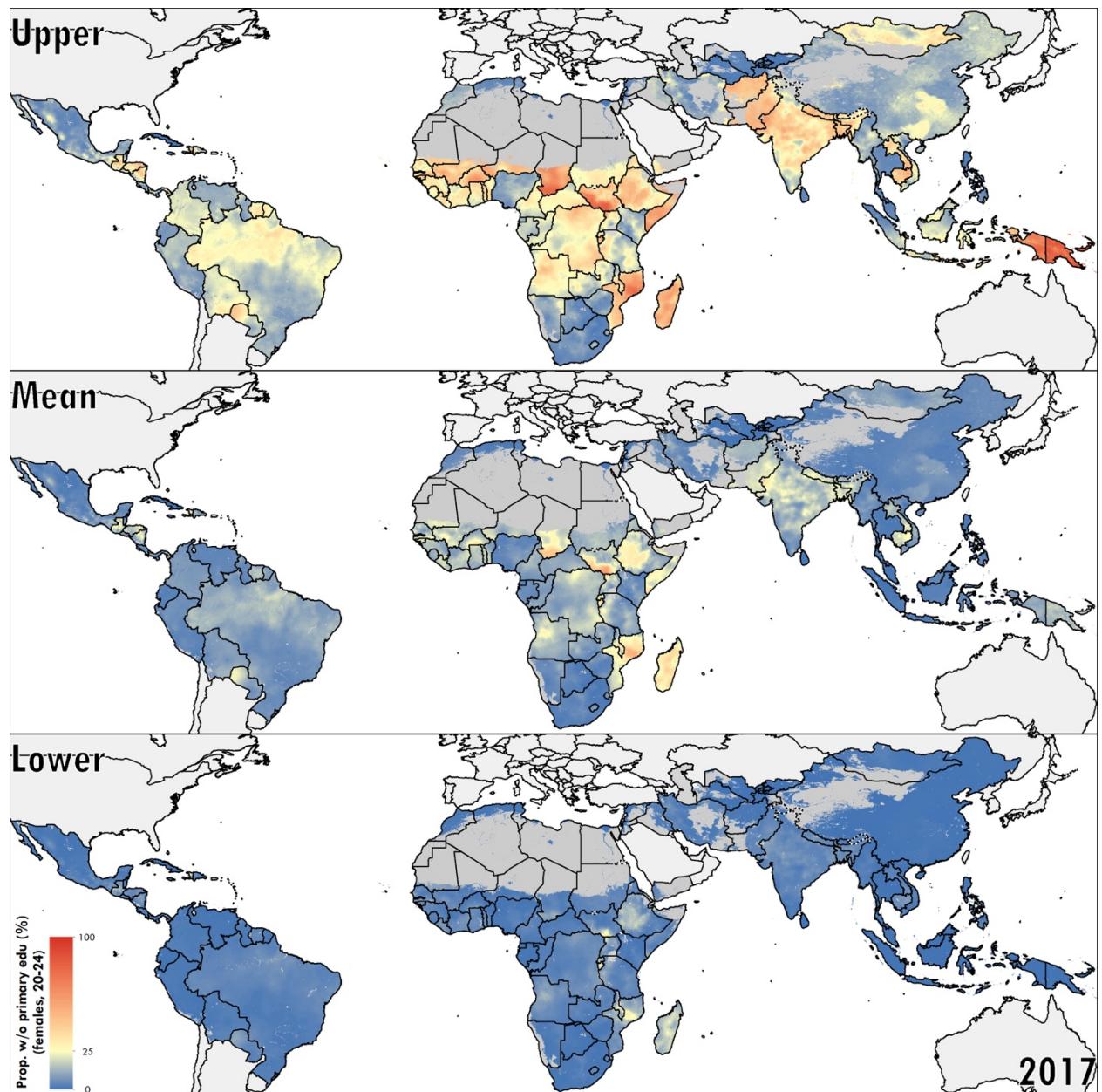
Supplementary Figure 11. Zero years, men ages 20–24 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



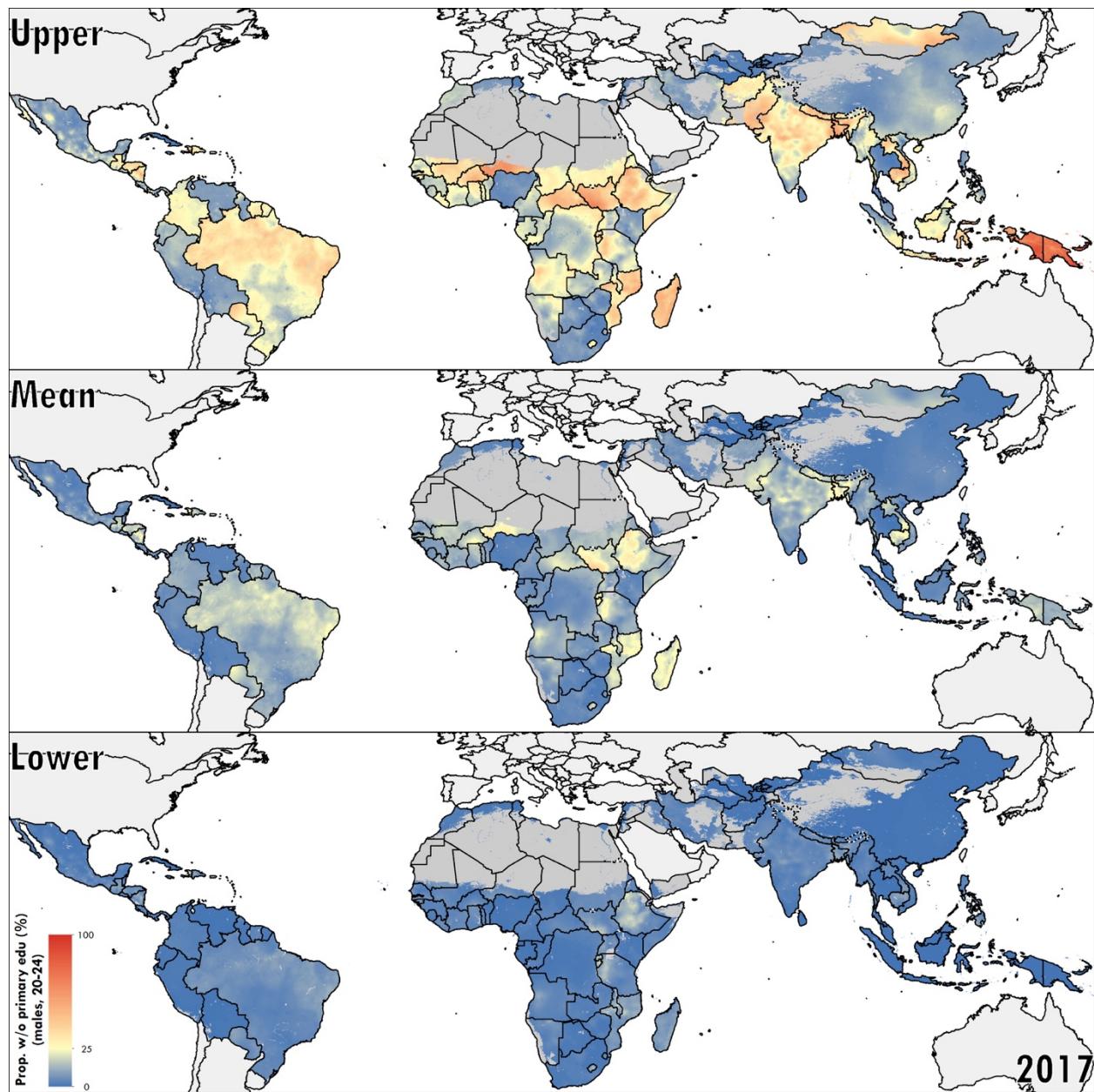
Supplementary Figure 12. 1–5 years, women ages 15–49 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



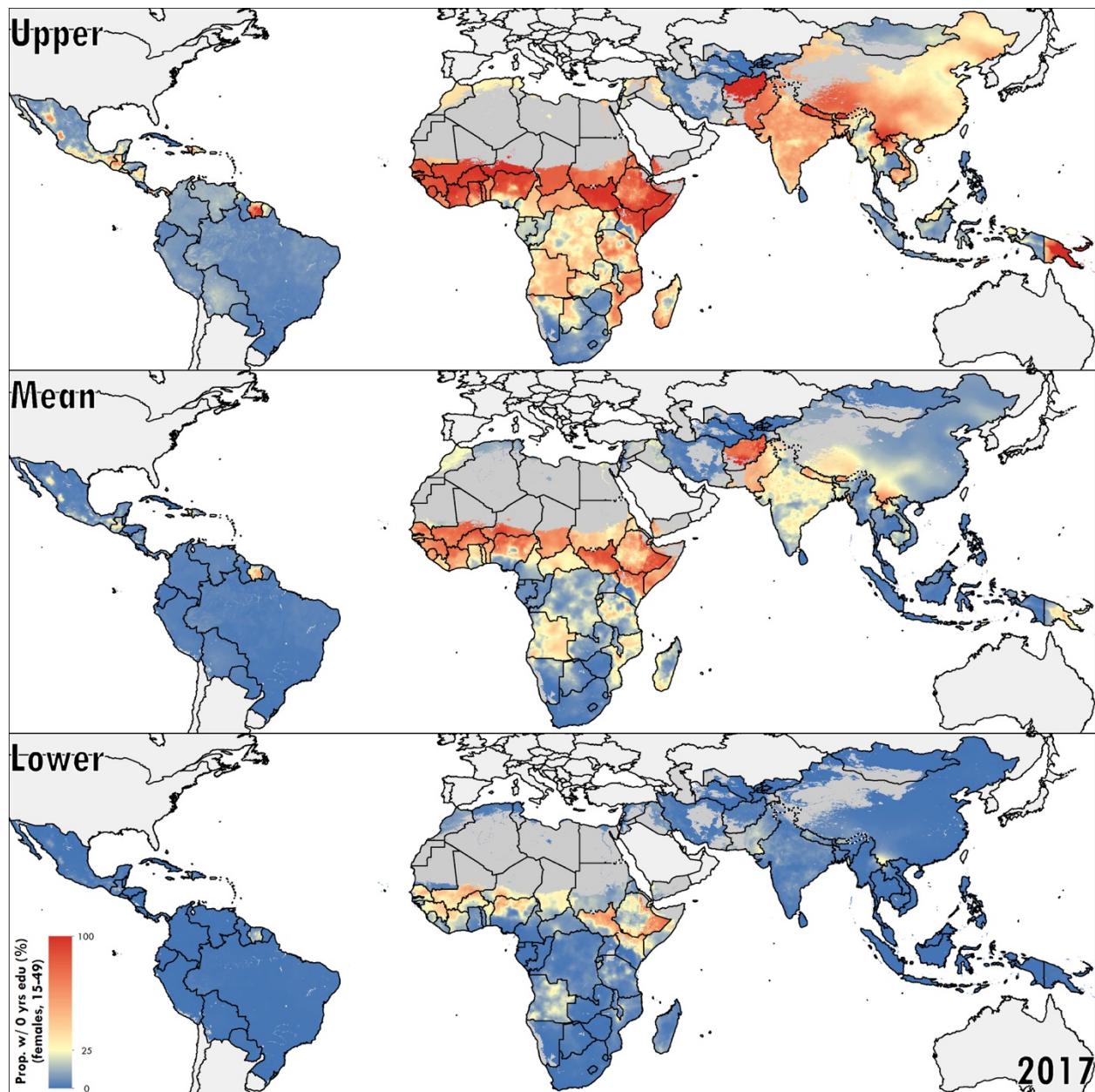
Supplementary Figure 13. 1–5 years, men ages 15–49 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



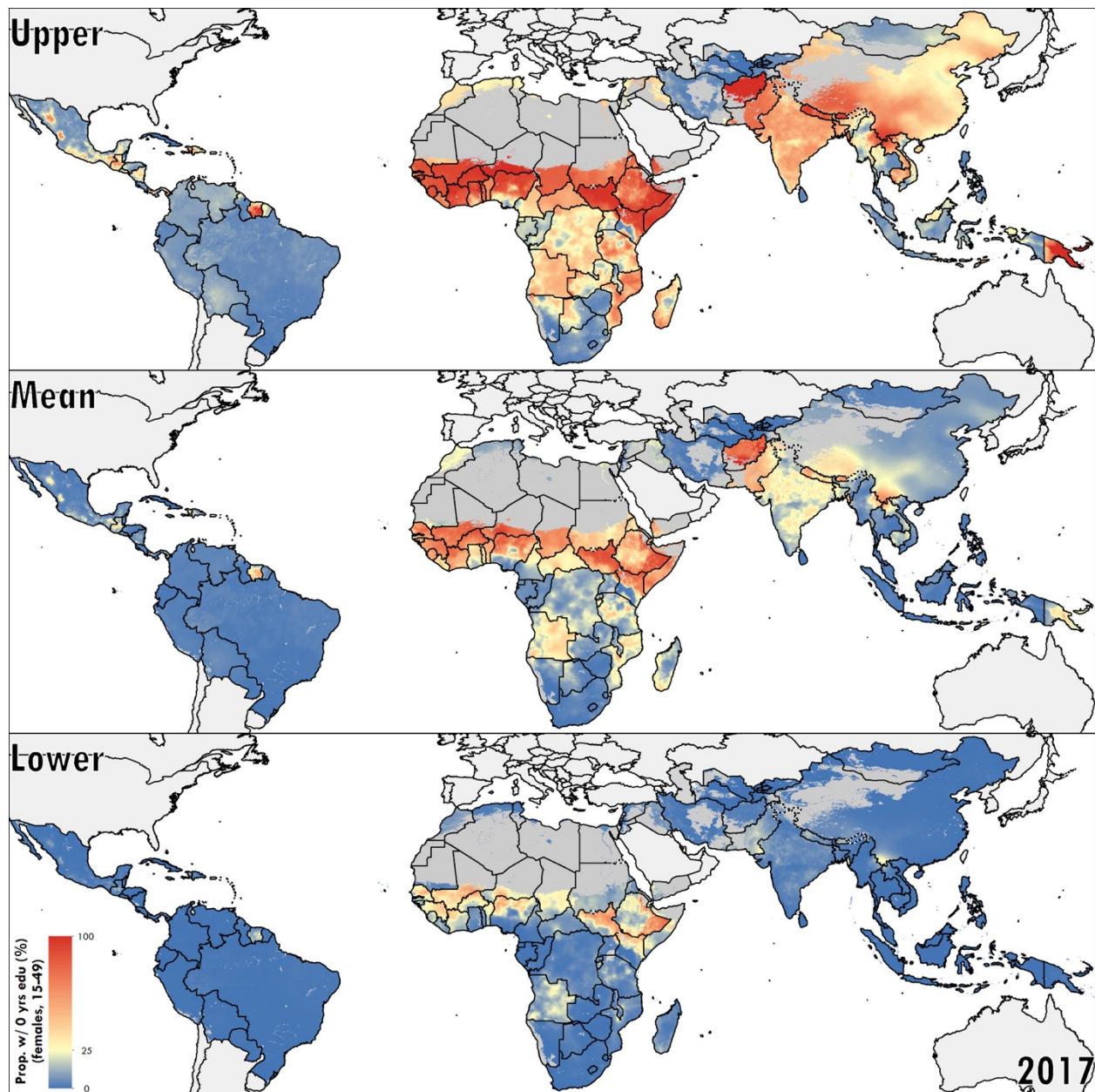
Supplementary Figure 14. 1–5 years, women ages 20–24 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



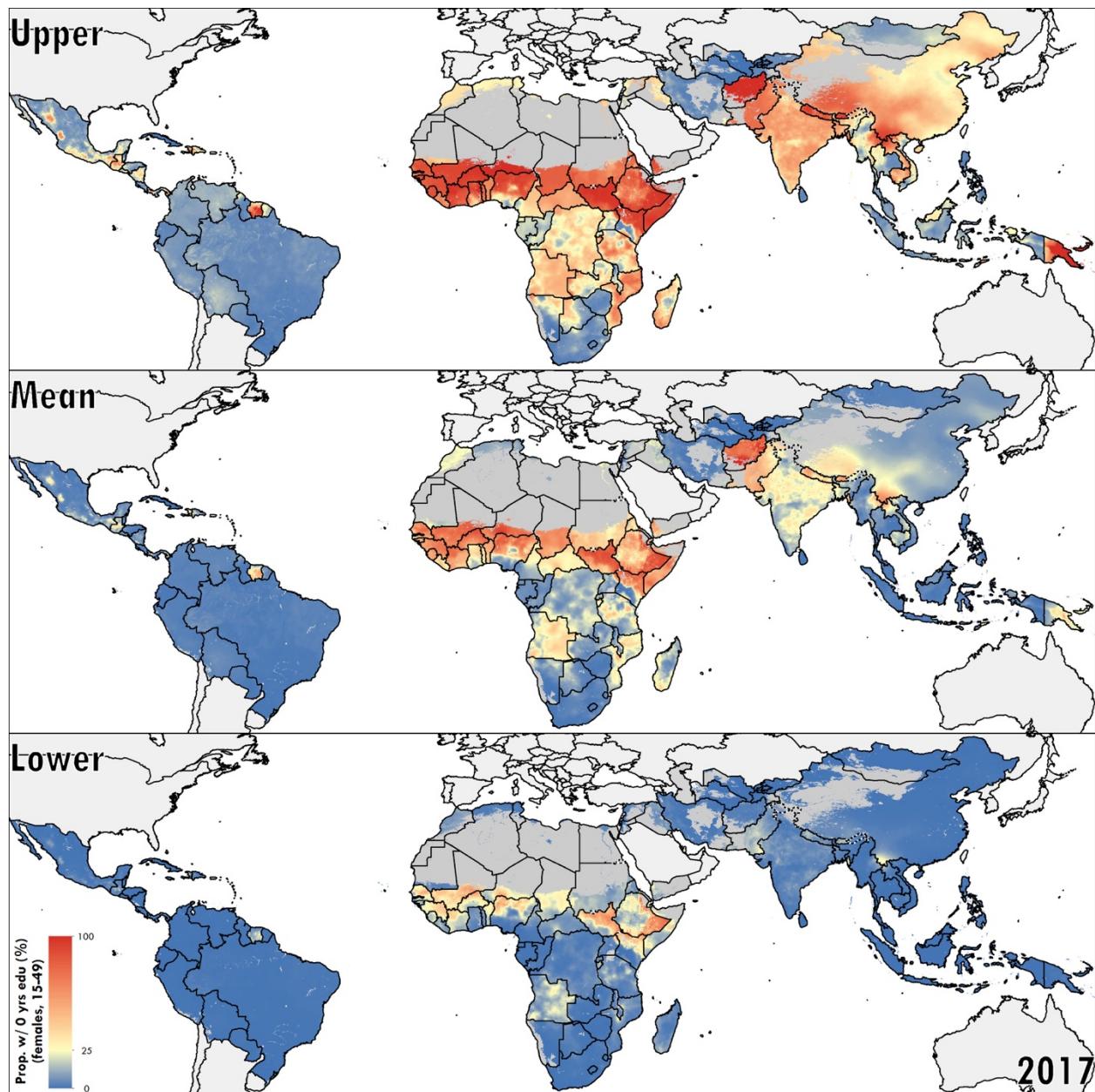
Supplementary Figure 15. 1–5 years, men ages 20–24 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



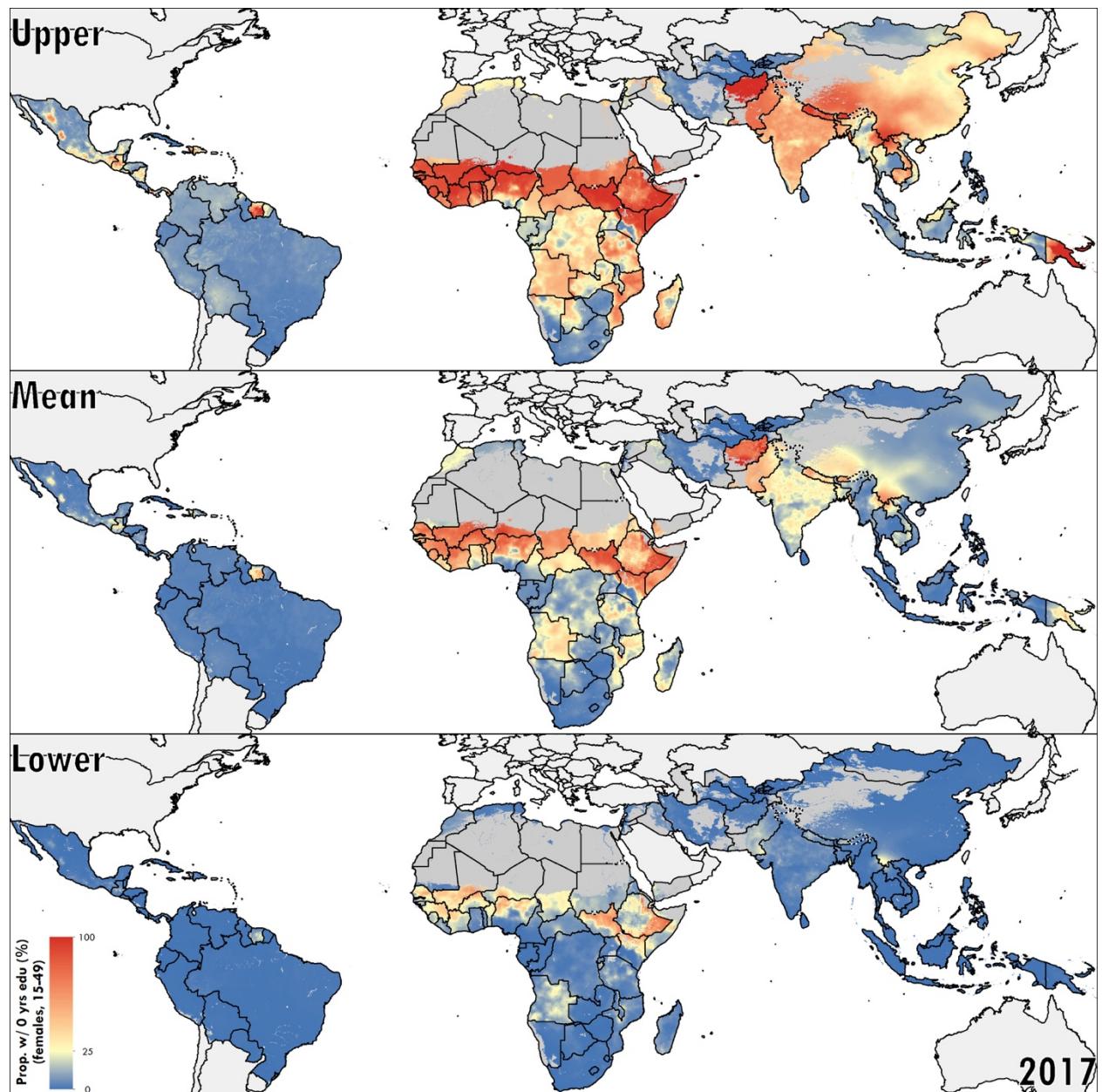
Supplementary Figure 16. 6–11 years, women ages 15–49 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



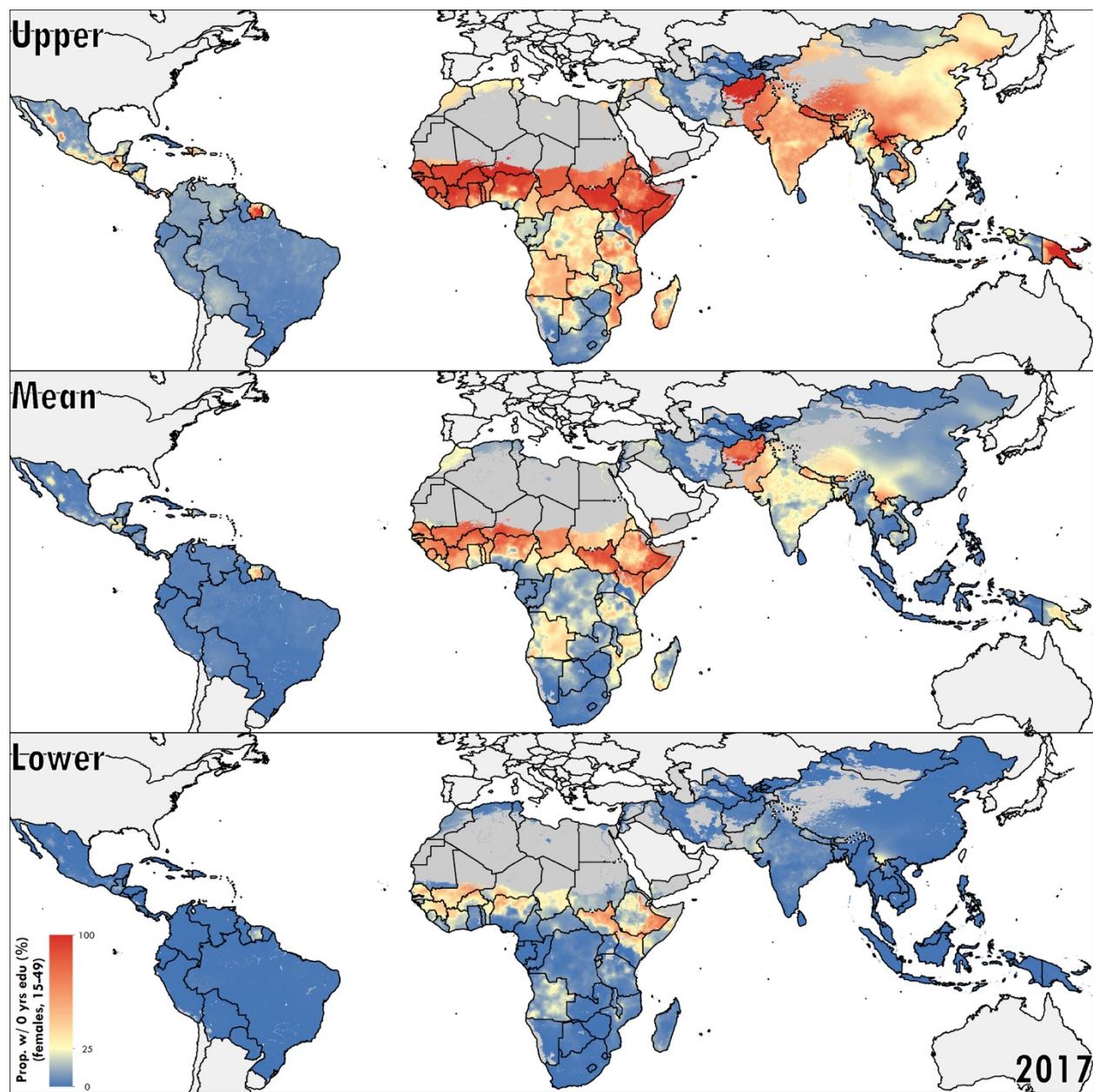
Supplementary Figure 17. 6–11 years, men ages 15–49 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



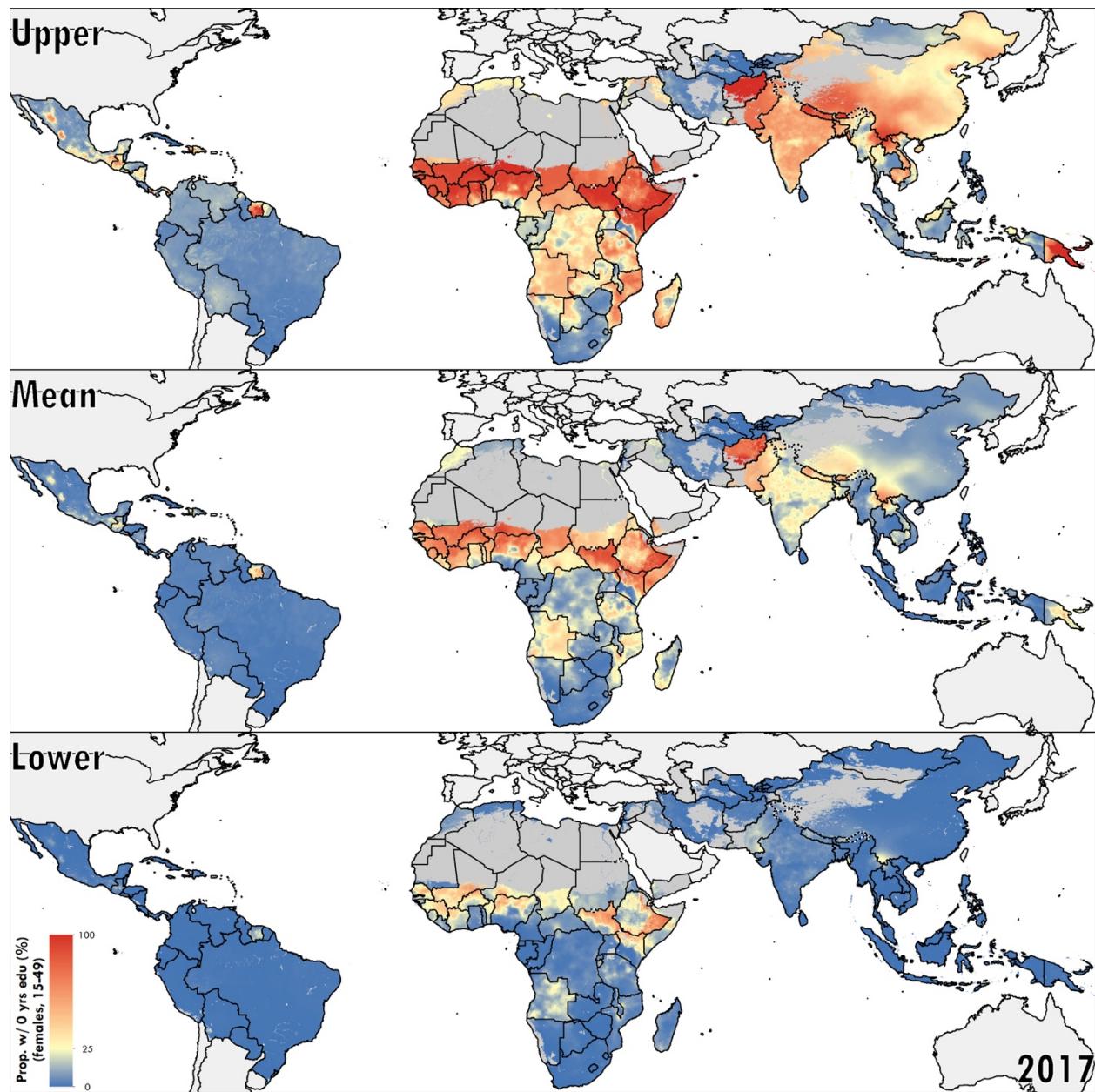
Supplementary Figure 18. 6–11 years, women ages 20–24 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



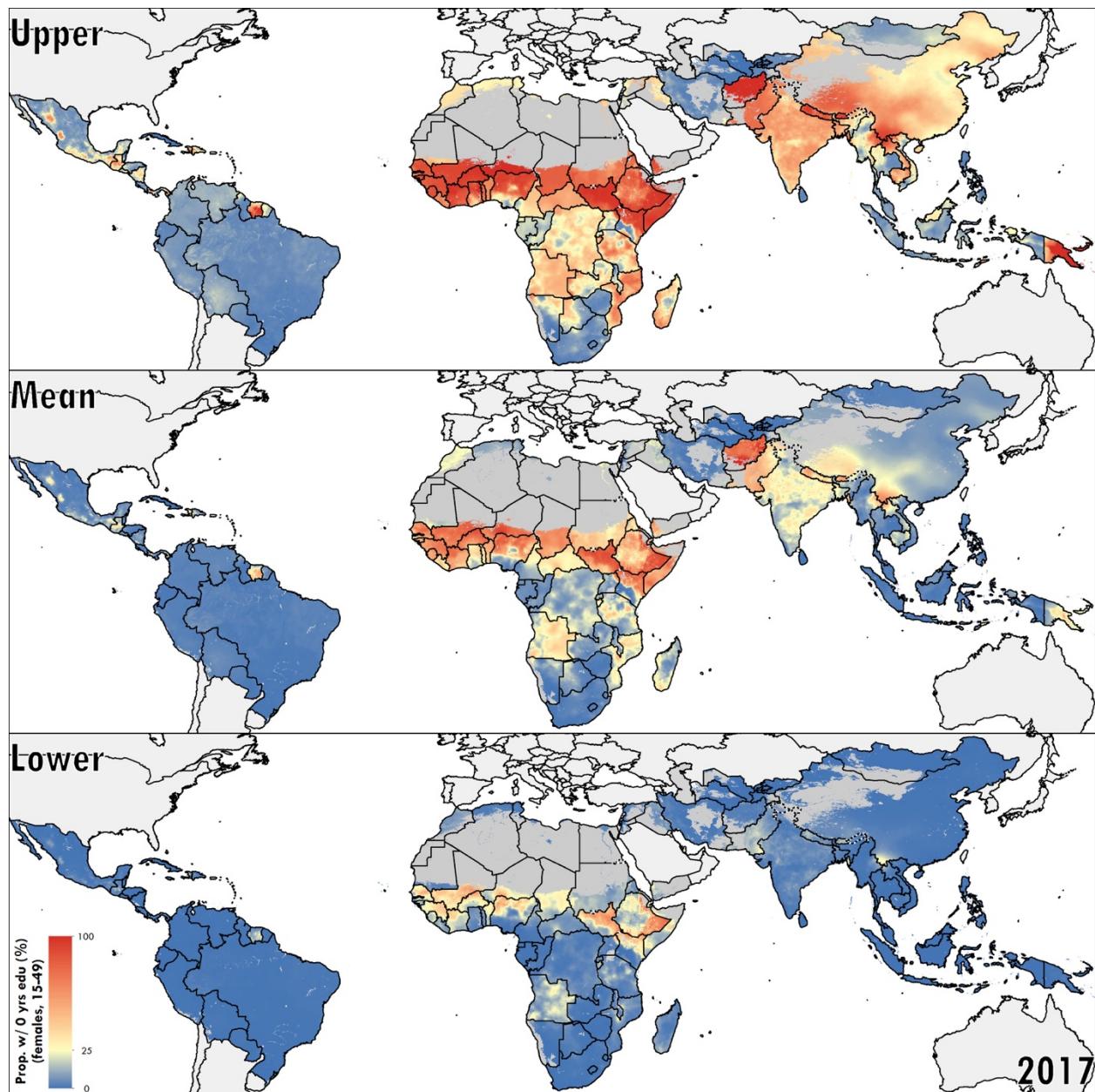
Supplementary Figure 19. 6–11 years, men ages 20–24 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



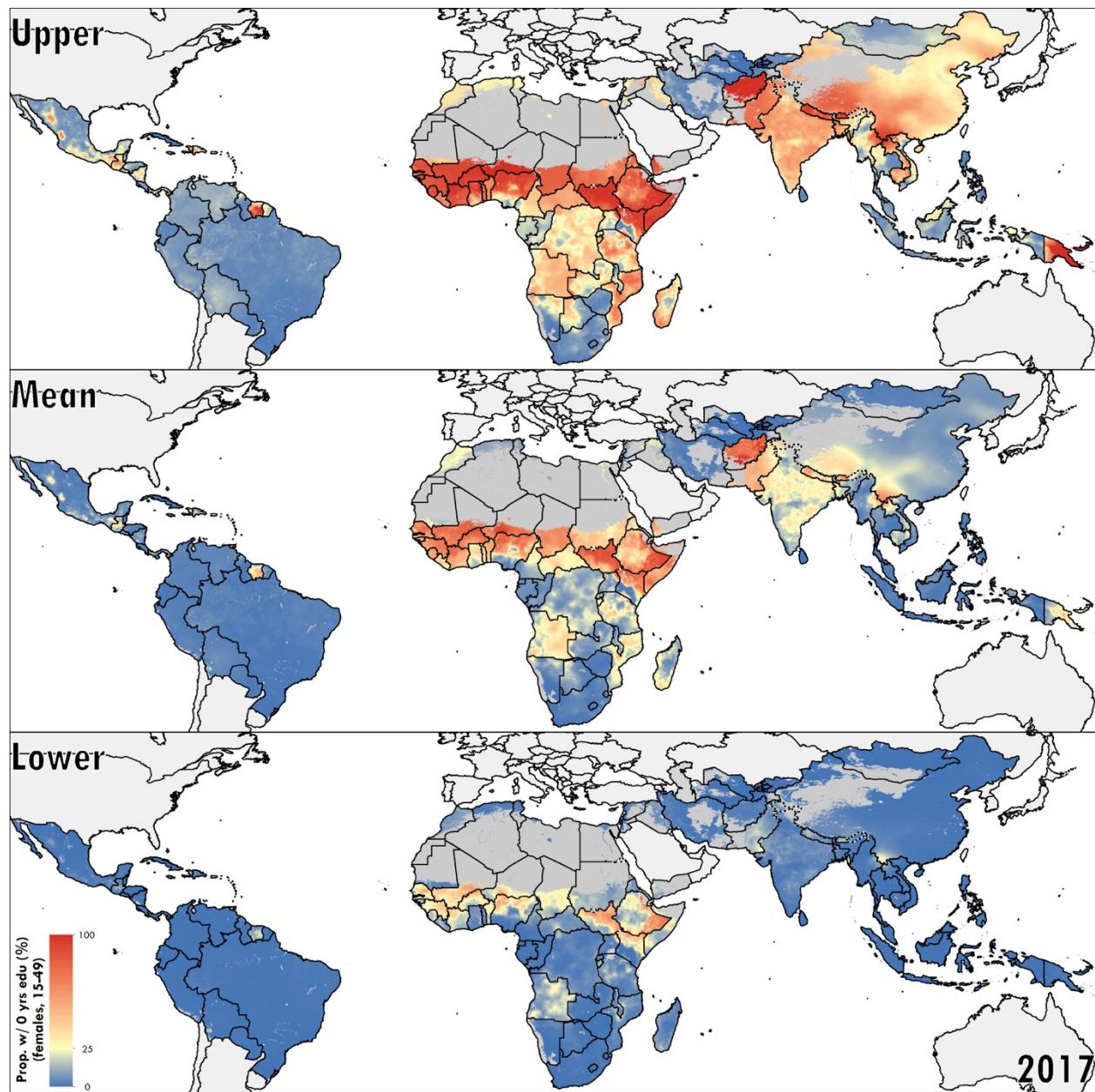
Supplementary Figure 20. 12+ years, women ages 15–49 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



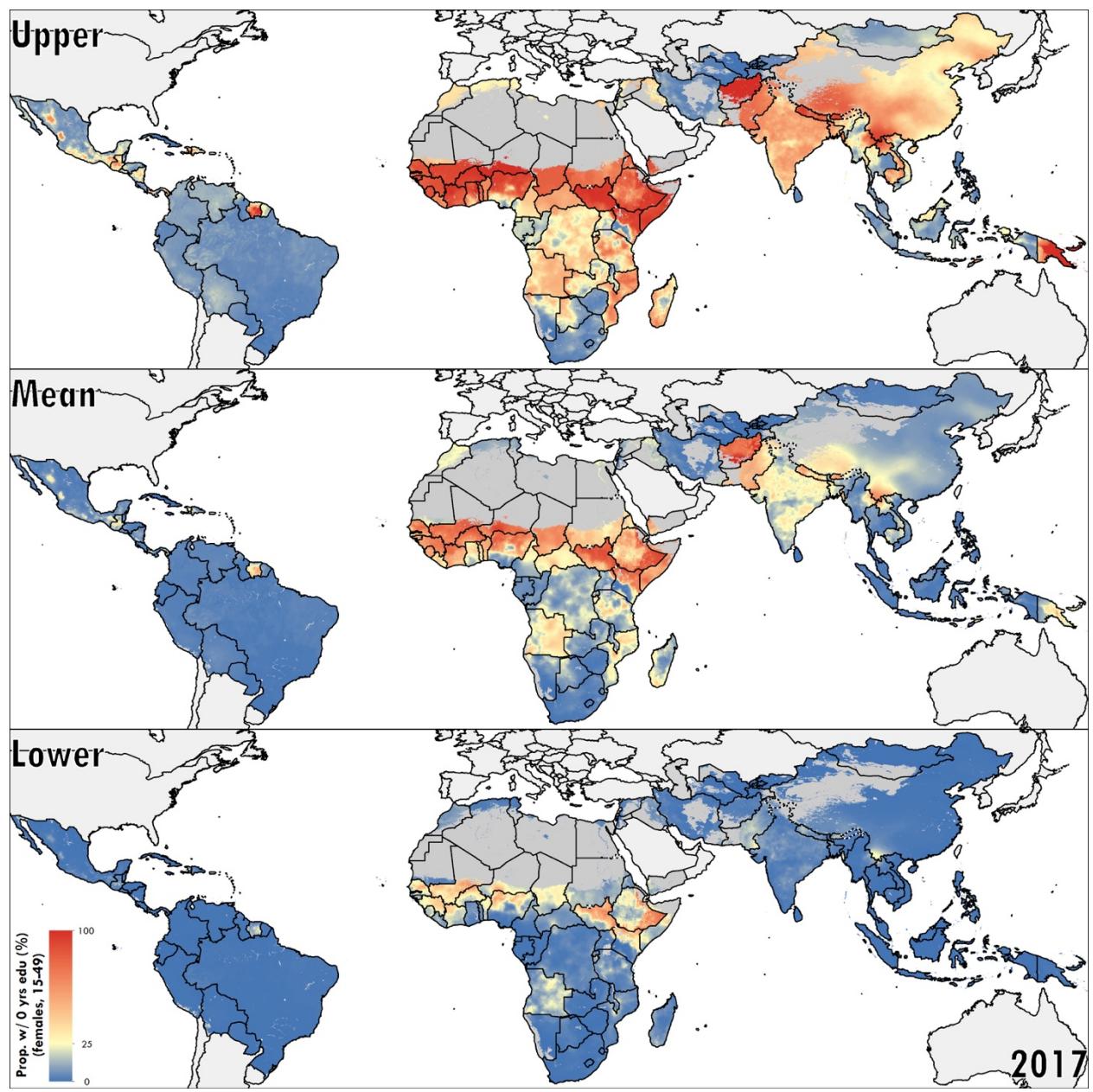
Supplementary Figure 21. 12+ years, men ages 15–49 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



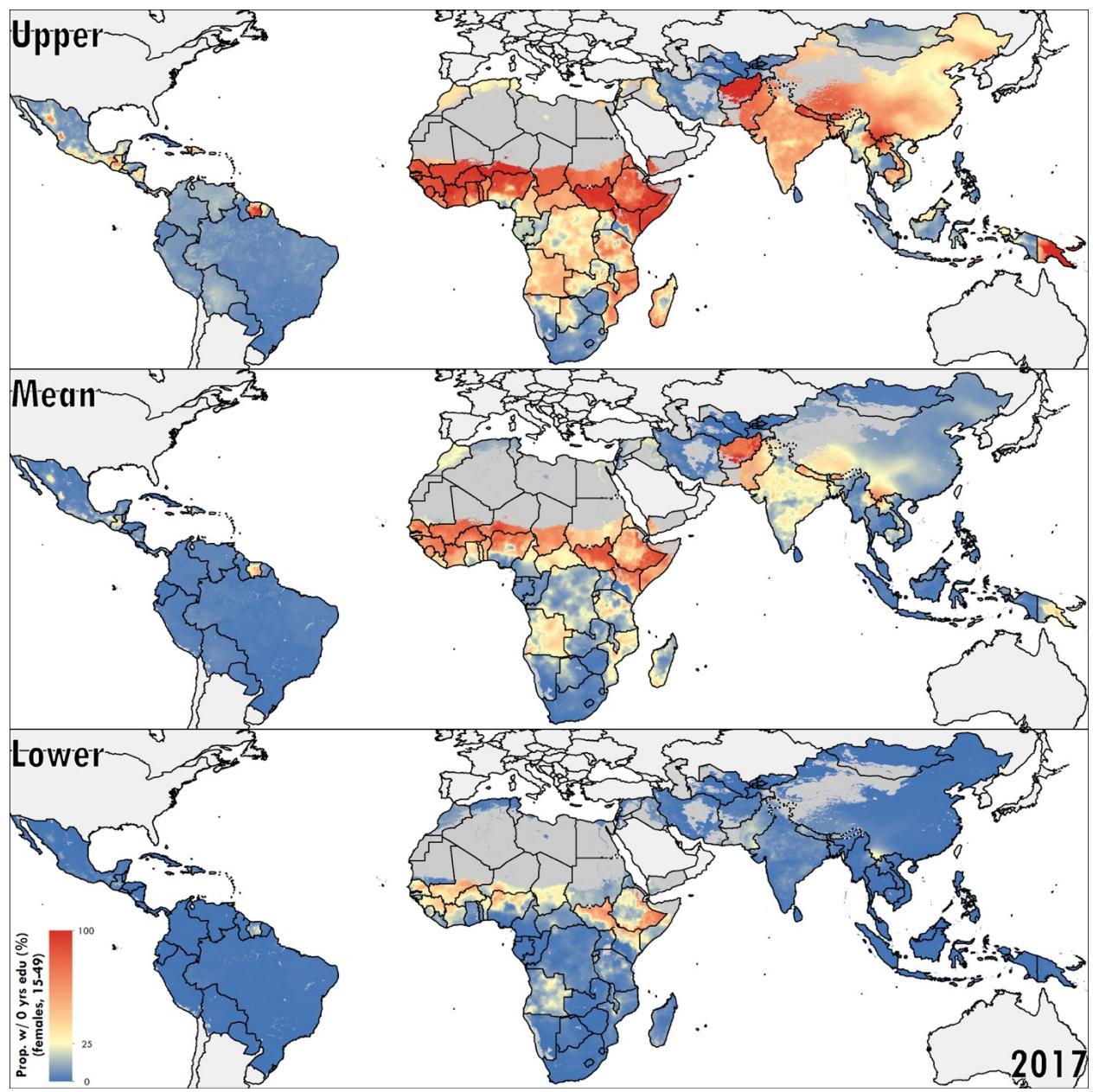
Supplementary Figure 22. 12+ years, women ages 20–24 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



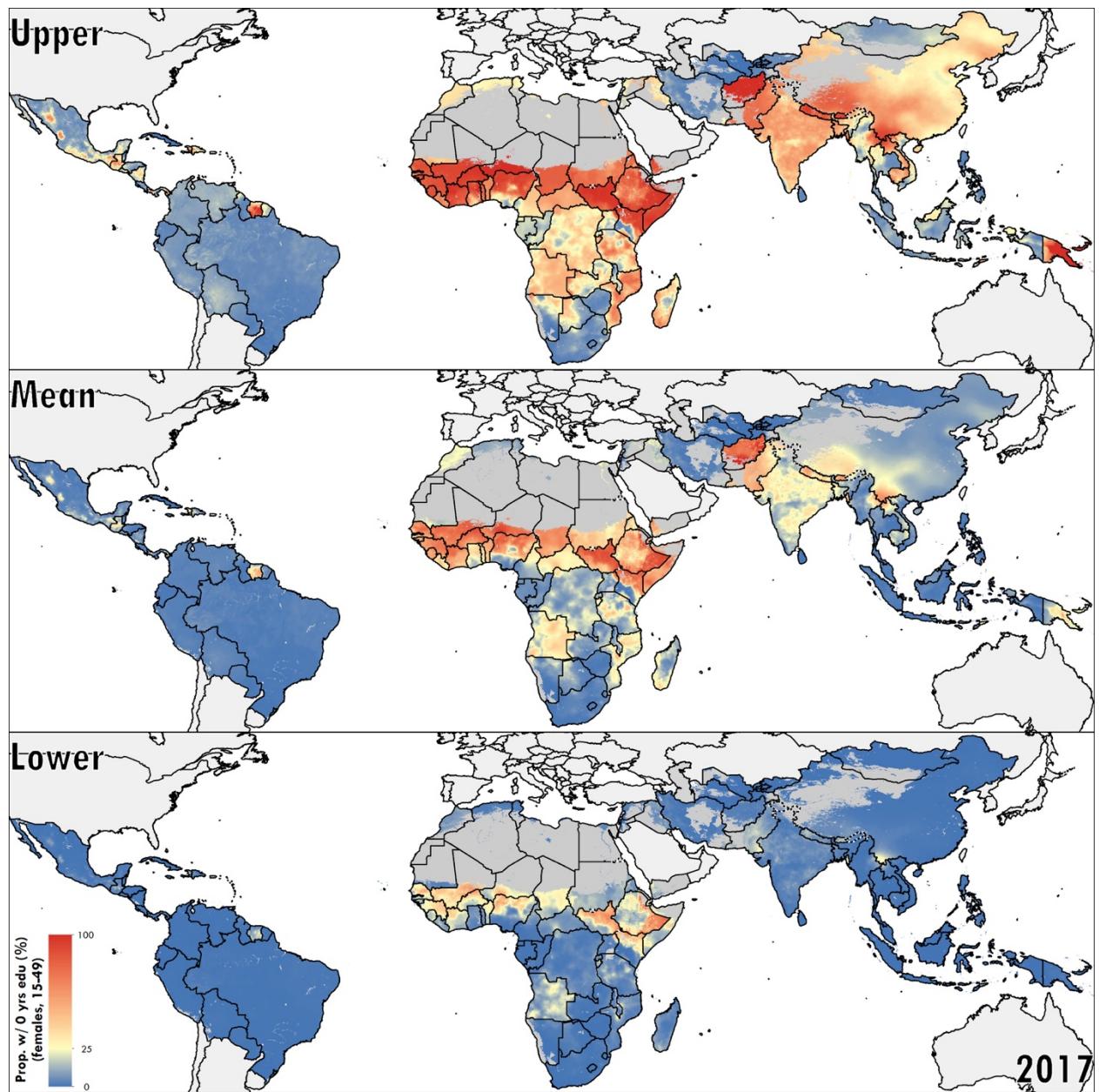
Supplementary Figure 23. 12+ years, men ages 20–24 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval, 2017



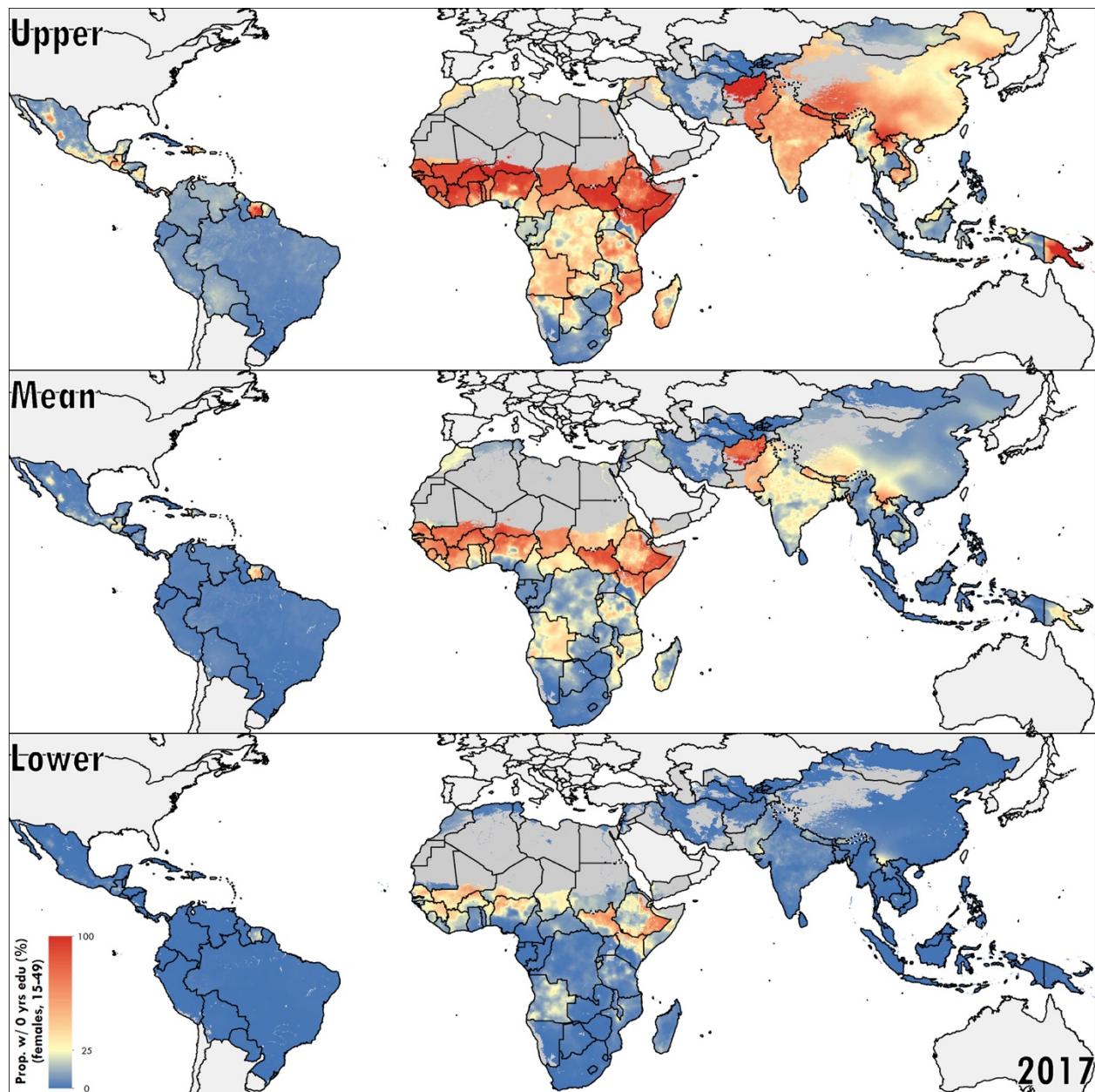
Supplementary Figure 24. Mean years, women ages 15–49 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval



Supplementary Figure 25. Mean years, men ages 15–49 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval



Supplementary Figure 26. Mean years, women ages 20–24 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval



Supplementary Figure 27. Mean years, men ages 20–24 posterior means and 95% uncertainty interval

5.3 Model validation

5.3.1 In-sample metrics

For each indicator, we generated a suite of diagnostic plots for each region and country estimated, in order to assess the in-sample performance of our model and compare to national-level estimates produced by GBD.

To explore residual error over space and time, absolute error (data minus predicted posterior mean estimates at the corresponding pixels) was produced at five-year intervals (2000, 2005, 2010, and 2015) for each modelled region (see Supplementary Figs 28–75).

5.3.2 Metrics of predictive validity

In order to assess the predictive validity of our estimates, we validated our models using spatially stratified five-fold out-of-sample cross-validation. To do so, we first split all survey data into five groups by randomly sorting a list of unique identifiers for each survey, calculating the cumulative number of spatial points represented by the surveys in this list, and then dividing the list into five parts at the point where this number of spatial points was closest to 20%, 40%, 60%, and 80% of the total. This resulted in five groups that were approximately equal in terms of the total number of spatial points and contain entire surveys (i.e., all the data points derived from each survey were contained exclusively within only one fold). These spatial partitions were then allocated to one of five folds for cross-validation. For validation, each geostatistical model was run five times, each time holding out data from one of the folds, generating a set of out-of-sample predictions for the held-out data. For each indicator, a full suite of out-of-sample predictions over the entire dataset was generated by combining the out-of-sample predictions from the five cross-validation runs.

Using these out-of-sample predictions, we then calculated mean error (ME, or bias), root-mean-squared-error (RMSE, which summarises total variance), and 95% coverage of our predictive intervals (the proportion of observed out-of-sample data that fall within our predicted 95% credible intervals) aggregated up to different administrative levels (0, 1, and 2) as defined by FAO Global Administrative Unit Layers (GAUL). Administrative level 0 (admin 0) borders correspond to national boundaries, admin 1 borders generally correspond to regions, provinces, or state-level boundaries within a country, and admin 2 borders correspond to the next finer subdivision, often districts, within regions. These metrics are summarised in Supplementary Tables 24–43 for each indicator and are calculated across all regions. Included in the sample tables for comparison are the same metrics calculated on in-sample predictions.

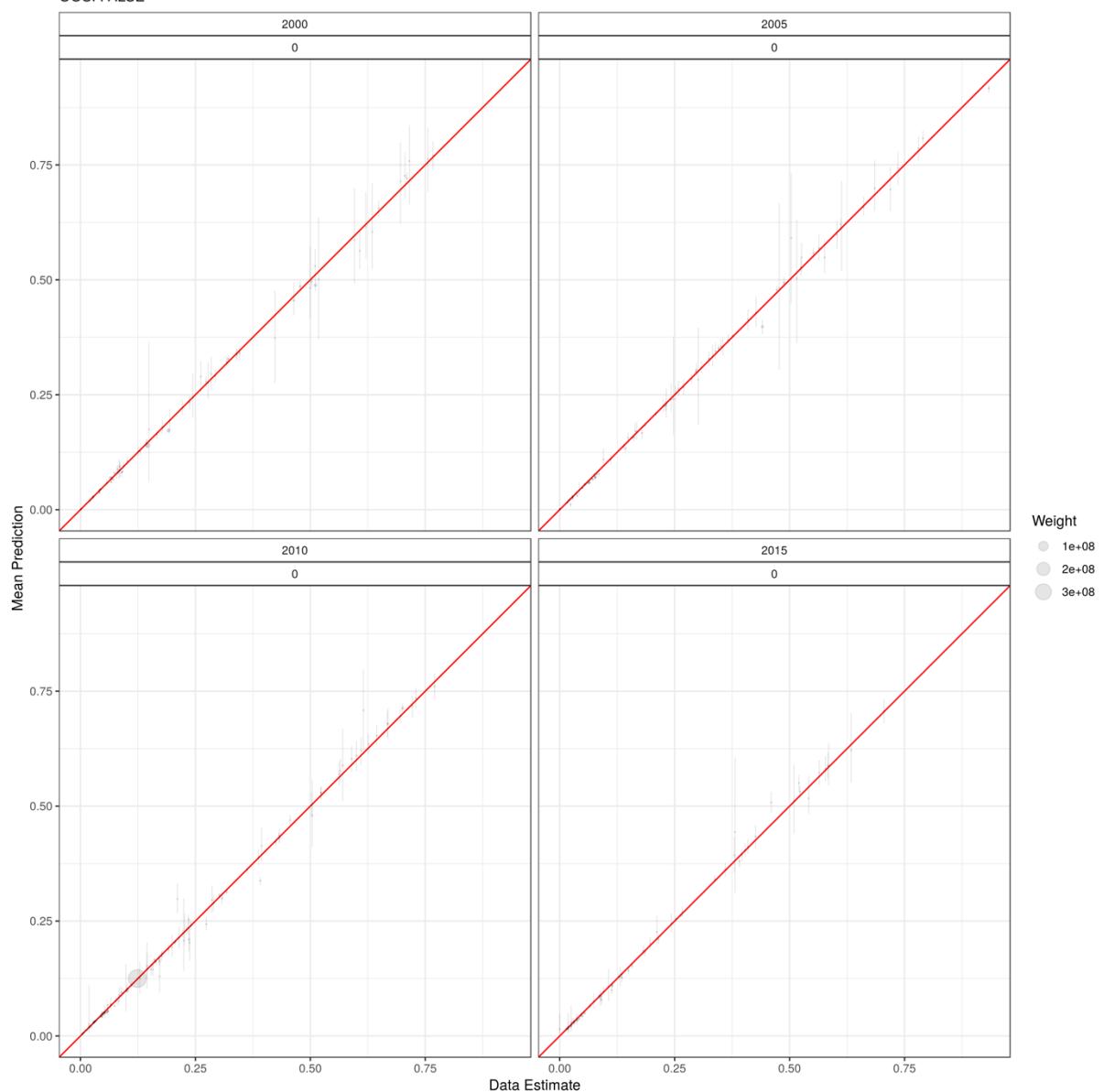
Supplementary Table 24. In sample predictive metrics for zero years of education (women, ages 15–49), aggregated to different administrative levels (admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2)

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	12914.7806	0.0064	0.0113	0.9980	0.9116
Admin 0	2005	15225.4068	0.0069	0.0183	0.9971	0.9505
Admin 0	2010	19025.0000	-0.0011	0.0020	0.9993	0.9925
Admin 0	2015	13782.0000	0.0018	0.0050	0.9996	0.9574
Admin 1	2000	1228.0000	0.0064	0.0162	0.9960	0.9116
Admin 1	2005	750.0000	0.0069	0.0274	0.9942	0.9505
Admin 1	2010	1077.8178	-0.0011	0.0049	0.9966	0.9925
Admin 1	2015	716.5000	0.0018	0.0126	0.9971	0.9574
Admin 2	2000	114.9720	0.0064	0.0307	0.9858	0.9116
Admin 2	2005	31.0000	0.0069	0.0510	0.9801	0.9505
Admin 2	2010	41.1510	-0.0011	0.0092	0.9883	0.9925
Admin 2	2015	31.6316	0.0018	0.0308	0.9846	0.9574

Supplementary Table 25. In sample predictive metrics for zero years of education (men, ages 15–49), aggregated to different administrative levels (admin 0, admin 1, and admin2)

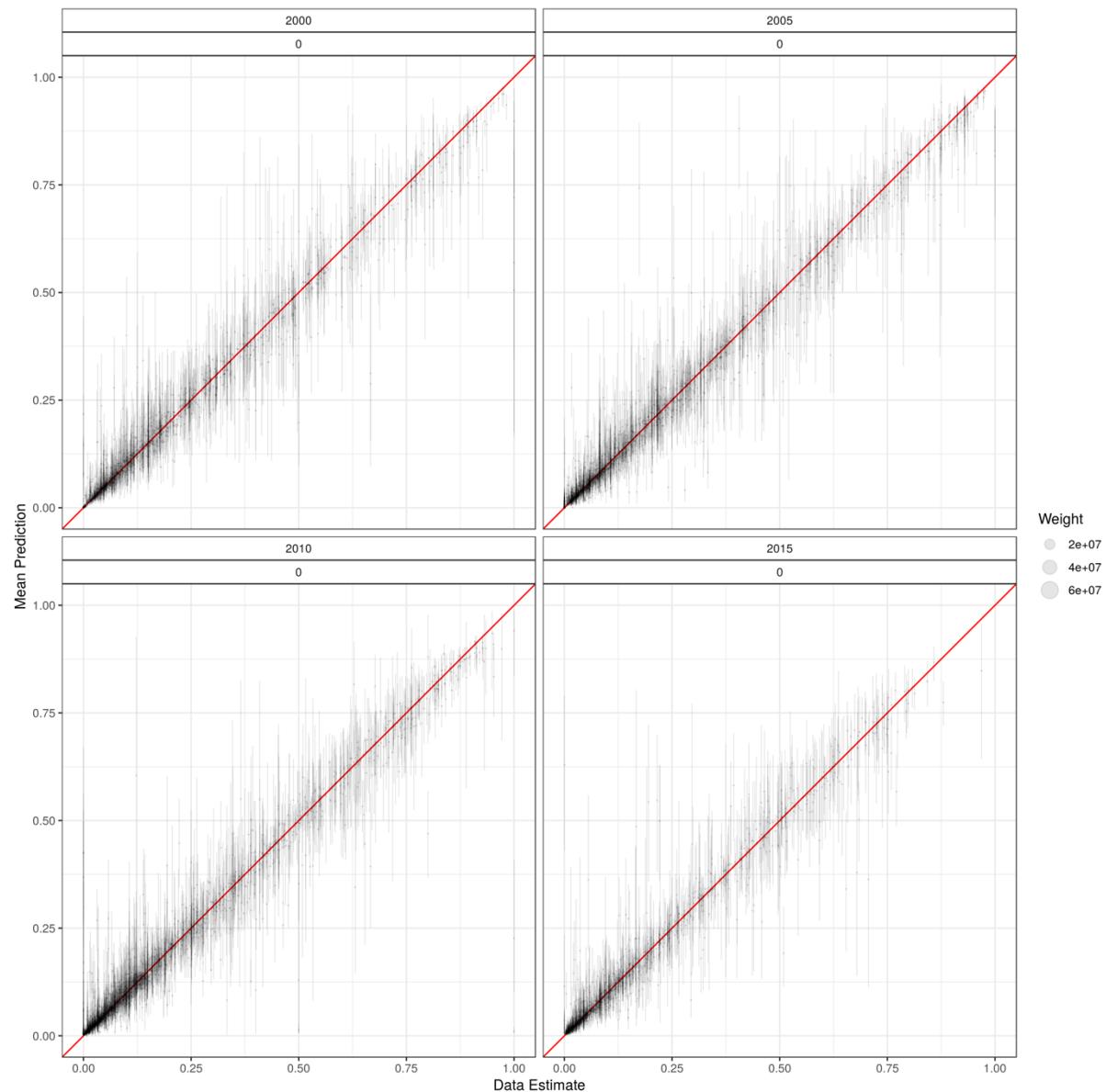
Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	11706.6693	0.0049	0.0083	0.9975	0.9105
Admin 0	2005	13164.3894	0.0050	0.0116	0.9978	0.9441
Admin 0	2010	17541.0000	0.0007	0.0010	0.9996	0.9675
Admin 0	2015	12977.0000	0.0016	0.0034	0.9995	0.9562
Admin 1	2000	1126.0000	0.0049	0.0121	0.9955	0.9105
Admin 1	2005	690.0000	0.0050	0.0187	0.9943	0.9441
Admin 1	2010	1028.4576	0.0007	0.0022	0.9986	0.9675
Admin 1	2015	671.0000	0.0016	0.0086	0.9962	0.9562
Admin 2	2000	111.7156	0.0049	0.0270	0.9791	0.9105
Admin 2	2005	28.8900	0.0050	0.0386	0.9758	0.9441
Admin 2	2010	38.1188	0.0007	0.0047	0.9932	0.9675
Admin 2	2015	30.0000	0.0016	0.0247	0.9732	0.9562

Validation Plot for edu_zero_prop_15_49_female by Country
OOS: FALSE



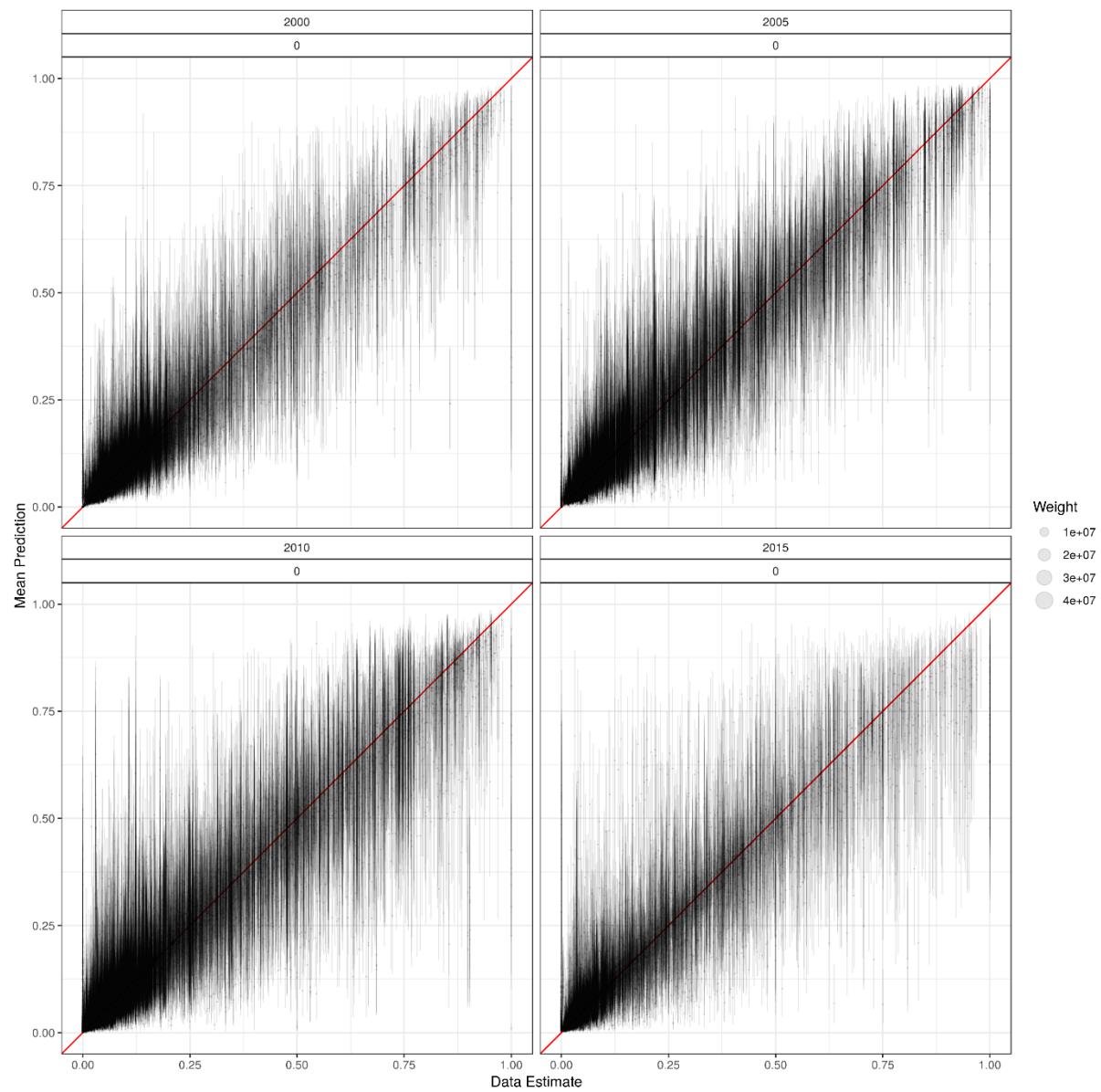
Supplementary Figure 28. Zero years education (women, ages 15–49) admin 0 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_zero_prop_15_49_female by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



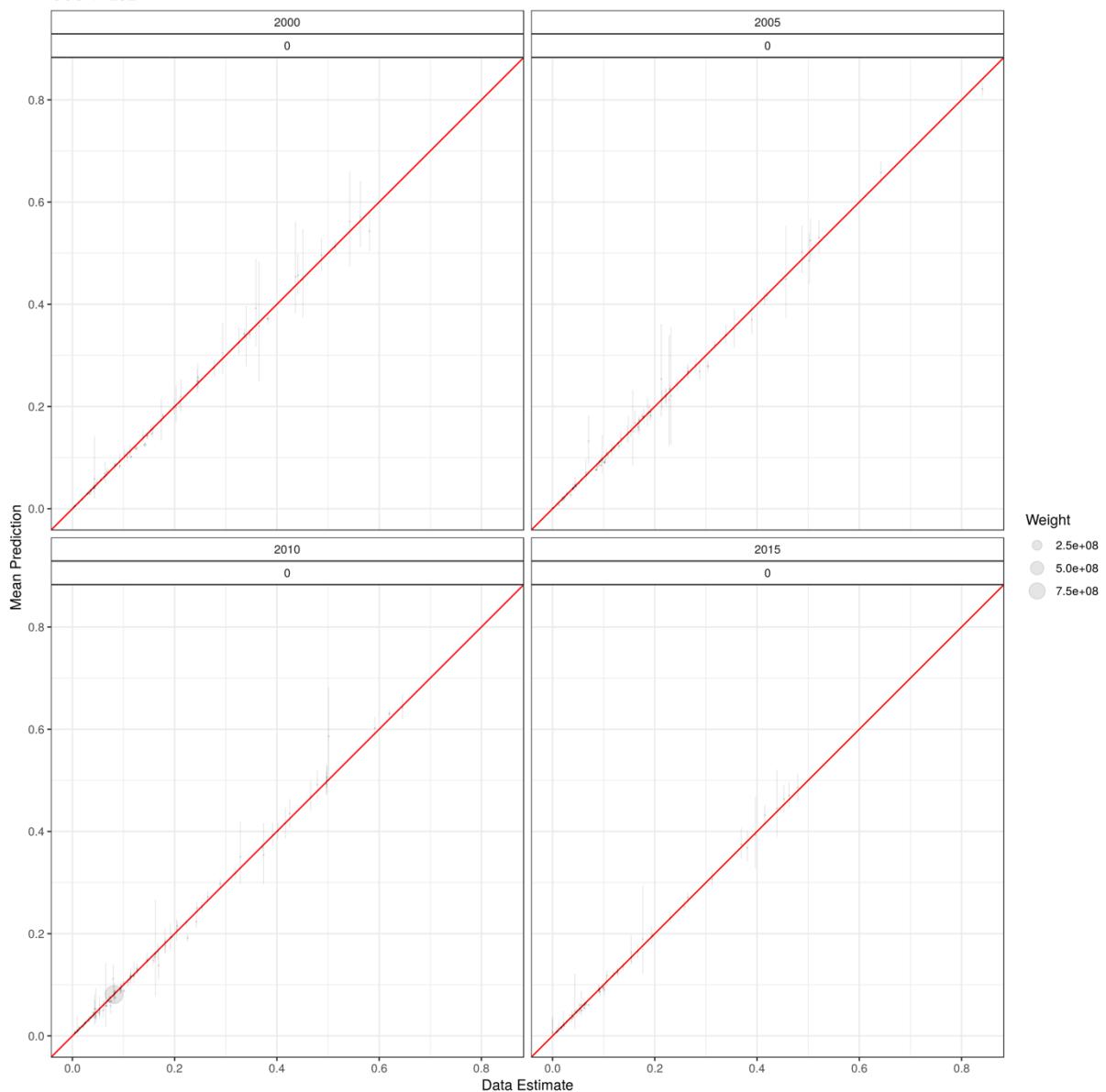
Supplementary Figure 29. Zero years education (women, ages 15–49) admin 1 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_zero_prop_15_49_female by Admin 2
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 30. Zero years education (women, ages 15–49) admin 2 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

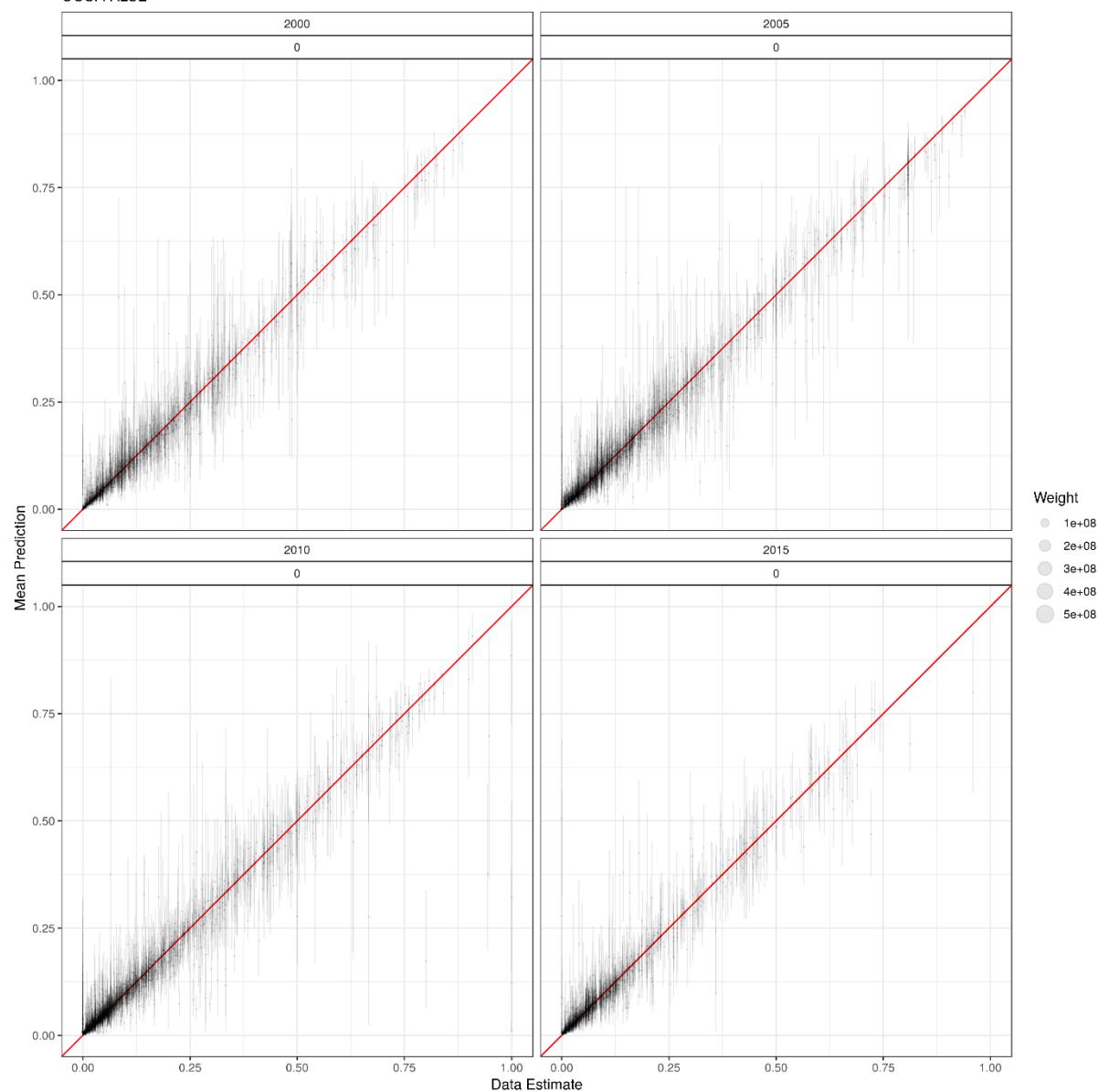
Validation Plot for edu_zero_prop_15_49_male by Country
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 31. Zero years education (men, ages 15–49) admin 0 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

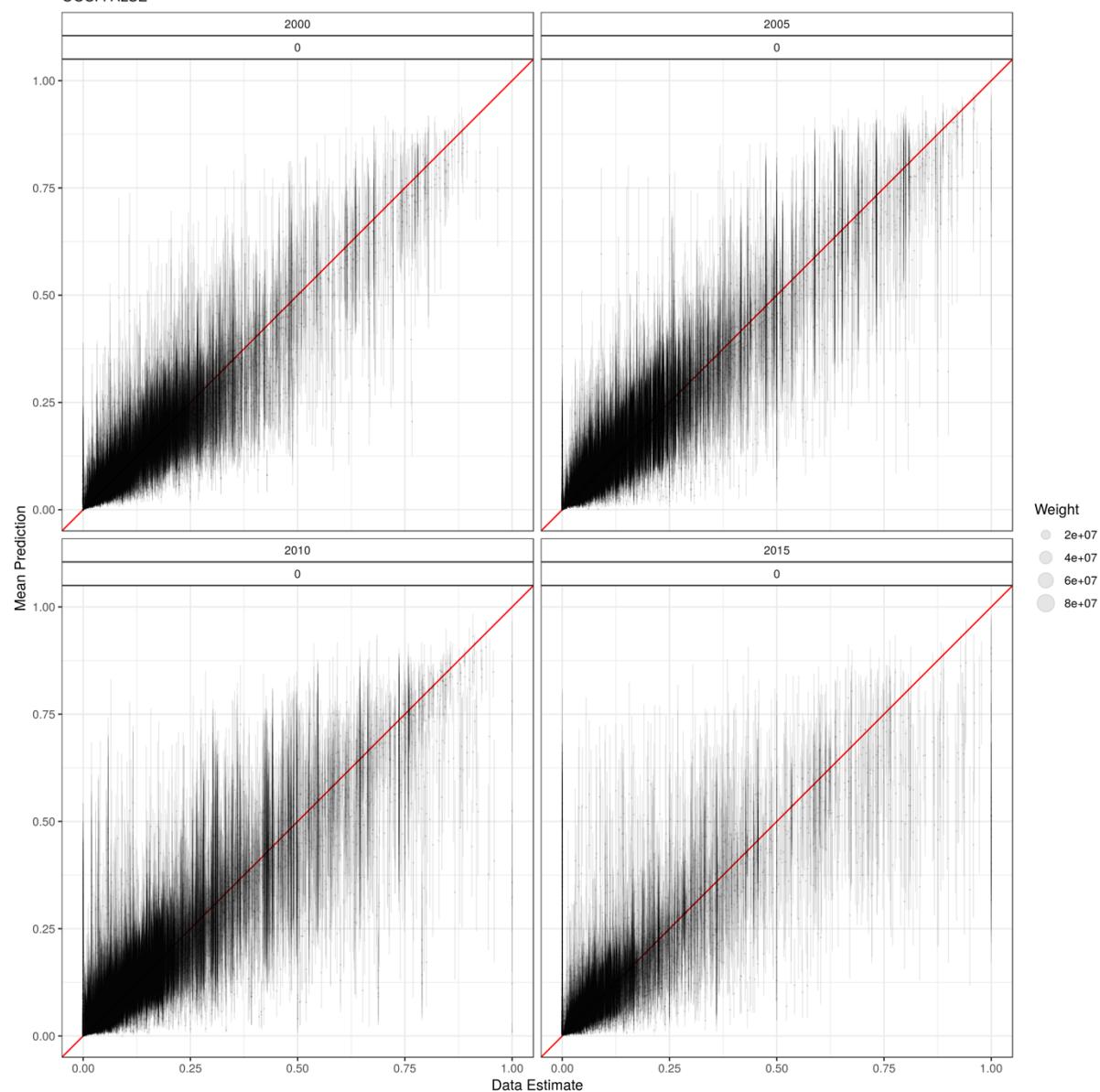
Validation Plot for edu_zero_prop_15_49_male by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 32. Zero years education (men, ages 15–49) admin 1 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_zero_prop_15_49_male by Admin 2
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 33. Zero years education (men, ages 15–49) admin 2 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

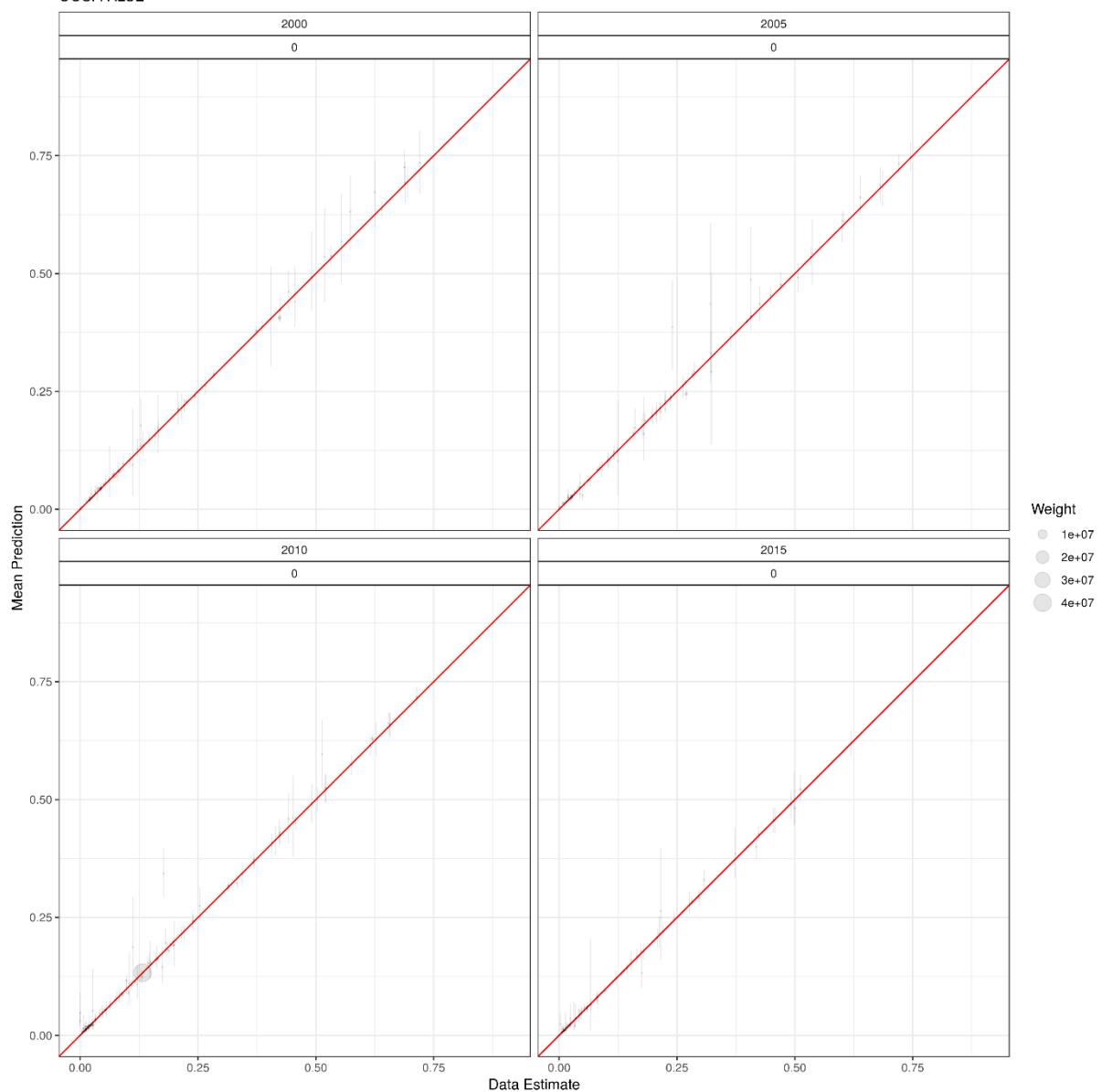
Supplementary Table 26. In sample predictive metrics for zero years of education (women, ages 20–24), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	2528.1849	0.0014	0.0062	0.9991	0.9214
Admin 0	2005	2962.2179	0.0034	0.0114	0.9983	0.9470
Admin 0	2010	3493.0000	-0.0003	0.0013	0.9998	0.9587
Admin 0	2015	2362.0000	-0.0007	0.0033	0.9998	0.9707
Admin 1	2000	215.0000	0.0014	0.0108	0.9975	0.9214
Admin 1	2005	138.0000	0.0034	0.0195	0.9961	0.9470
Admin 1	2010	190.0000	-0.0003	0.0045	0.9990	0.9587
Admin 1	2015	128.0000	-0.0007	0.0131	0.9958	0.9707
Admin 2	2000	19.0000	0.0014	0.0238	0.9887	0.9214
Admin 2	2005	5.0471	0.0034	0.0449	0.9808	0.9470
Admin 2	2010	6.2313	-0.0003	0.0106	0.9946	0.9587
Admin 2	2015	4.8115	-0.0007	0.0350	0.9738	0.9707

Supplementary Table 27. In sample predictive metrics for zero years of education (men, ages 20–24), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

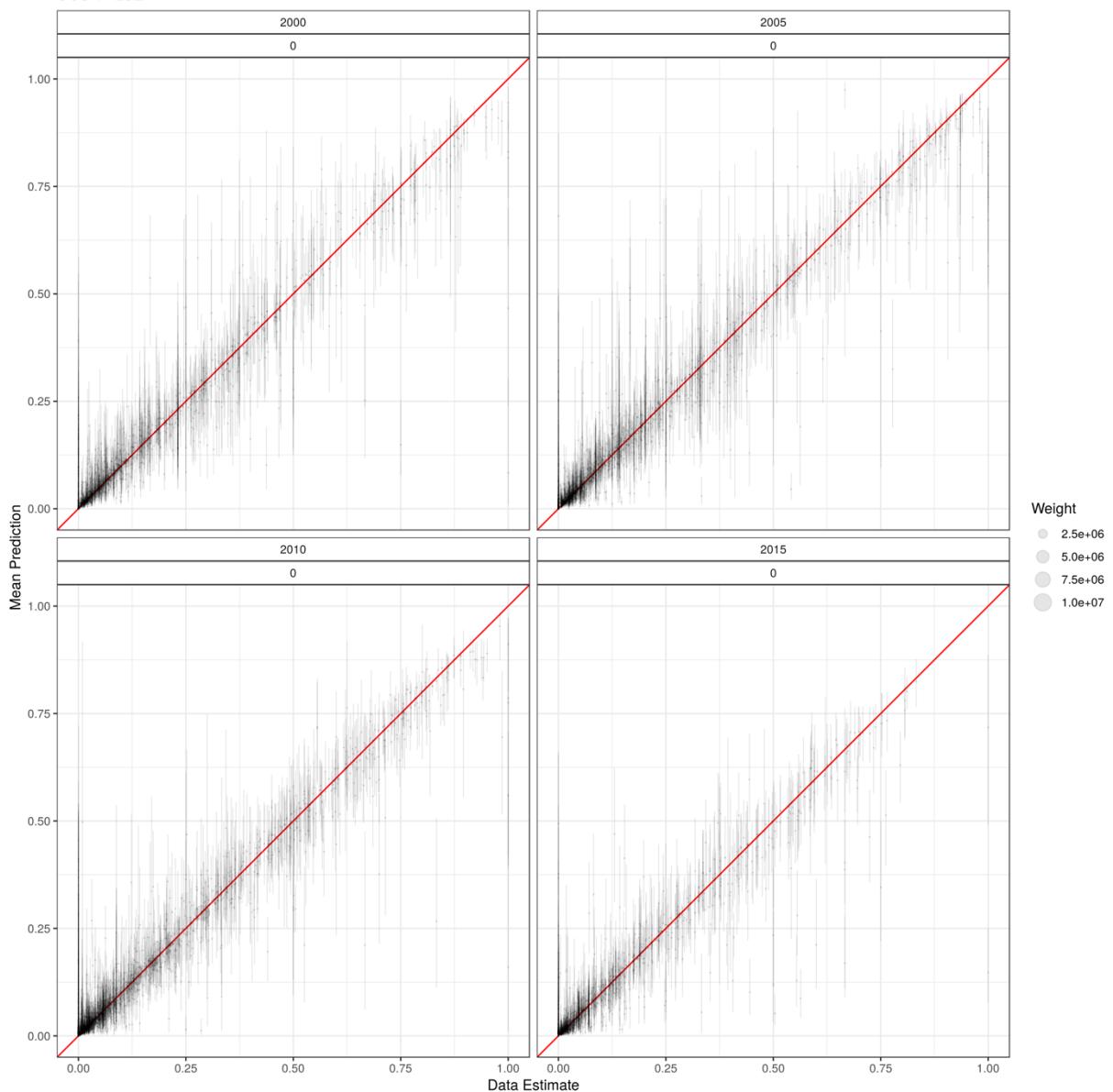
Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	2141.7815	0.0002	0.0039	0.9990	0.9104
Admin 0	2005	2206.0000	0.0027	0.0066	0.9988	0.9398
Admin 0	2010	2828.0000	0.0003	0.0007	0.9998	0.9666
Admin 0	2015	2306.0000	-0.0001	0.0019	0.9996	0.9676
Admin 1	2000	192.0000	0.0002	0.0084	0.9965	0.9104
Admin 1	2005	119.5162	0.0027	0.0154	0.9942	0.9398
Admin 1	2010	174.1984	0.0003	0.0019	0.9987	0.9666
Admin 1	2015	113.0000	-0.0001	0.0101	0.9926	0.9676
Admin 2	2000	18.9655	0.0002	0.0228	0.9785	0.9104
Admin 2	2005	4.9025	0.0027	0.0372	0.9691	0.9398
Admin 2	2010	5.9620	0.0003	0.0049	0.9918	0.9666
Admin 2	2015	4.3568	-0.0001	0.0299	0.9477	0.9676

Validation Plot for edu_zero_prop_20_24_female by Country
OOS: FALSE



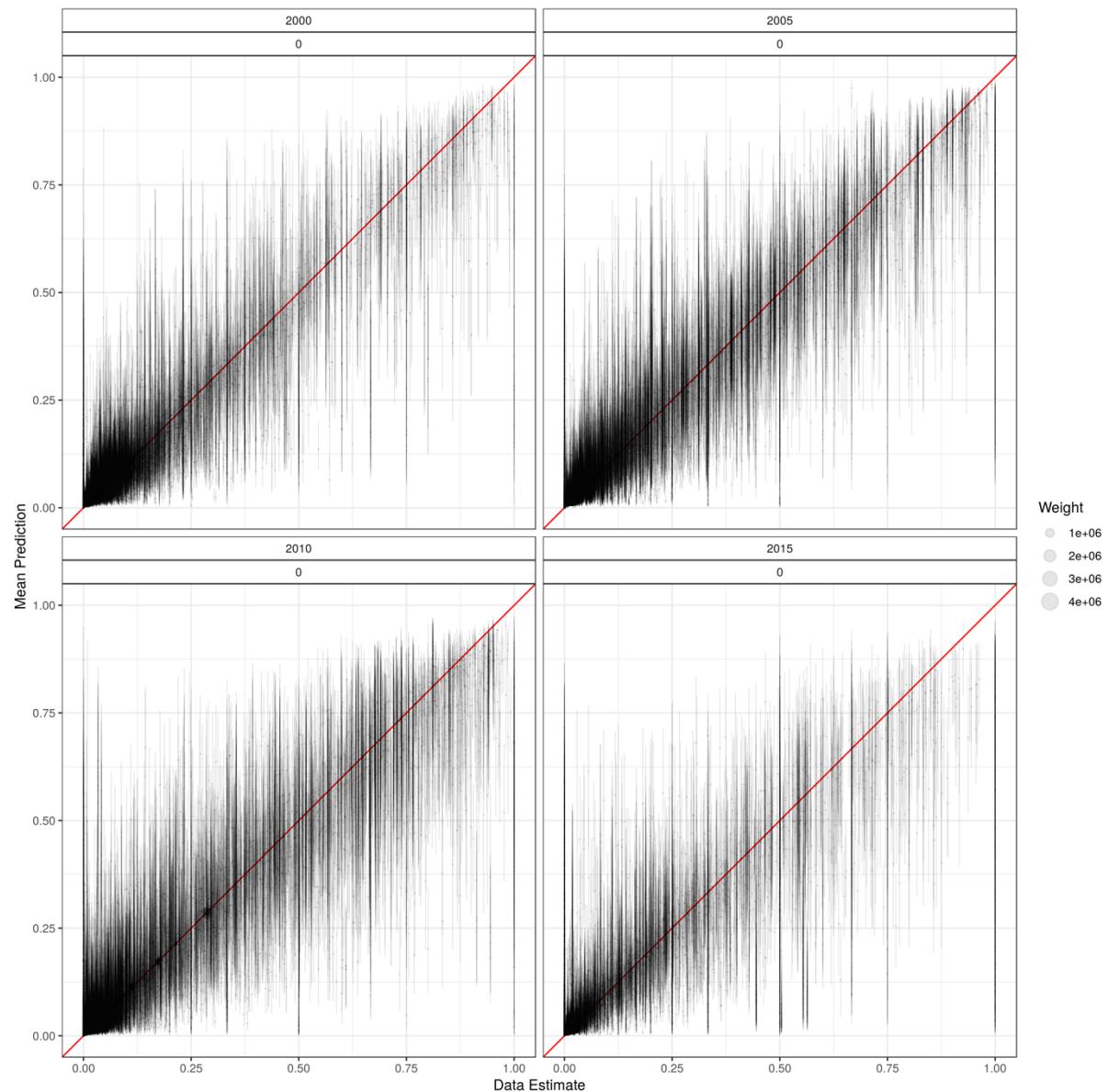
Supplementary Figure 34. Zero years education (women, ages 20–24) admin 0 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_zero_prop_20_24_female by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



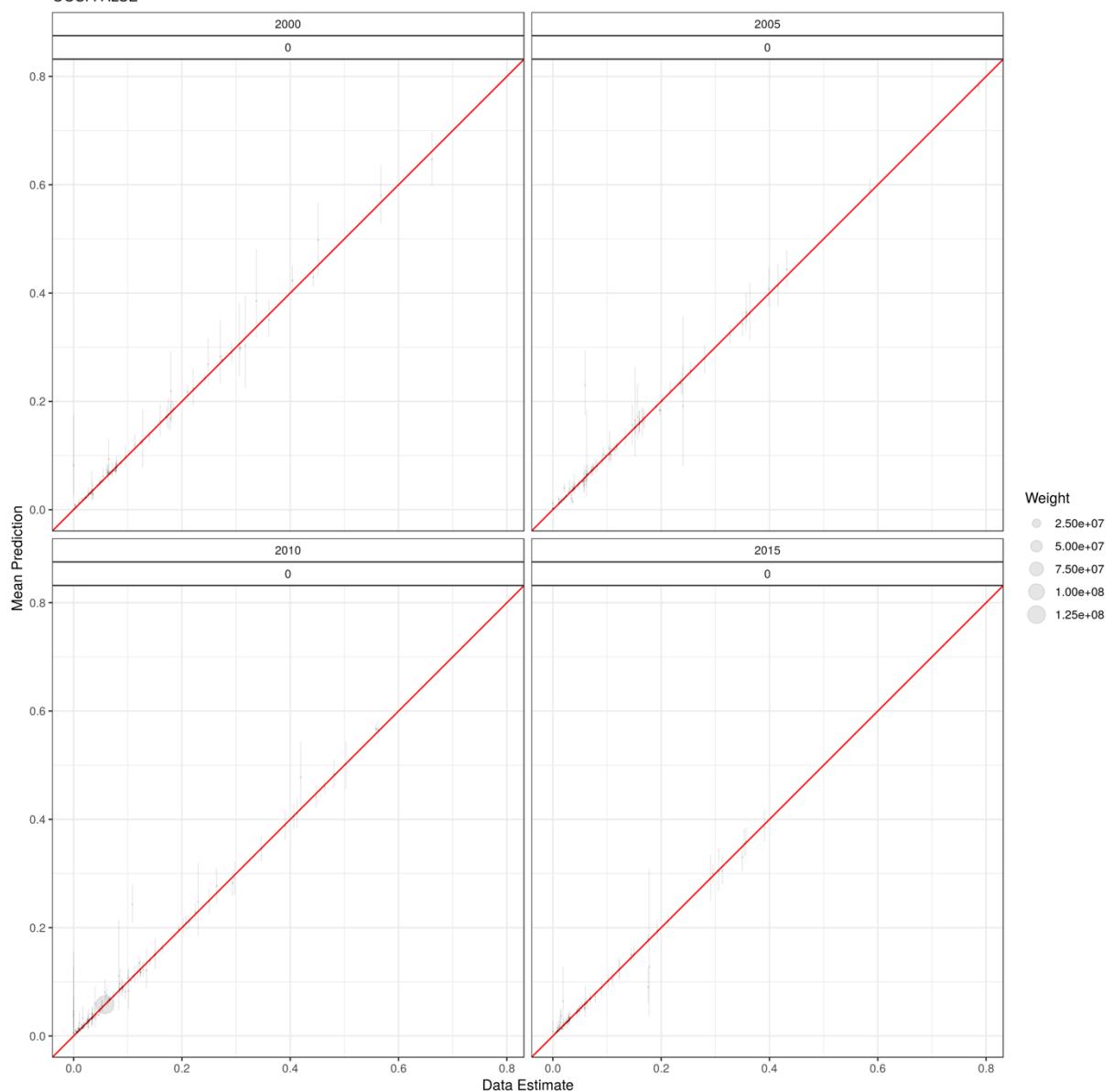
Supplementary Figure 35. Zero years education (women, ages 20–24) admin 1 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_zero_prop_20_24_female by Admin 2
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 36. Zero years education (women, ages 20–24) admin 2 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

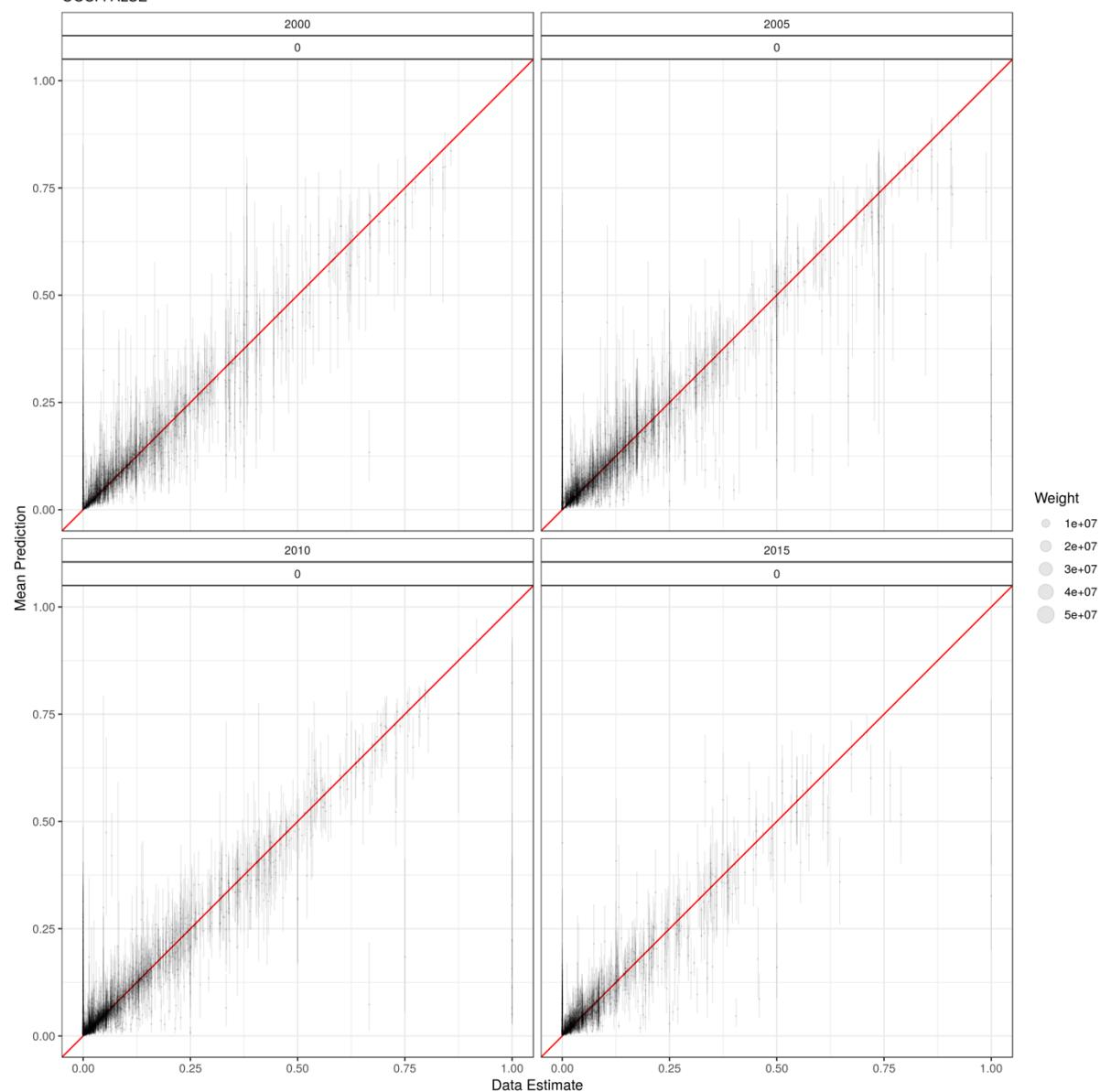
Validation Plot for edu_zero_prop_20_24_male by Country
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 37. Zero years education (men, ages 20–24) admin 0 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

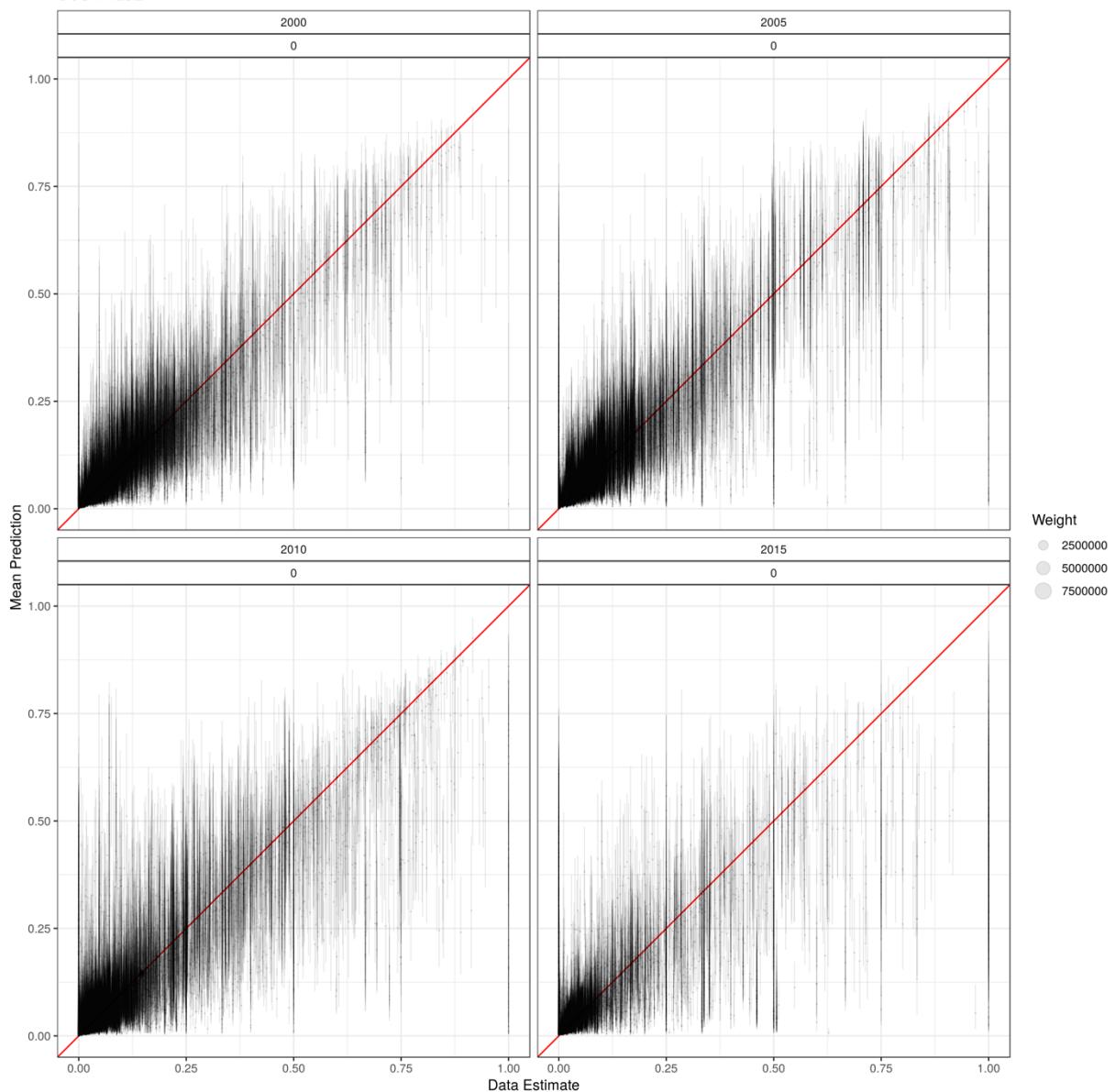
Validation Plot for edu_zero_prop_20_24_male by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 38. Zero years education (men, ages 20–24) admin 1 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_zero_prop_20_24_male by Admin 2
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Supplementary Figure 39. Zero years education (men, ages 20–24) admin 2 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

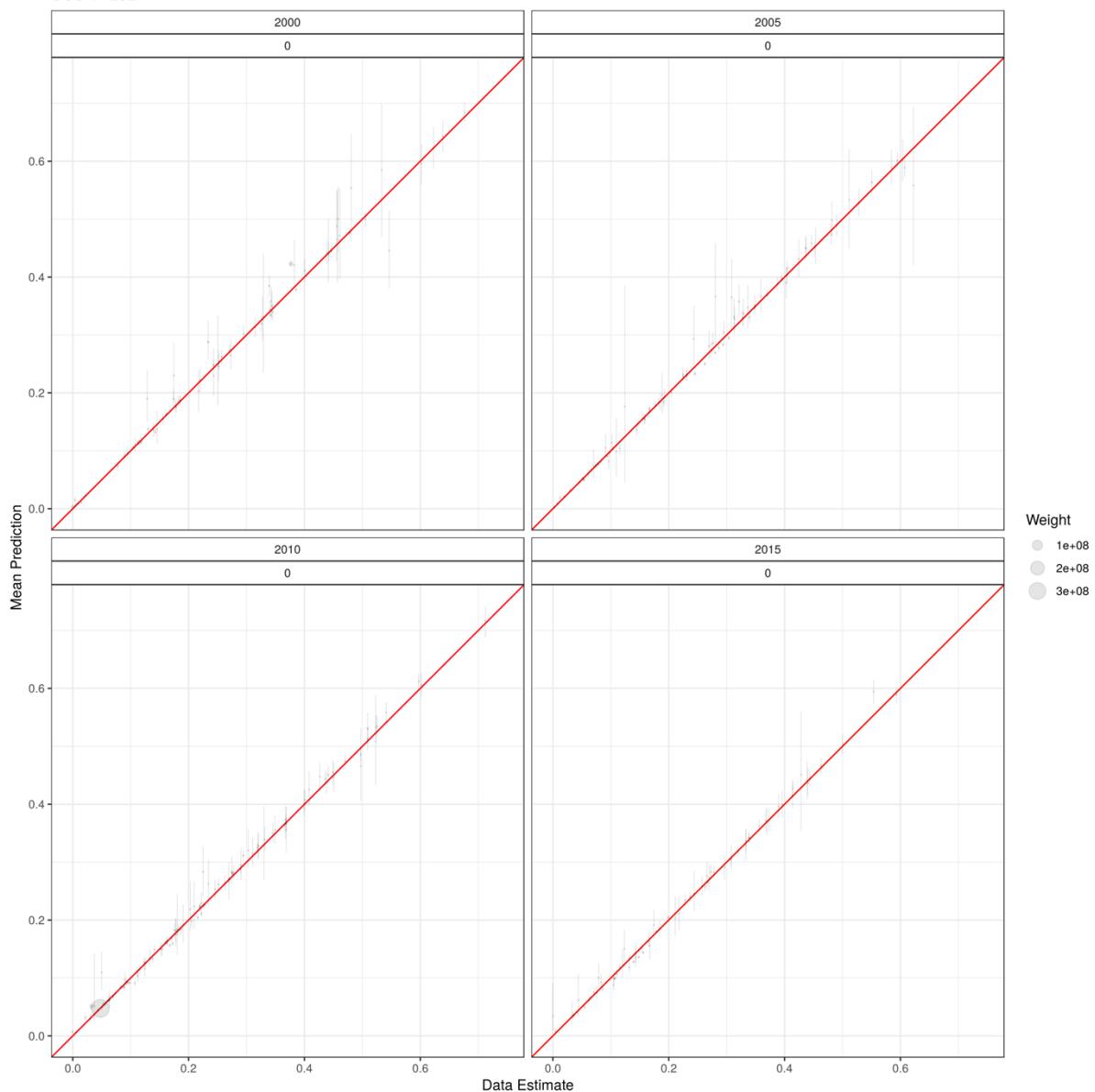
Supplementary Table 28. In sample predictive metrics for 1–5 years of education (women, ages 15–49), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	9603.0000	-0.0130	0.0244	0.9950	0.7946
Admin 0	2005	11733.3631	-0.0007	0.0061	0.9993	0.9291
Admin 0	2010	12925.9901	-0.0003	0.0027	0.9978	0.9842
Admin 0	2015	11955.0000	0.0037	0.0071	0.9981	0.9422
Admin 1	2000	911.0000	-0.0130	0.0277	0.9927	0.7946
Admin 1	2005	539.5000	-0.0007	0.0132	0.9969	0.9291
Admin 1	2010	821.0000	-0.0003	0.0039	0.9963	0.9842
Admin 1	2015	522.0000	0.0037	0.0127	0.9921	0.9422
Admin 2	2000	95.0000	-0.0130	0.0486	0.9643	0.7946
Admin 2	2005	26.2430	-0.0007	0.0319	0.9831	0.9291
Admin 2	2010	34.0882	-0.0003	0.0089	0.9824	0.9842
Admin 2	2015	28.0000	0.0037	0.0317	0.9594	0.9422

Supplementary Table 29. In sample predictive metrics for 1–5 years of education (men, ages 15–49), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

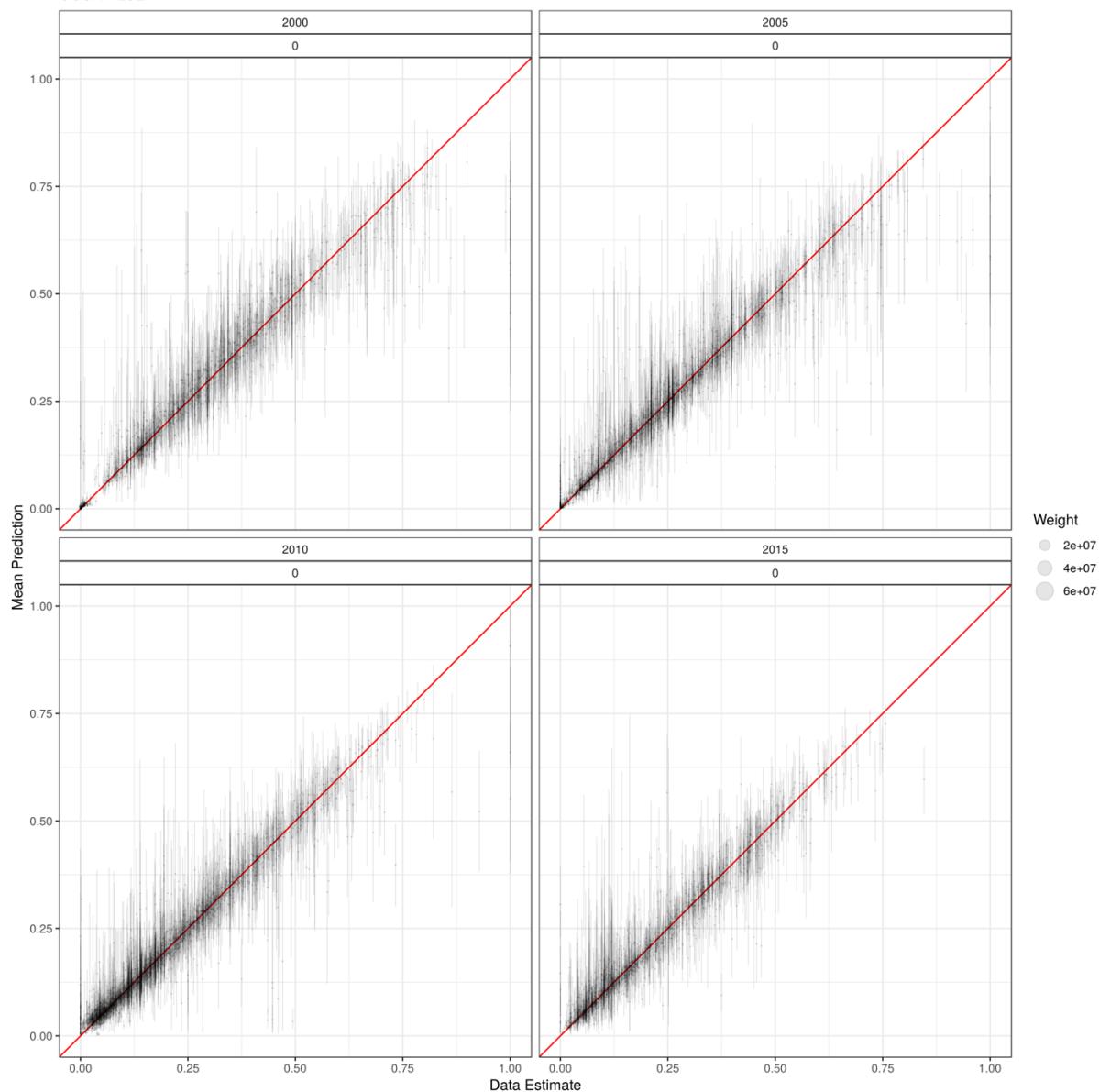
Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	10184.9599	-0.0137	0.0261	0.9963	0.7892
Admin 0	2005	10867.2664	-0.0003	0.0048	0.9996	0.9253
Admin 0	2010	14125.0000	0.0000	0.0010	0.9994	0.9896
Admin 0	2015	11661.0445	0.0035	0.0066	0.9959	0.9479
Admin 1	2000	978.0000	-0.0137	0.0303	0.9934	0.7892
Admin 1	2005	553.6495	-0.0003	0.0121	0.9974	0.9253
Admin 1	2010	870.5000	0.0000	0.0020	0.9982	0.9896
Admin 1	2015	569.0000	0.0035	0.0110	0.9898	0.9479
Admin 2	2000	97.8408	-0.0137	0.0530	0.9613	0.7892
Admin 2	2005	25.7144	-0.0003	0.0310	0.9844	0.9253
Admin 2	2010	33.8747	0.0000	0.0053	0.9869	0.9896
Admin 2	2015	27.7524	0.0035	0.0293	0.9465	0.9479

Validation Plot for edu_no_primary_prop_15_49_female by Country
OOS: FALSE



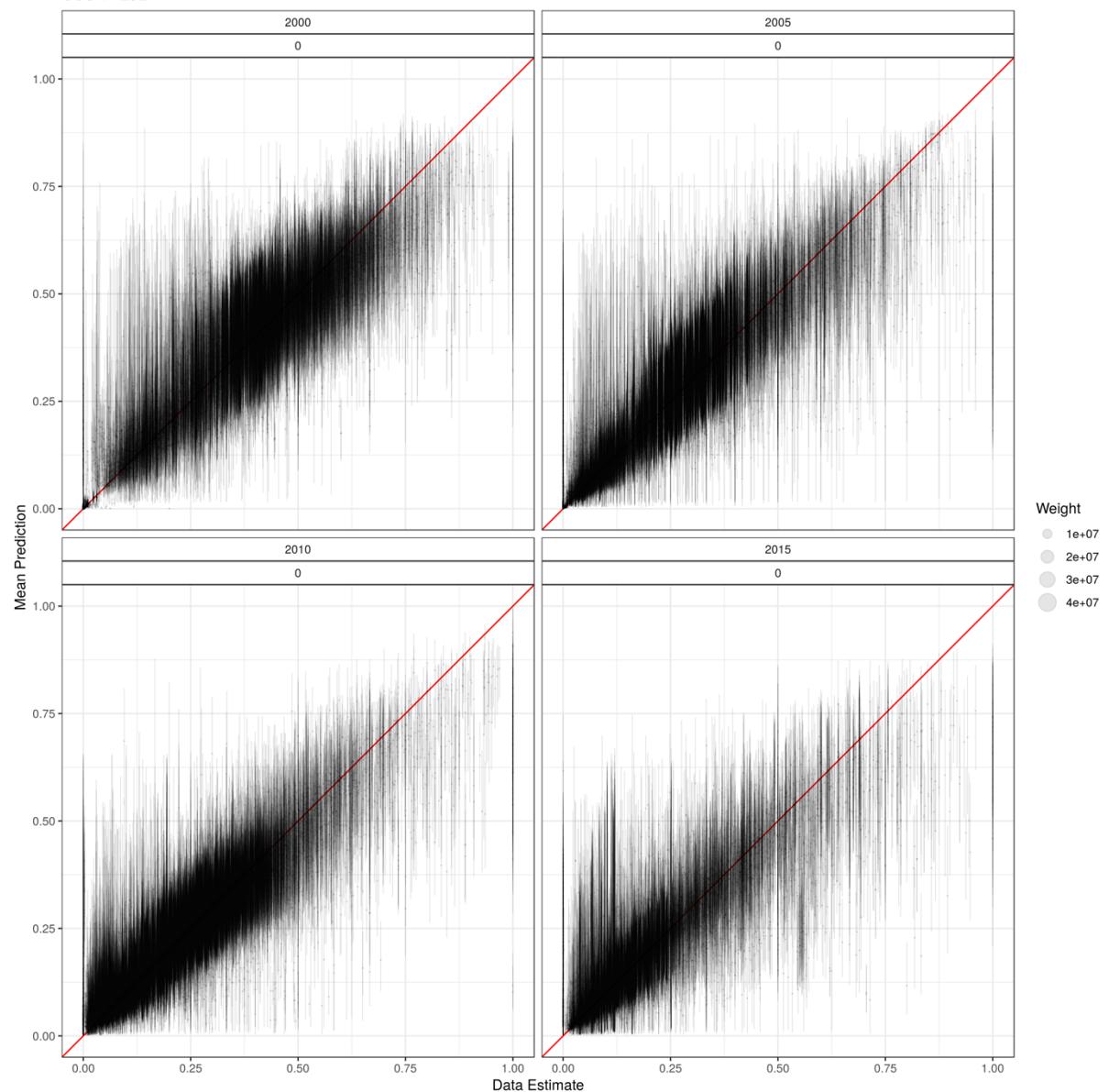
Supplementary Figure 40. 1–5 years education (women, ages 15–49) admin 0 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_no_primary_prop_15_49_female by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



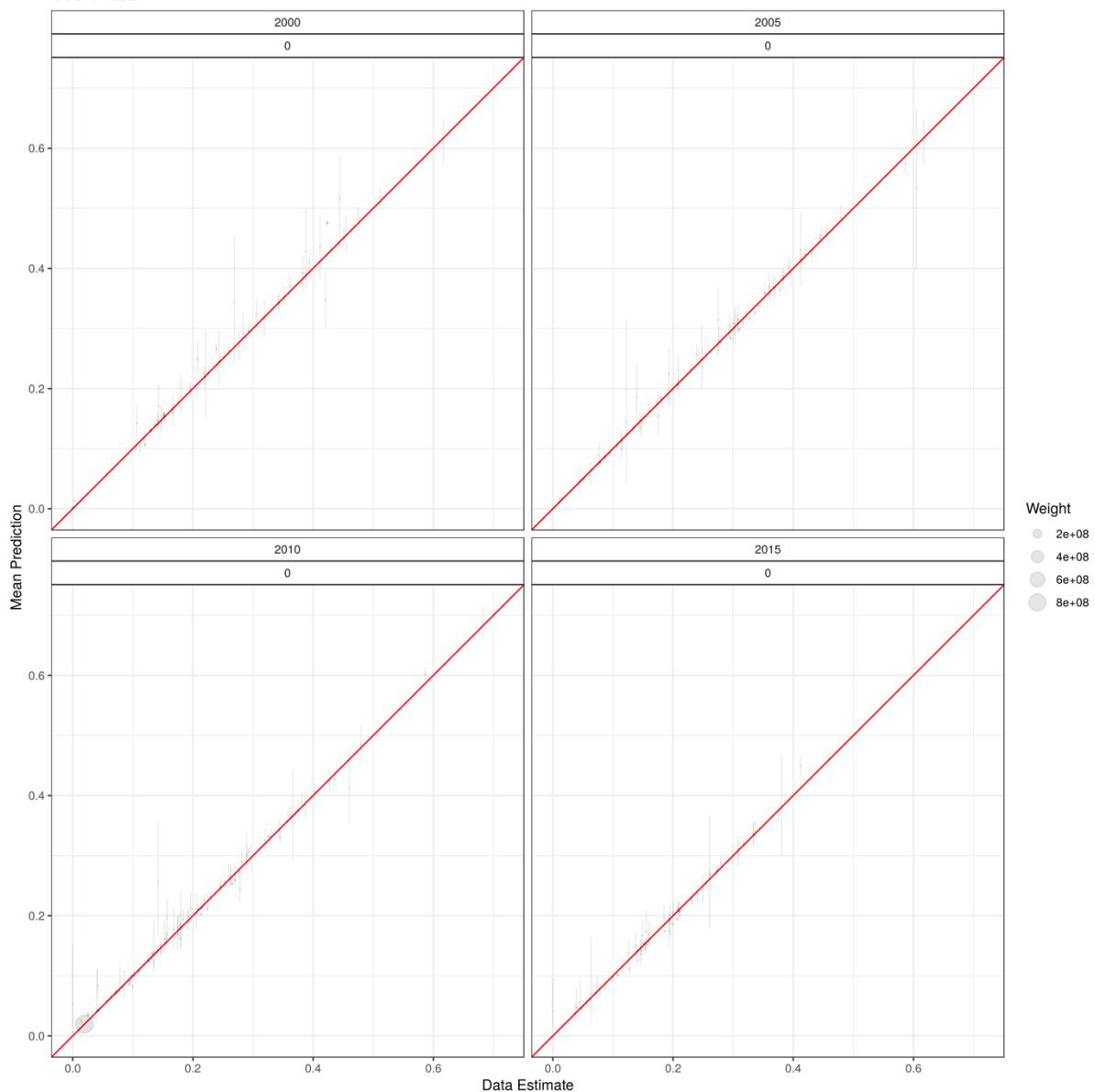
Supplementary Figure 41. 1–5 years education (women, ages 15–49) admin 1 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_no_primary_prop_15_49_female by Admin 2
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 42. 1–5 years education (women, ages 15–49) admin 2 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

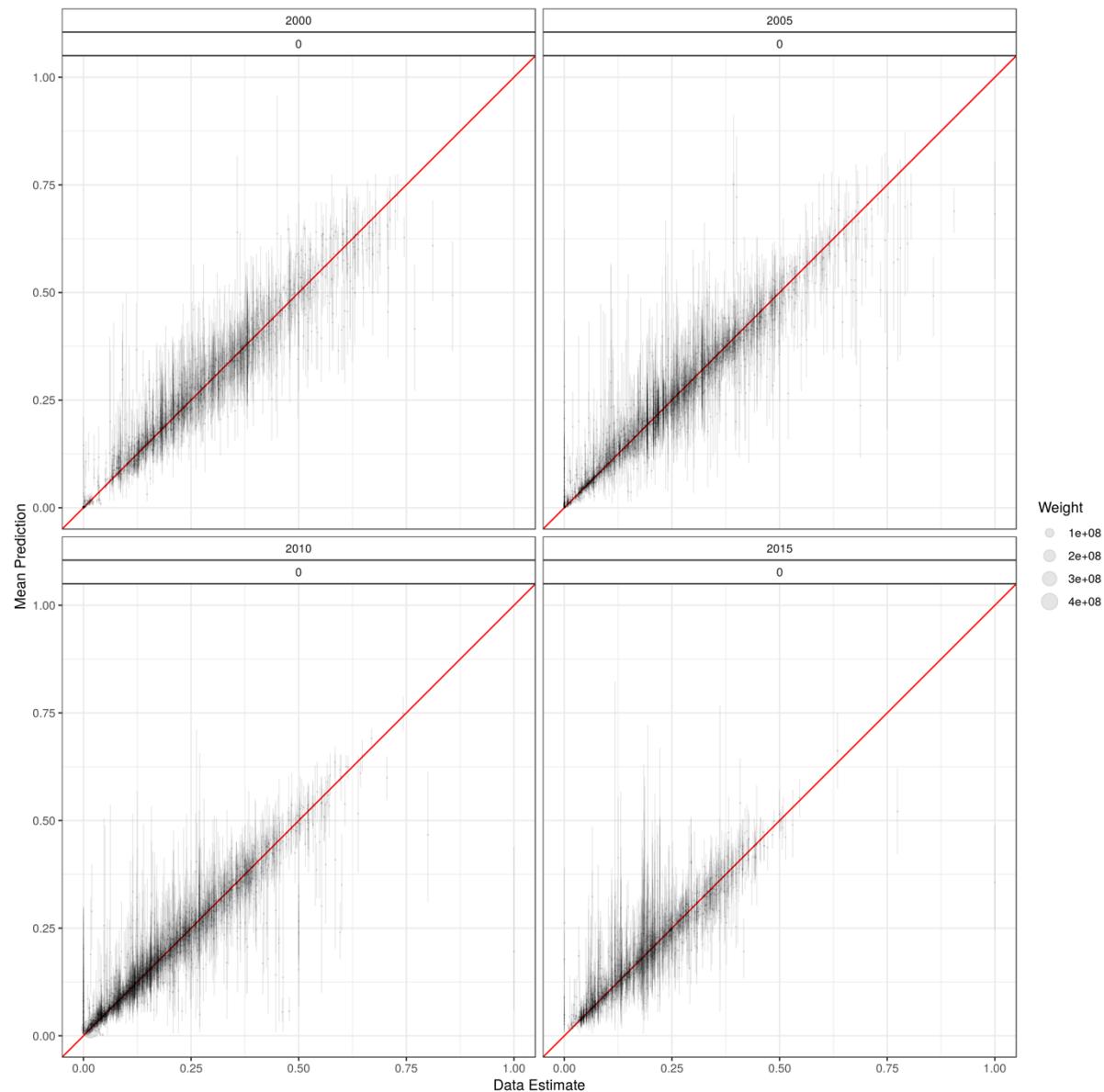
Validation Plot for edu_no_primary_prop_15_49_male by Country
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 43. 1–5 years education (men, ages 15–49) admin 0 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

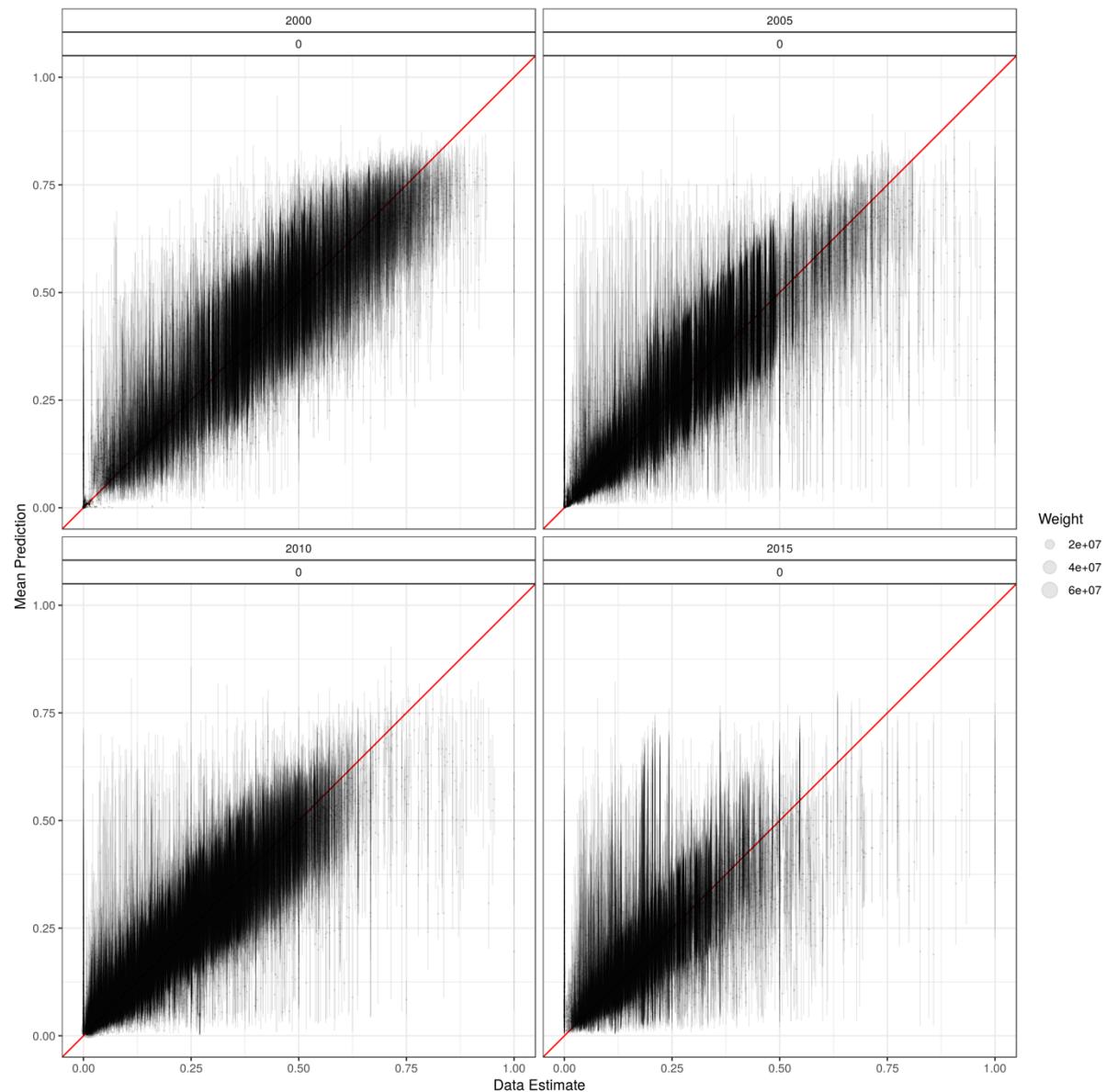
Validation Plot for edu_no_primary_prop_15_49_male by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 44. 1–5 years education (men, ages 15–49) admin 1 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_no_primary_prop_15_49_male by Admin 2
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 45. 1–5 years education (men, ages 15–49) admin 2 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

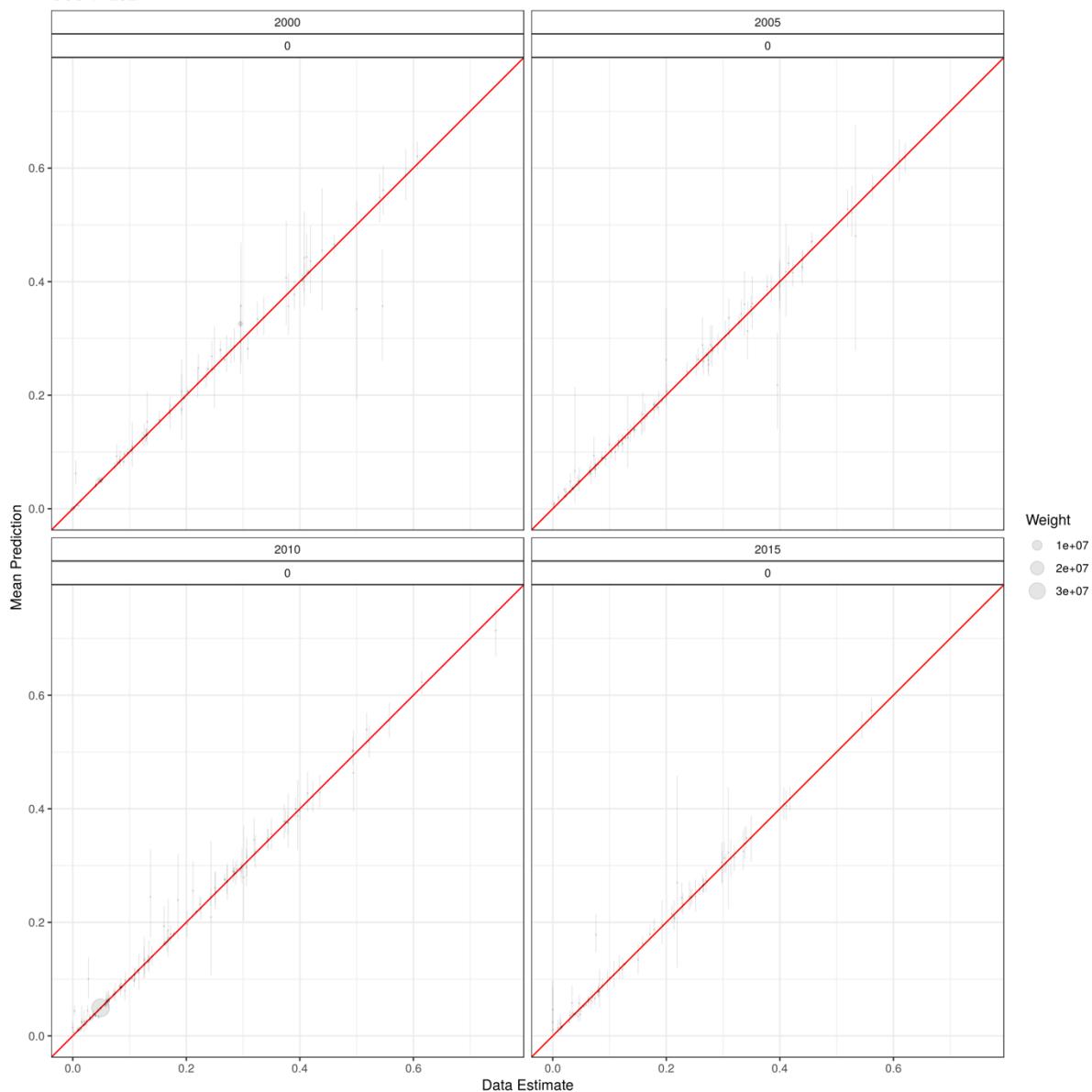
Supplementary Table 30. In sample predictive metrics for 1–5 years of education (women, ages 20–24), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	1949.0000	-0.0076	0.0144	0.9977	0.9188
Admin 0	2005	2418.0000	-0.0009	0.0045	0.9995	0.9308
Admin 0	2010	2517.5000	-0.0004	0.0009	0.9998	0.9696
Admin 0	2015	2035.5557	0.0003	0.0025	0.9996	0.9546
Admin 1	2000	175.0000	-0.0076	0.0187	0.9951	0.9188
Admin 1	2005	104.1411	-0.0009	0.0142	0.9951	0.9308
Admin 1	2010	143.0000	-0.0004	0.0041	0.9985	0.9696
Admin 1	2015	99.0000	0.0003	0.0148	0.9879	0.9546
Admin 2	2000	17.0000	-0.0076	0.0424	0.9654	0.9188
Admin 2	2005	4.5759	-0.0009	0.0359	0.9729	0.9308
Admin 2	2010	5.4401	-0.0004	0.0114	0.9885	0.9696
Admin 2	2015	4.2984	0.0003	0.0383	0.9345	0.9546

Supplementary Table 31. In sample predictive metrics for 1–5 years of education (men, ages 20–24), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

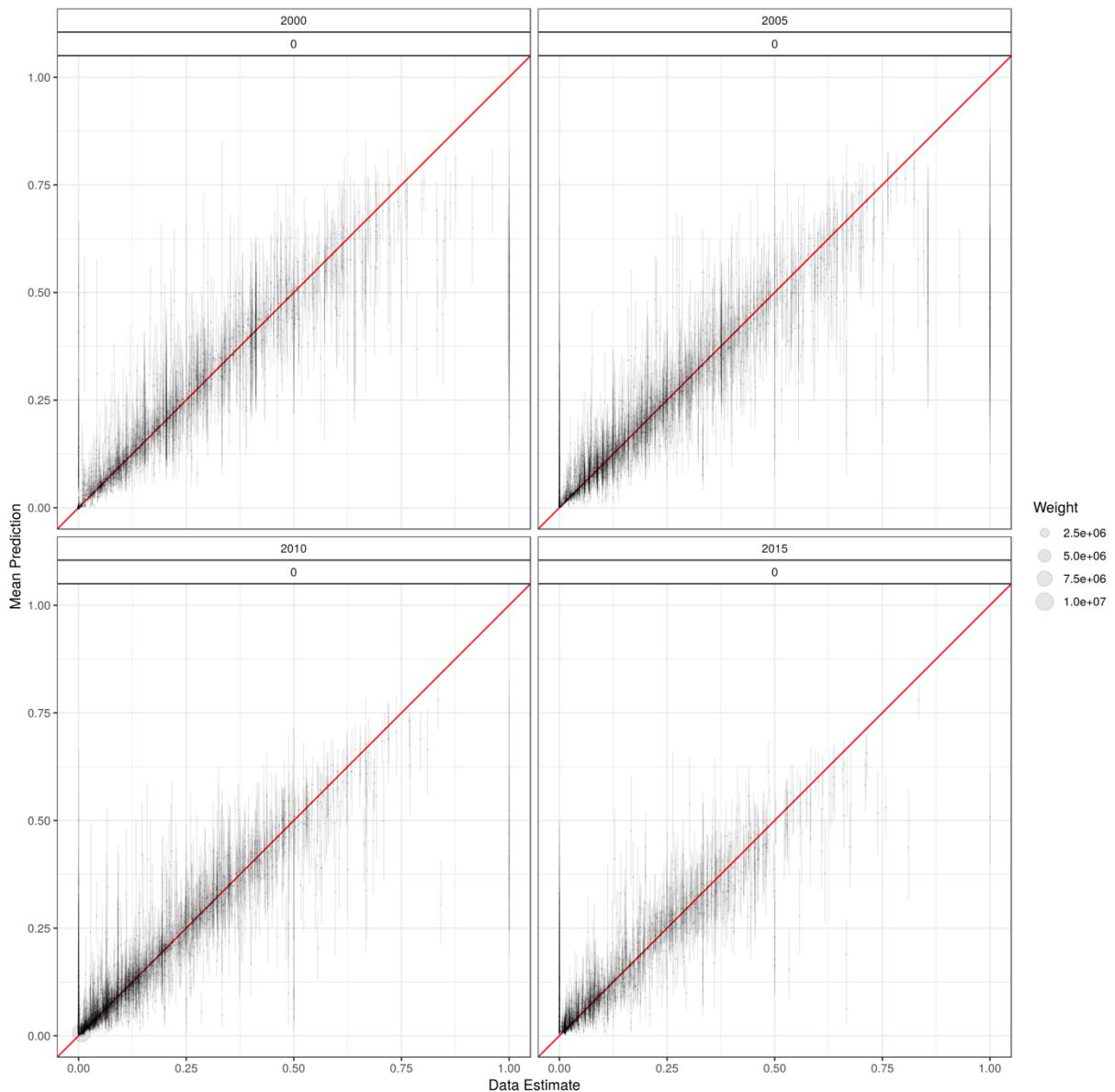
Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	1899.0000	-0.0092	0.0182	0.9981	0.9087
Admin 0	2005	1911.0000	-0.0006	0.0041	0.9995	0.9301
Admin 0	2010	2453.0000	0.0009	0.0010	0.9999	0.8542
Admin 0	2015	2151.7327	0.0007	0.0028	0.9989	0.9501
Admin 1	2000	164.5000	-0.0092	0.0227	0.9953	0.9087
Admin 1	2005	100.8876	-0.0006	0.0143	0.9945	0.9301
Admin 1	2010	153.0000	0.0009	0.0025	0.9973	0.8542
Admin 1	2015	100.5000	0.0007	0.0131	0.9819	0.9501
Admin 2	2000	17.0000	-0.0092	0.0486	0.9605	0.9087
Admin 2	2005	4.4767	-0.0006	0.0353	0.9712	0.9301
Admin 2	2010	5.4210	0.0009	0.0060	0.9814	0.8542
Admin 2	2015	4.0400	0.0007	0.0366	0.8956	0.9501

Validation Plot for edu_no_primary_prop_20_24_female by Country
OOS: FALSE



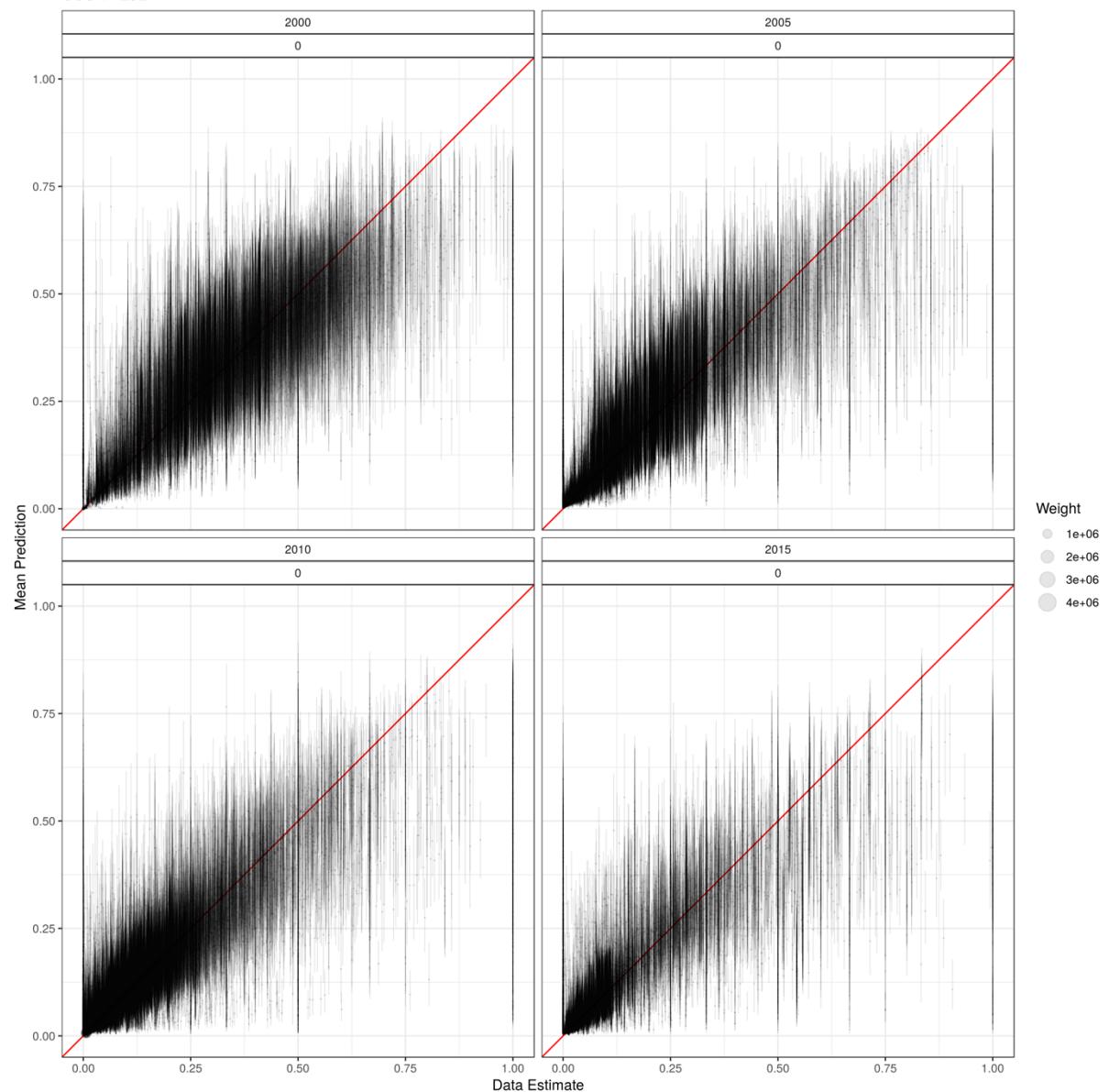
Supplementary Figure 46. 1–5 years education (women, ages 20–24) admin 0 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_no_primary_prop_20_24_female by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



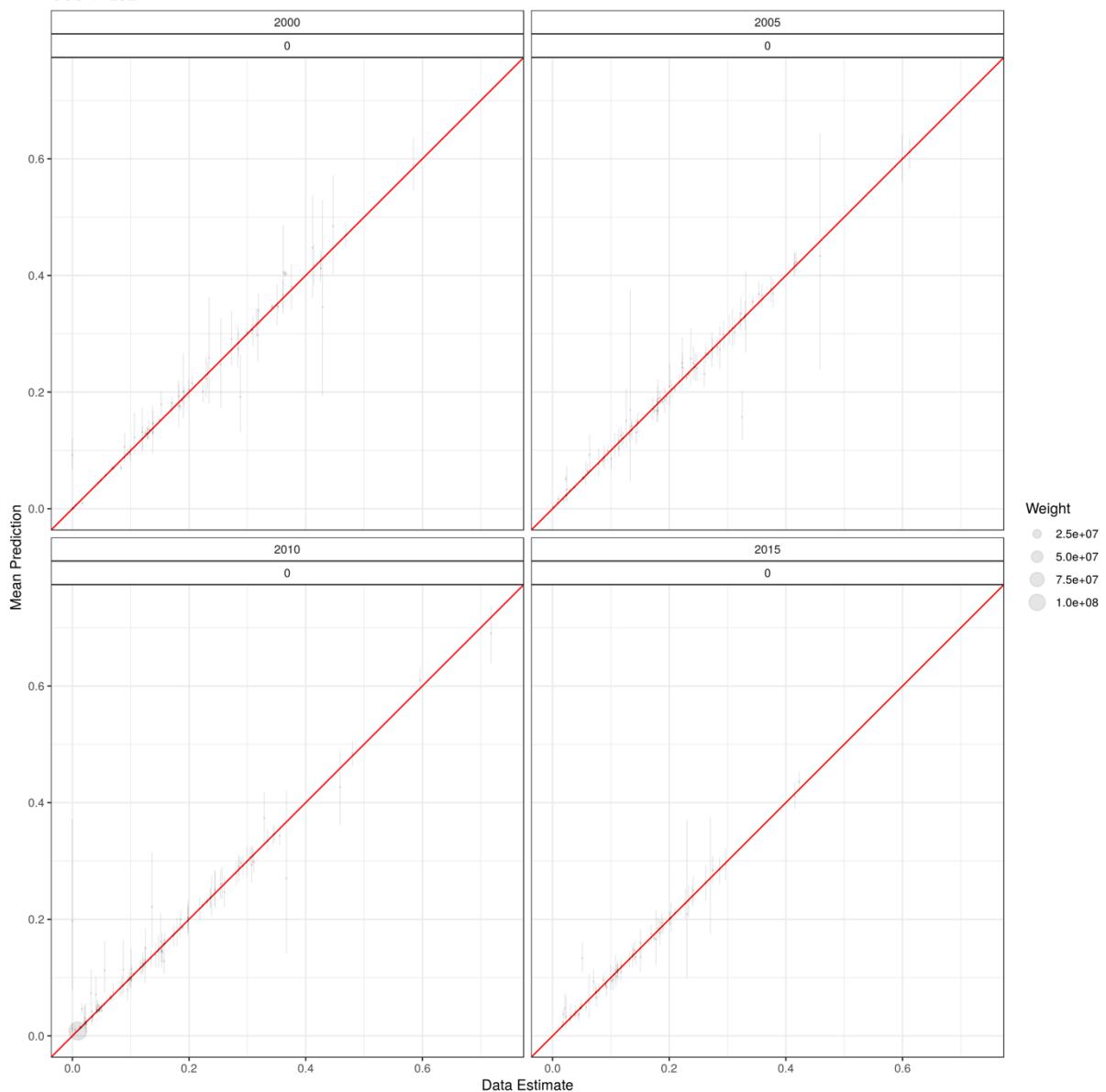
Supplementary Figure 47. 1–5 years education (women, ages 20–24) admin 1 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_no_primary_prop_20_24_female by Admin 2
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 48. 1–5 years education (women, ages 20–24) admin 2 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

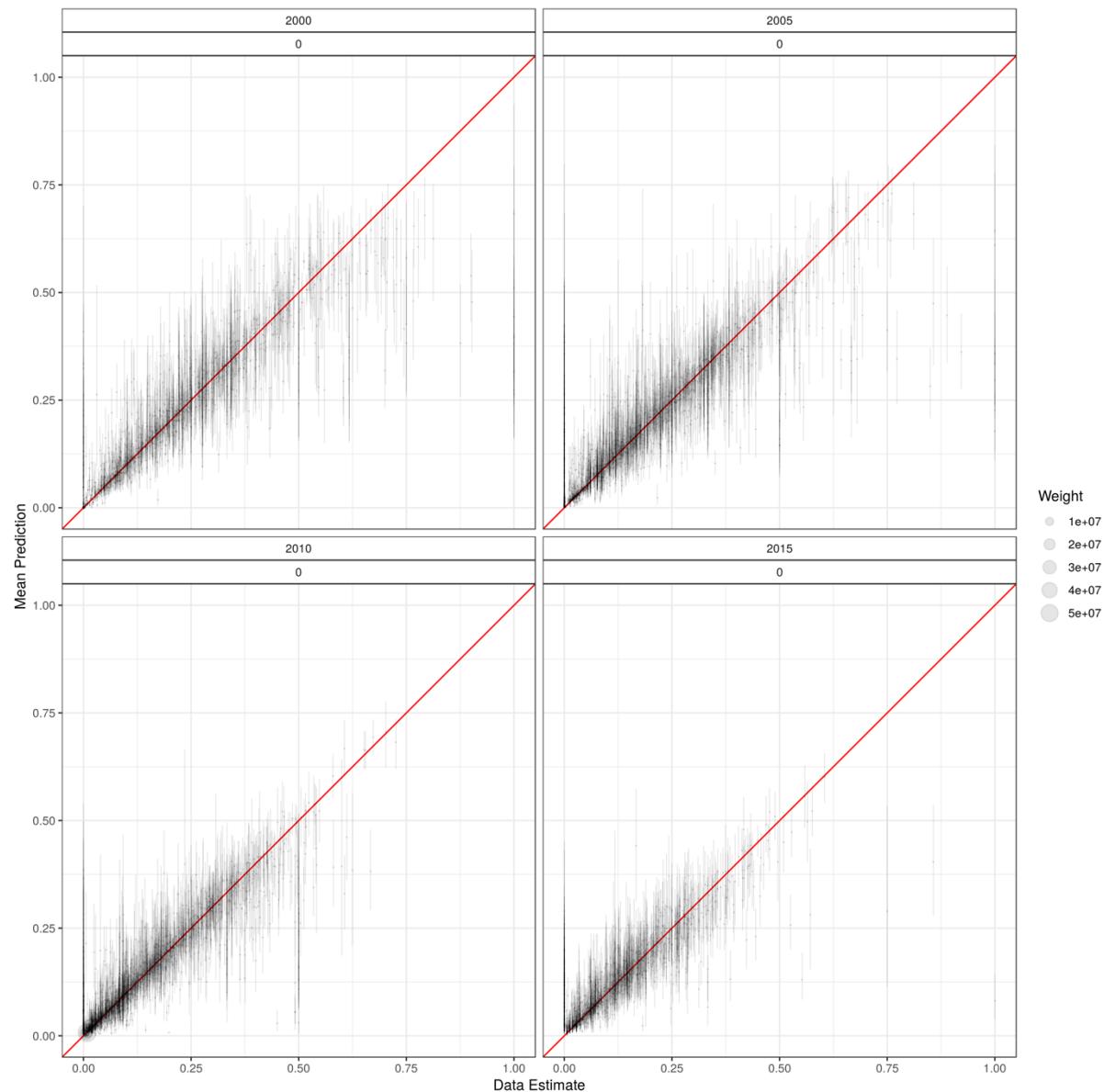
Validation Plot for edu_no_primary_prop_20_24_male by Country
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 49. 1–5 years education (men, ages 20–24) admin 0 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

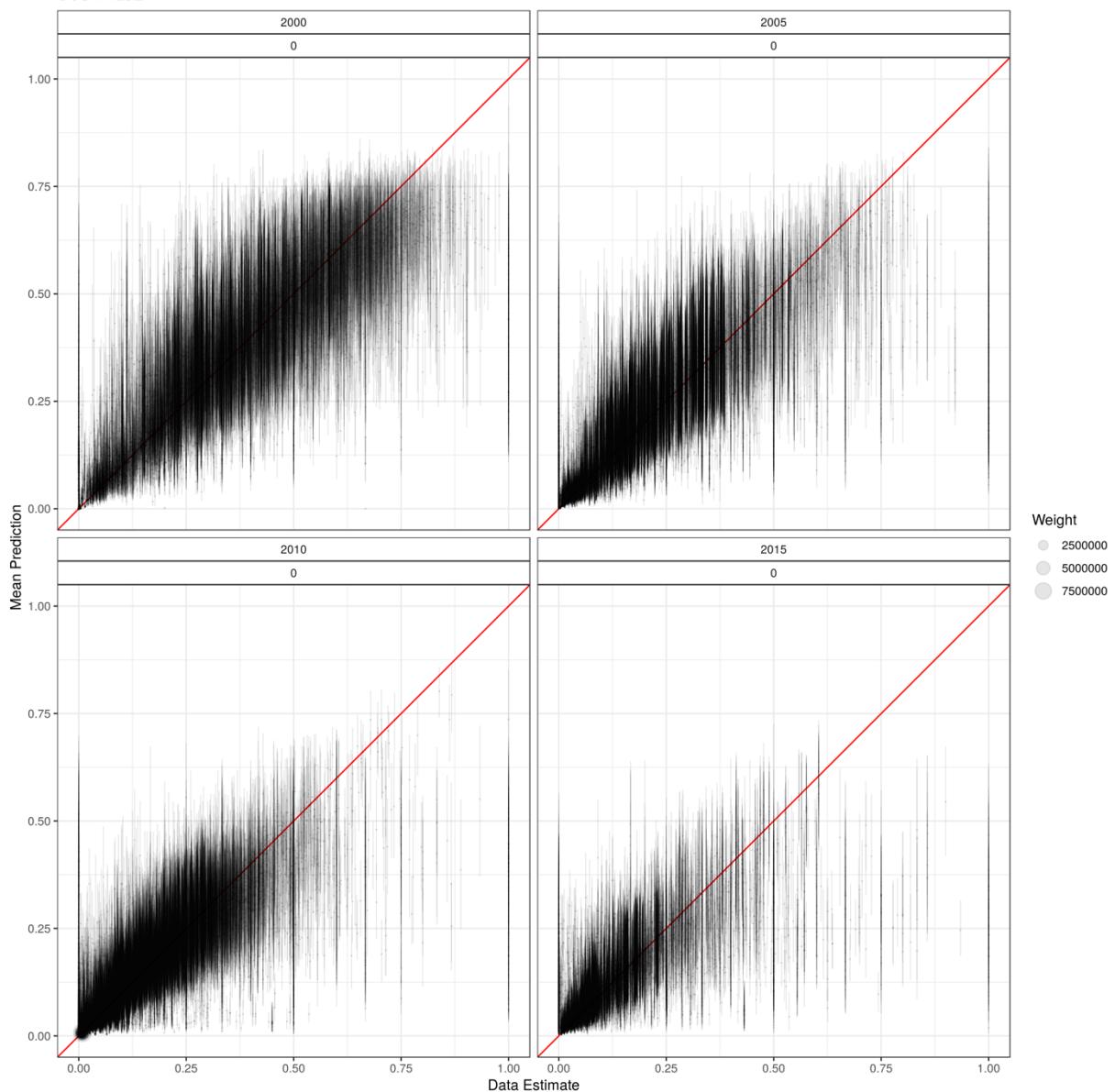
Validation Plot for edu_no_primary_prop_20_24_male by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 50. 1–5 years education (men, ages 20–24) admin 1 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_no_primary_prop_20_24_male by Admin 2
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 51. 1–5 years education (men, ages 20–24) admin 2 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

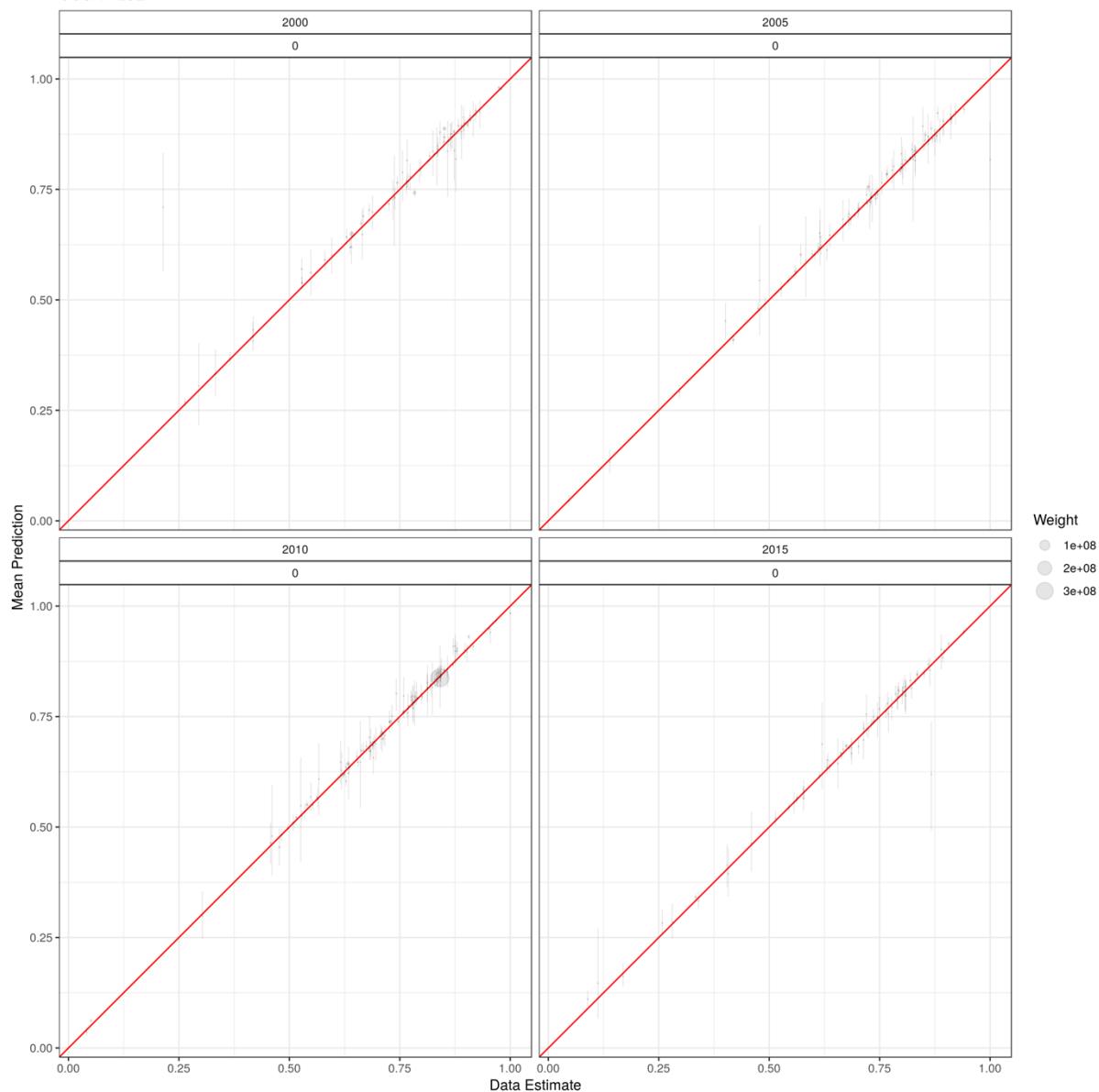
Supplementary Table 32. In sample predictive metrics for 6–11 years of education (women, ages 15–49), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	8013.0000	-0.0028	0.0246	0.9766	0.7954
Admin 0	2005	8303.5776	-0.0159	0.0229	0.9946	0.9227
Admin 0	2010	9281.6587	0.0029	0.0038	0.9986	0.9863
Admin 0	2015	9057.9153	-0.0074	0.0091	0.9988	0.9494
Admin 1	2000	689.4149	-0.0028	0.0317	0.9679	0.7954
Admin 1	2005	386.0000	-0.0159	0.0309	0.9853	0.9227
Admin 1	2010	612.0000	0.0029	0.0066	0.9927	0.9863
Admin 1	2015	385.0104	-0.0074	0.0157	0.9941	0.9494
Admin 2	2000	60.1334	-0.0028	0.0465	0.9405	0.7954
Admin 2	2005	19.3895	-0.0159	0.0569	0.9401	0.9227
Admin 2	2010	28.0000	0.0029	0.0126	0.9722	0.9863
Admin 2	2015	22.9372	-0.0074	0.0495	0.9487	0.9494

Supplementary Table 33. In sample predictive metrics for 6–11 years of education (men, ages 15–49), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

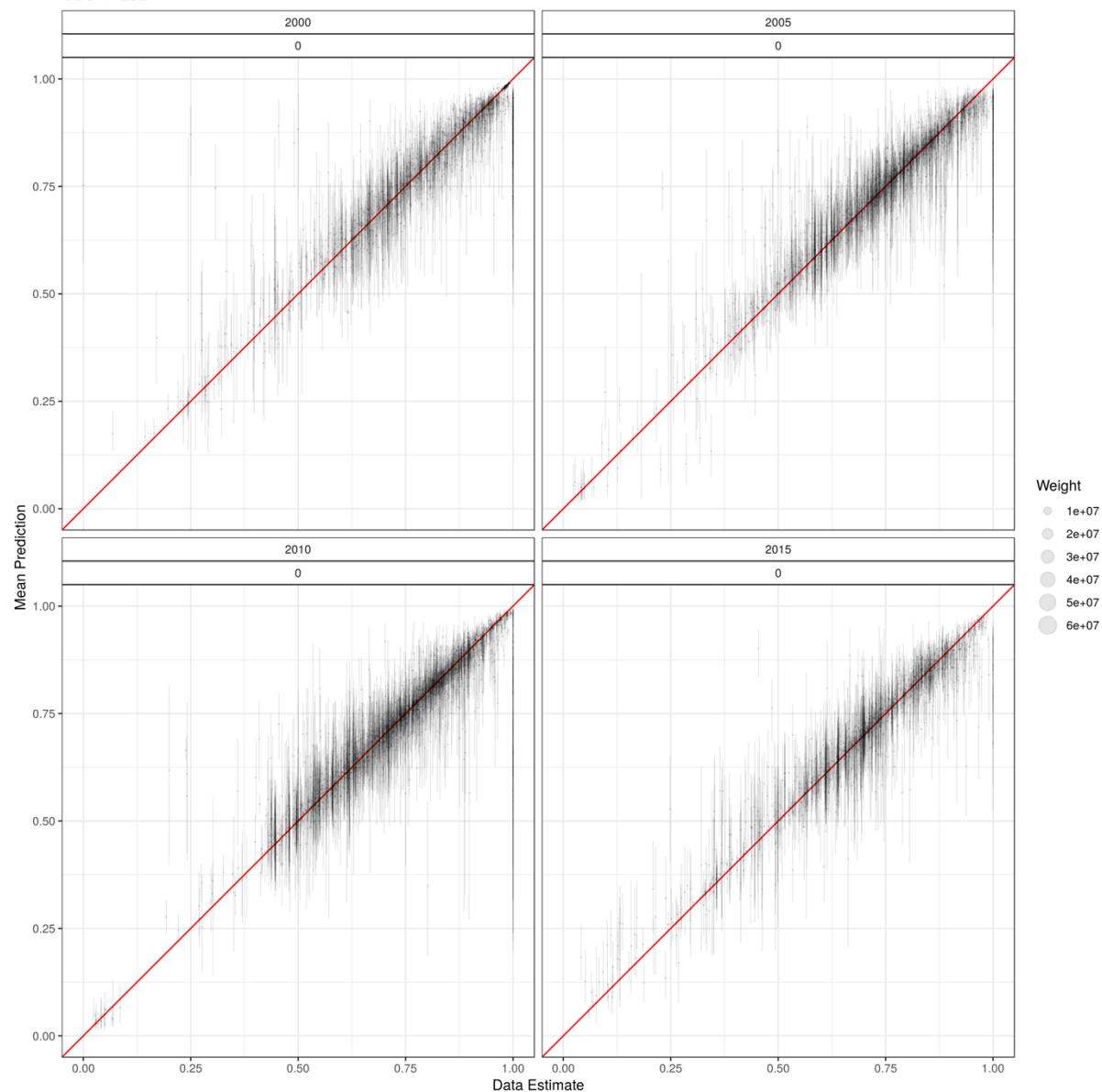
Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	7186.2870	-0.0564	0.0738	0.8947	0.5447
Admin 0	2005	7755.3660	-0.0758	0.0929	0.9238	0.5910
Admin 0	2010	10720.3243	0.0908	0.0948	-0.1162	0.6381
Admin 0	2015	9095.5051	-0.0616	0.0826	0.8499	0.6543
Admin 1	2000	669.0000	-0.0564	0.0948	0.7626	0.5447
Admin 1	2005	347.4343	-0.0758	0.1177	0.8029	0.5910
Admin 1	2010	622.0000	0.0908	0.1083	-0.1640	0.6381
Admin 1	2015	477.9025	-0.0616	0.1106	0.6712	0.6543
Admin 2	2000	56.0000	-0.0564	0.1179	0.6403	0.5447
Admin 2	2005	18.1650	-0.0758	0.1463	0.6816	0.5910
Admin 2	2010	28.3070	0.0908	0.1337	-0.0772	0.6381
Admin 2	2015	24.0000	-0.0616	0.1493	0.4812	0.6543

Validation Plot for edu_primary_prop_15_49_female by Country
OOS: FALSE



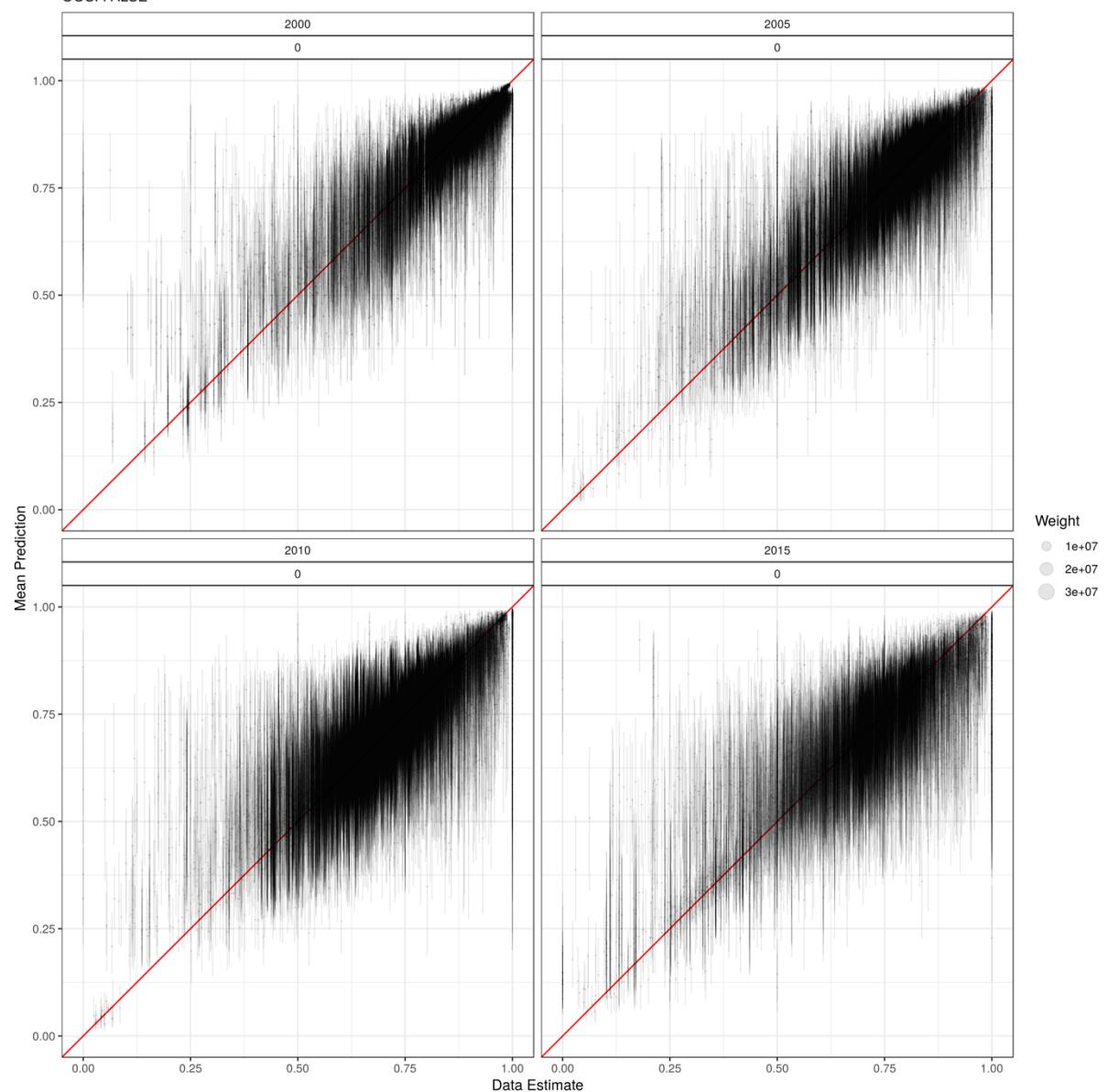
Supplementary Figure 52. 6–11 years education (women, ages 15–49) admin 0 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_primary_prop_15_49_female by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



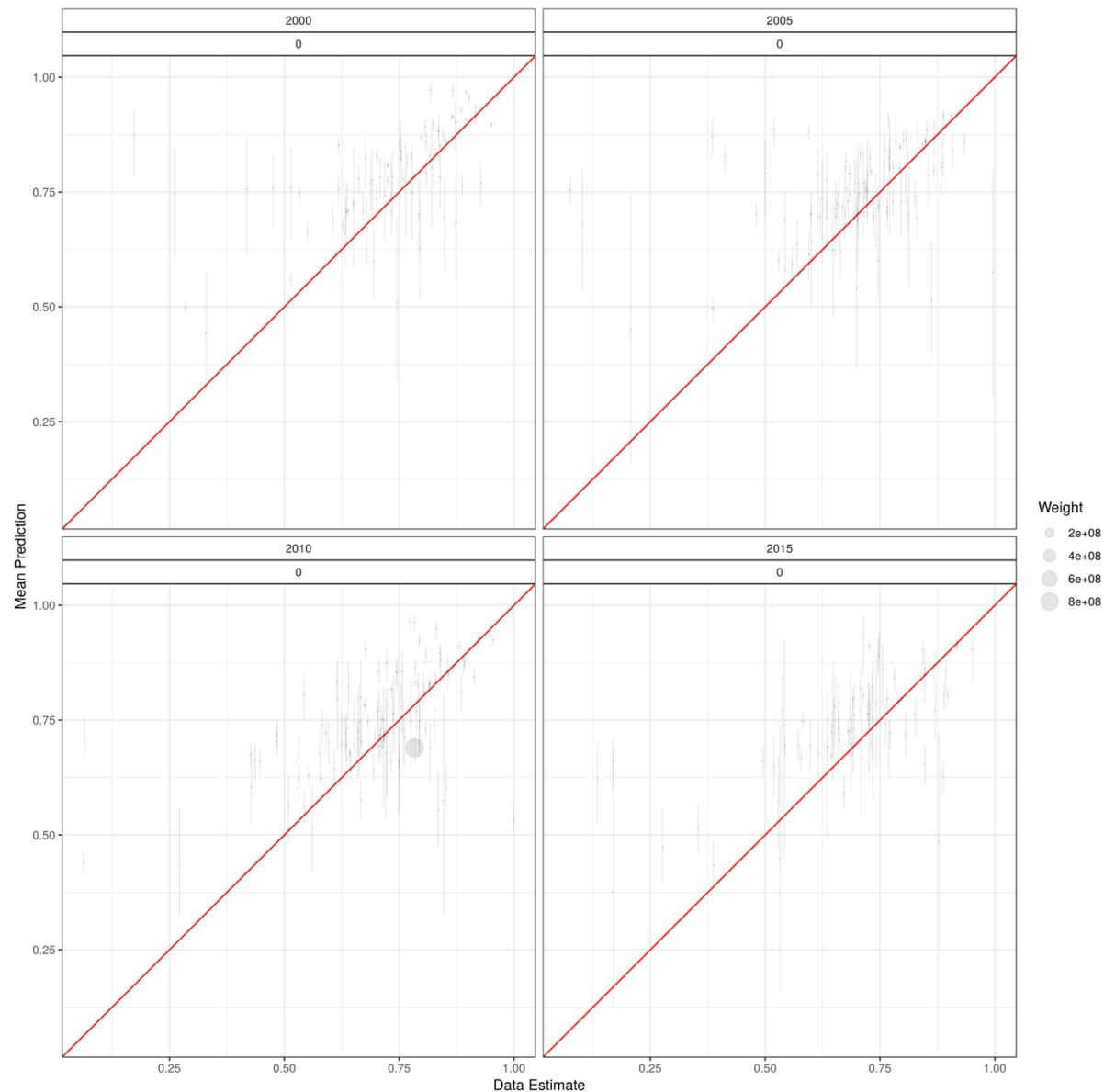
Supplementary Figure 53. 6–11 years education (women, ages 15–49) admin 1 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_primary_prop_15_49_female by Admin 2
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 54. 6–11 years education (women, ages 15–49) admin 2 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

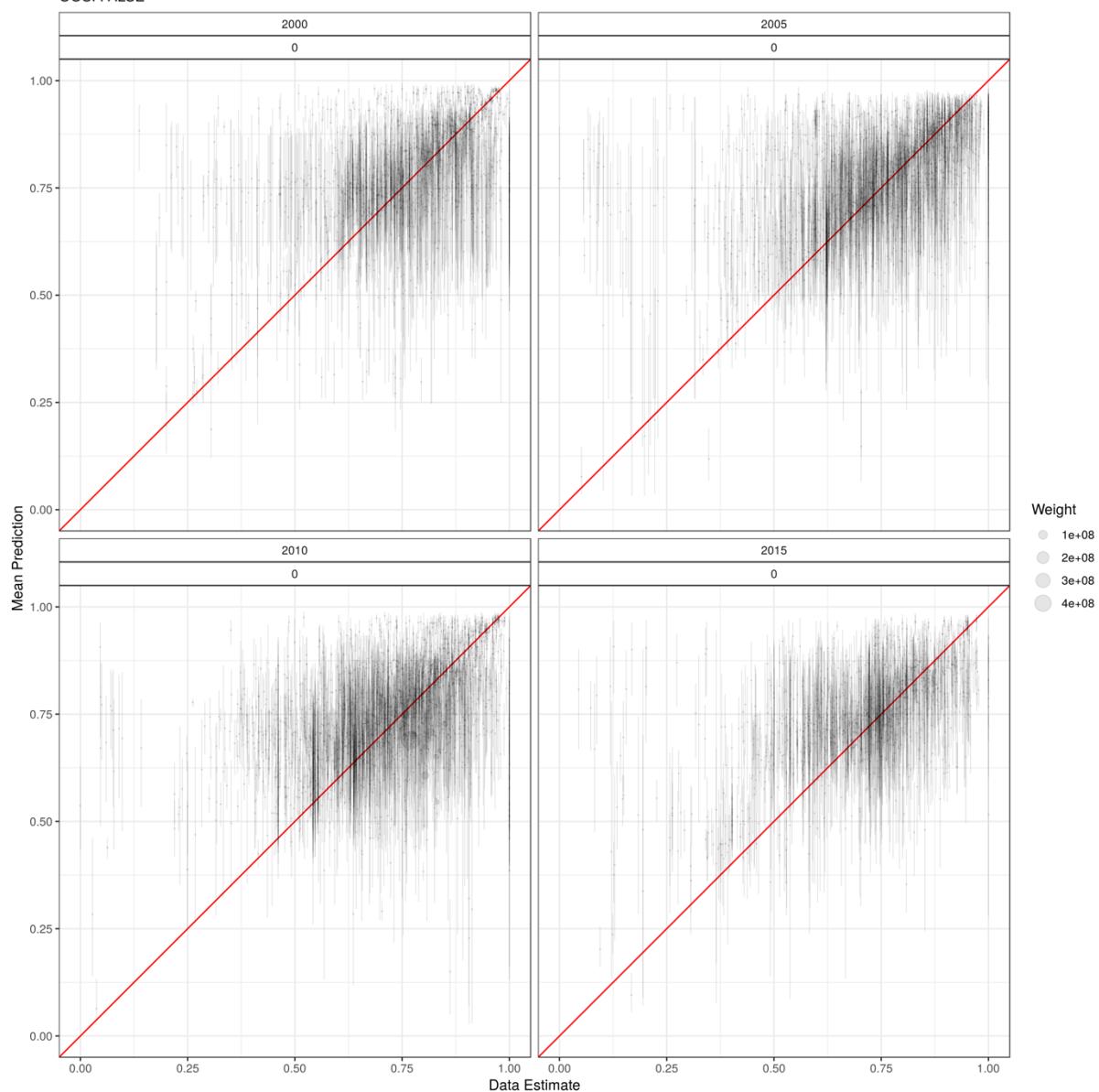
Validation Plot for edu_primary_prop_15_49_male by Country
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 55. 6–11 years education (men, ages 15–49) admin 2 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

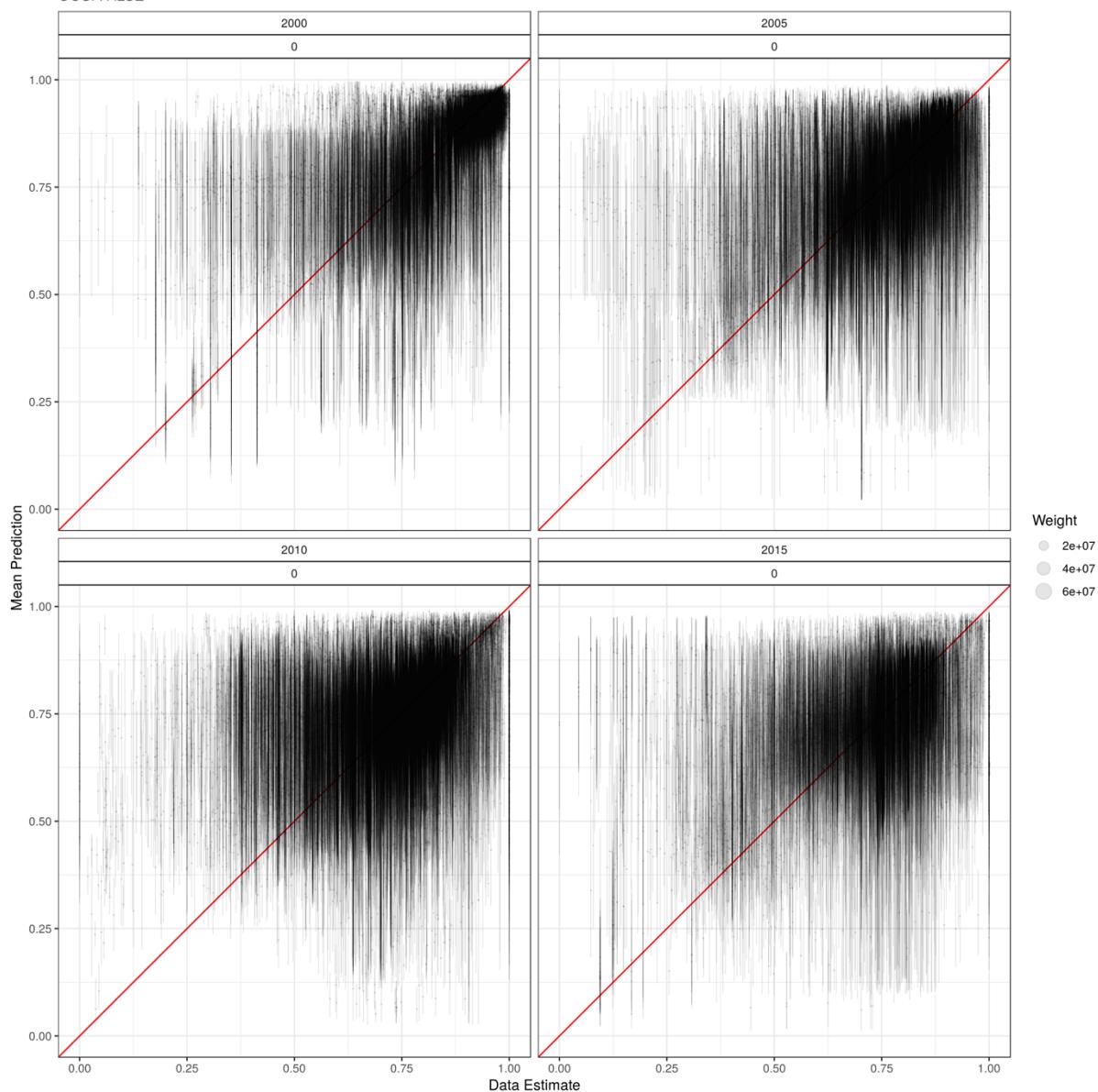
Validation Plot for edu_primary_prop_15_49_male by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 56. 6–11 years education (men, ages 15–49) admin 2 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_primary_prop_15_49_male by Admin 2
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 57. 6–11 years education (men, ages 15–49) admin 2 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

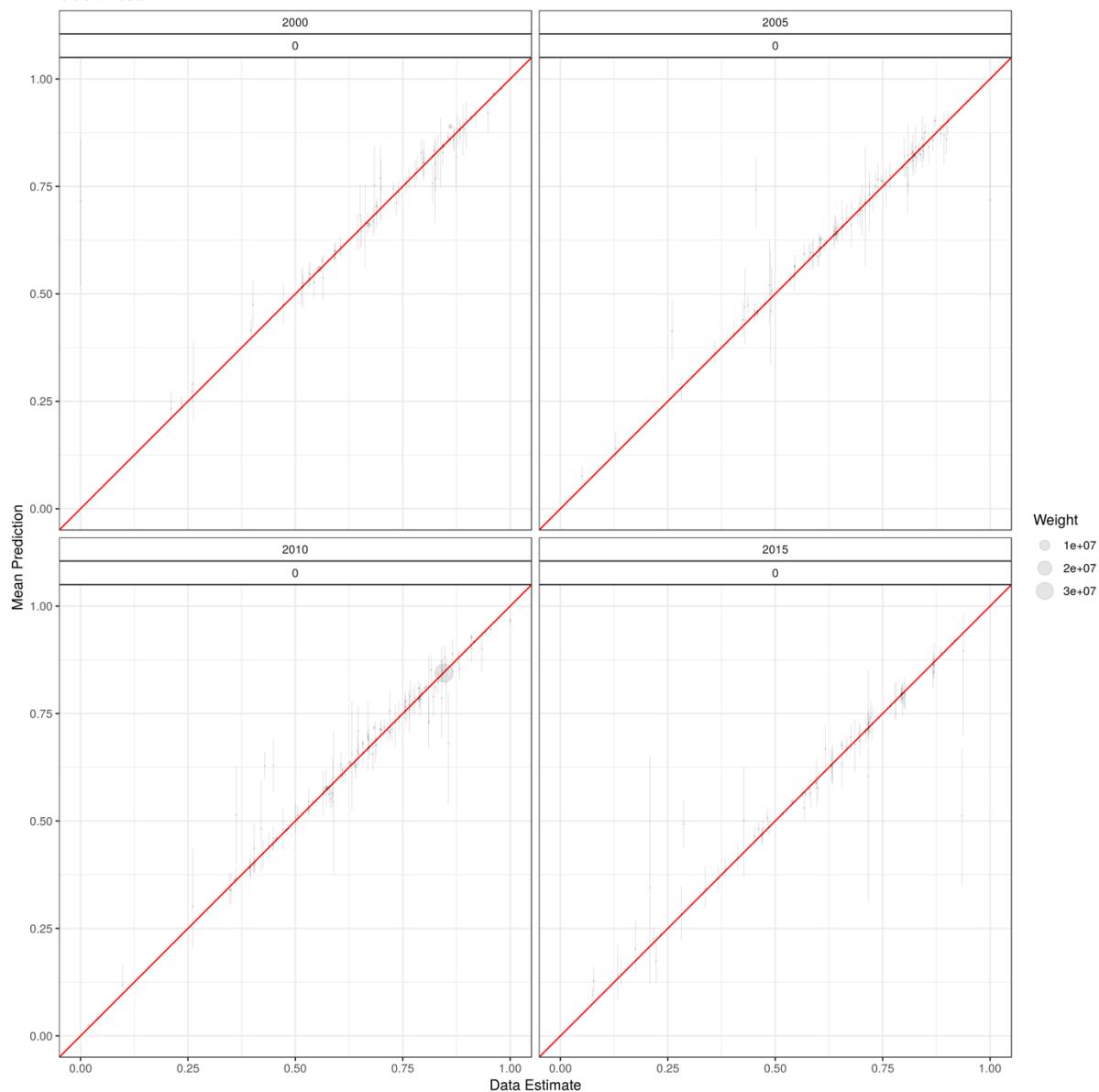
Supplementary Table 34. In sample predictive metrics for 6–11 years of education (women, ages 20–24), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	1693.0779	-0.0047	0.0136	0.9971	0.8695
Admin 0	2005	1661.0000	-0.0103	0.0163	0.9949	0.9396
Admin 0	2010	1981.4157	0.0012	0.0030	0.9995	0.9536
Admin 0	2015	1642.0670	-0.0042	0.0079	0.9984	0.9497
Admin 1	2000	147.0000	-0.0047	0.0198	0.9939	0.8695
Admin 1	2005	79.0000	-0.0103	0.0285	0.9814	0.9396
Admin 1	2010	115.5750	0.0012	0.0077	0.9974	0.9536
Admin 1	2015	75.0342	-0.0042	0.0195	0.9913	0.9497
Admin 2	2000	12.1809	-0.0047	0.0423	0.9738	0.8695
Admin 2	2005	3.8181	-0.0103	0.0614	0.9279	0.9396
Admin 2	2010	4.9258	0.0012	0.0186	0.9852	0.9536
Admin 2	2015	4.0000	-0.0042	0.0639	0.9352	0.9497

Supplementary Table 35. In sample predictive metrics for 6–11 years of education (men, ages 20–24), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

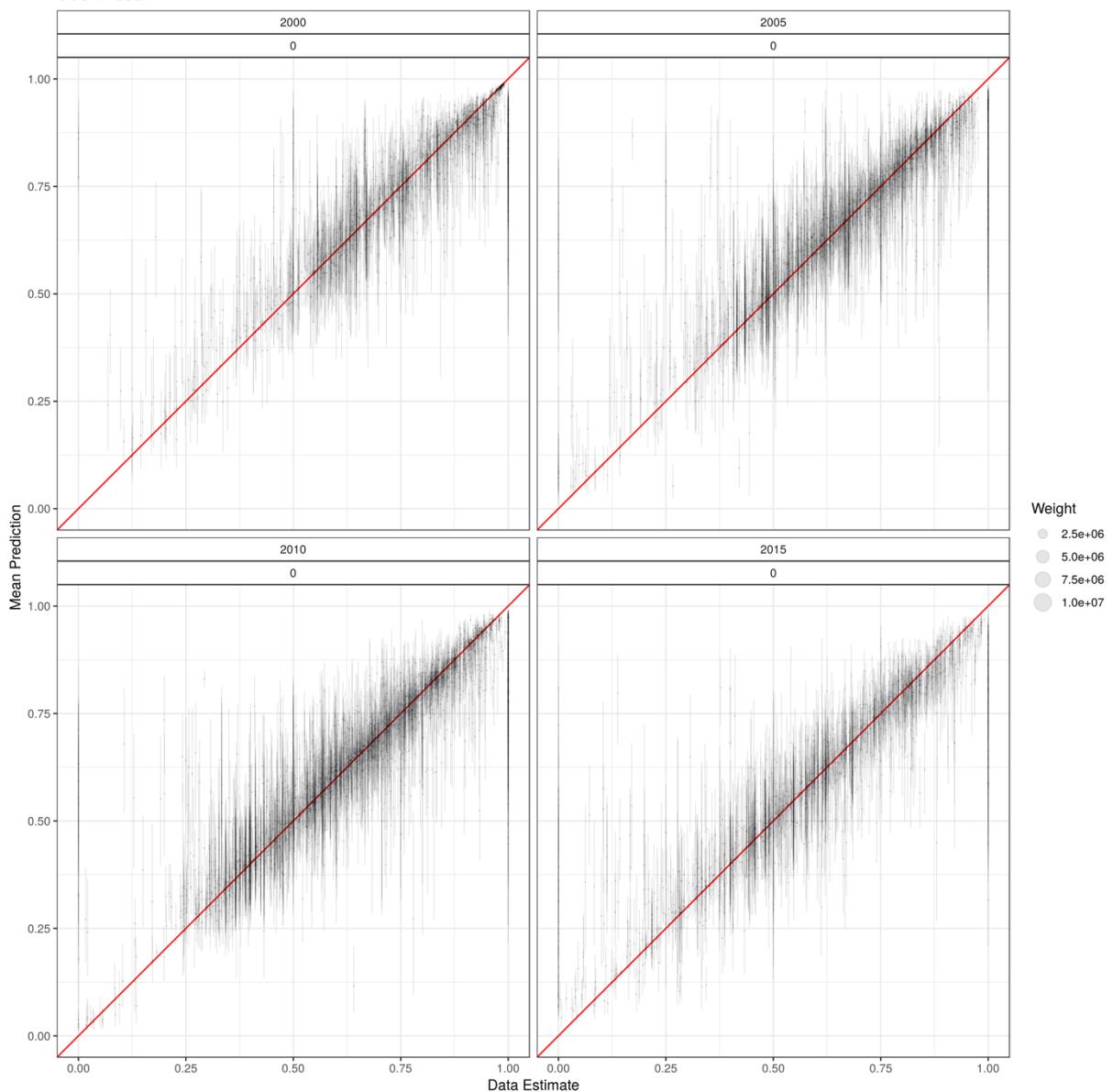
Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	1481.0256	-0.0038	0.0122	0.9978	0.8853
Admin 0	2005	1620.1010	-0.0100	0.0157	0.9953	0.9354
Admin 0	2010	1764.0000	0.0000	0.0011	0.9992	0.9778
Admin 0	2015	1875.0000	-0.0038	0.0067	0.9988	0.9475
Admin 1	2000	140.3899	-0.0038	0.0183	0.9943	0.8853
Admin 1	2005	81.2930	-0.0100	0.0281	0.9801	0.9354
Admin 1	2010	128.0000	0.0000	0.0046	0.9985	0.9778
Admin 1	2015	82.0000	-0.0038	0.0195	0.9902	0.9475
Admin 2	2000	11.4167	-0.0038	0.0396	0.9736	0.8853
Admin 2	2005	3.6464	-0.0100	0.0597	0.9245	0.9354
Admin 2	2010	4.9080	0.0000	0.0105	0.9921	0.9778
Admin 2	2015	3.7725	-0.0038	0.0653	0.9266	0.9475

Validation Plot for edu_primary_prop_20_24_female by Country
OOS: FALSE



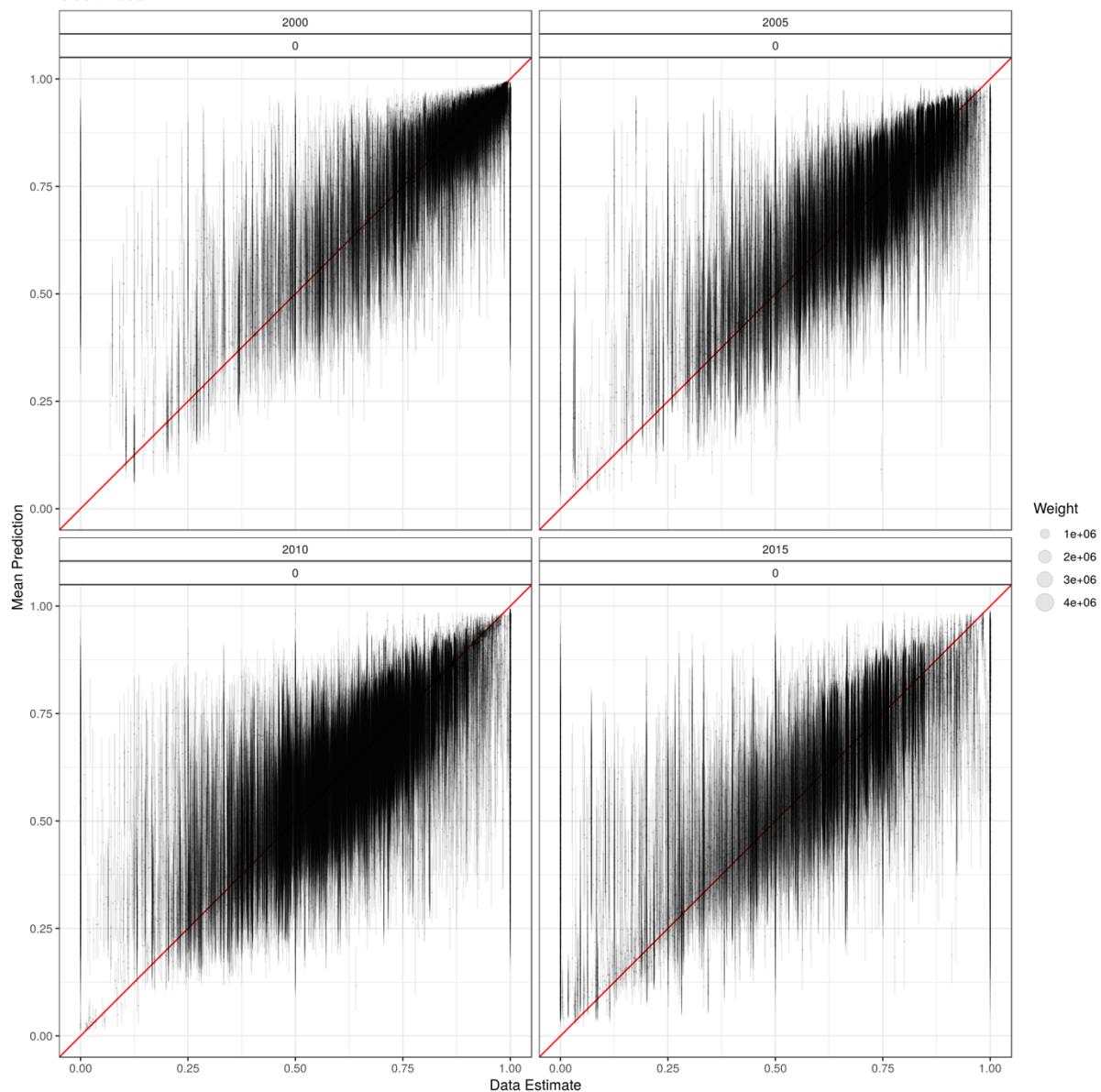
Supplementary Figure 58. 6–11 years education (women, ages 20–24) admin 0 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_primary_prop_20_24_female by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



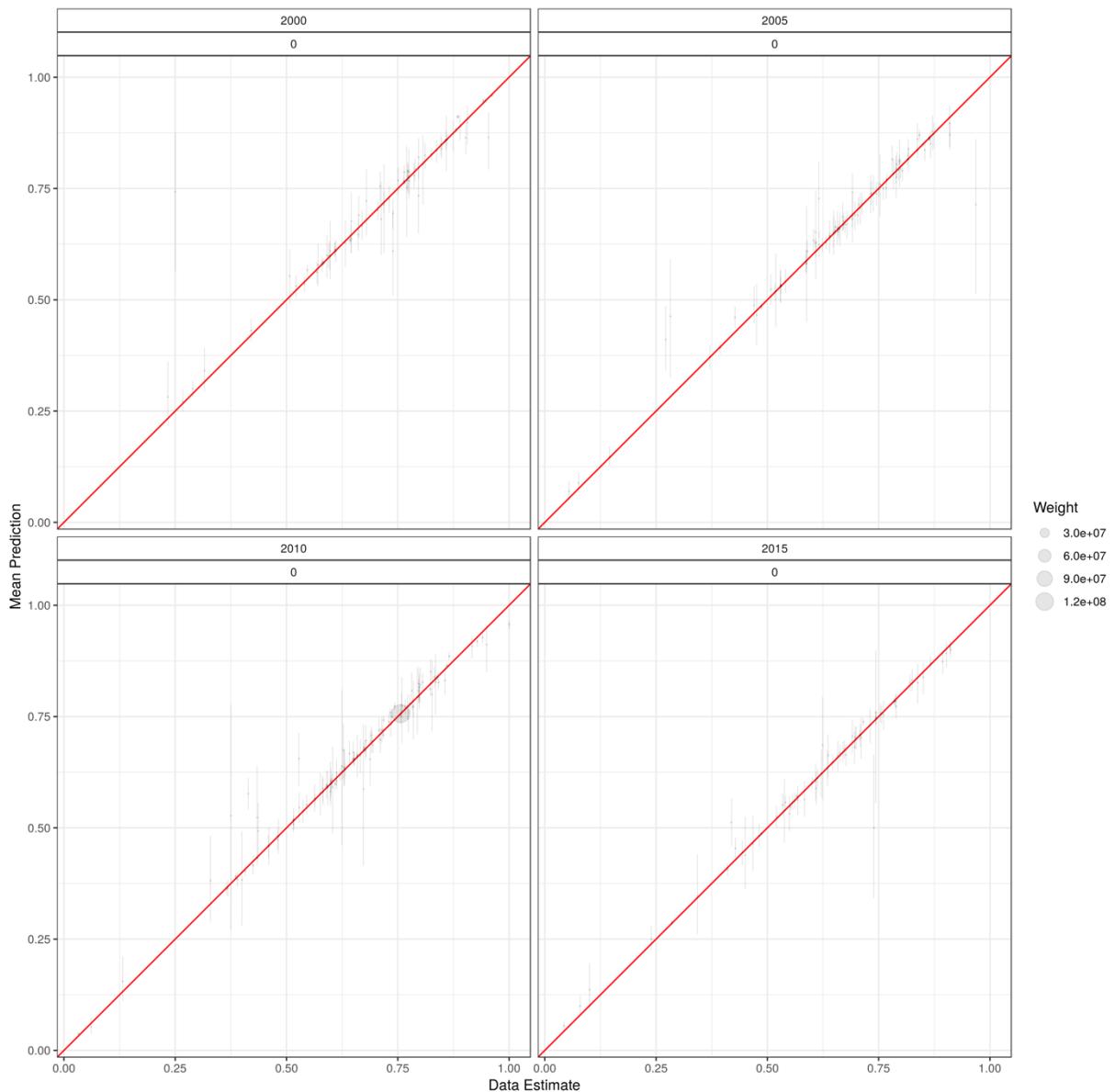
Supplementary Figure 59. 6–11 years education (women, ages 20–24) admin 1 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_primary_prop_20_24_female by Admin 2
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 60. 6–11 years education (women, ages 20–24) admin 2 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

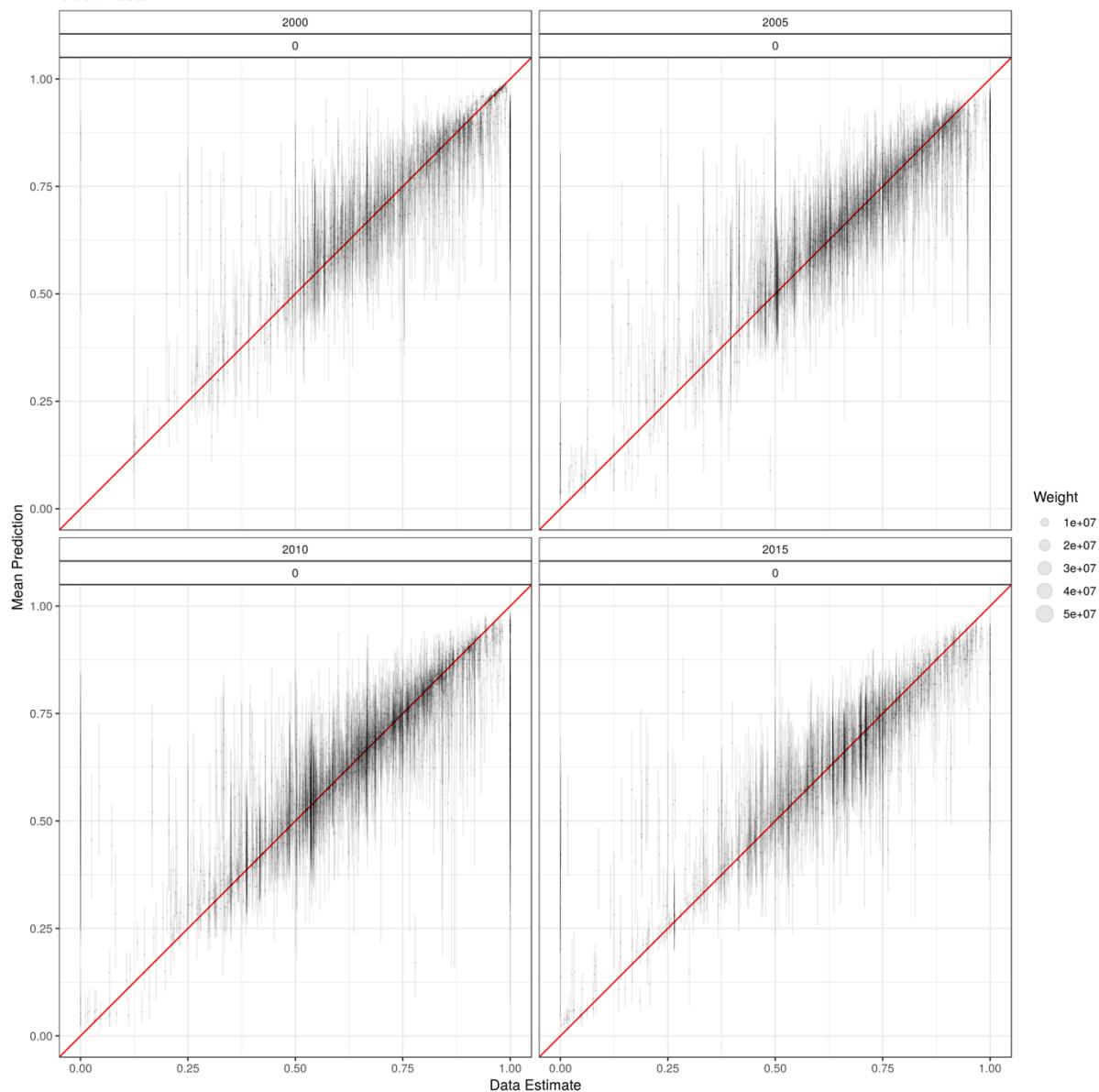
Validation Plot for edu_primary_prop_20_24_male by Country
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 61. 6–11 years education (men, ages 20–24) admin 0 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

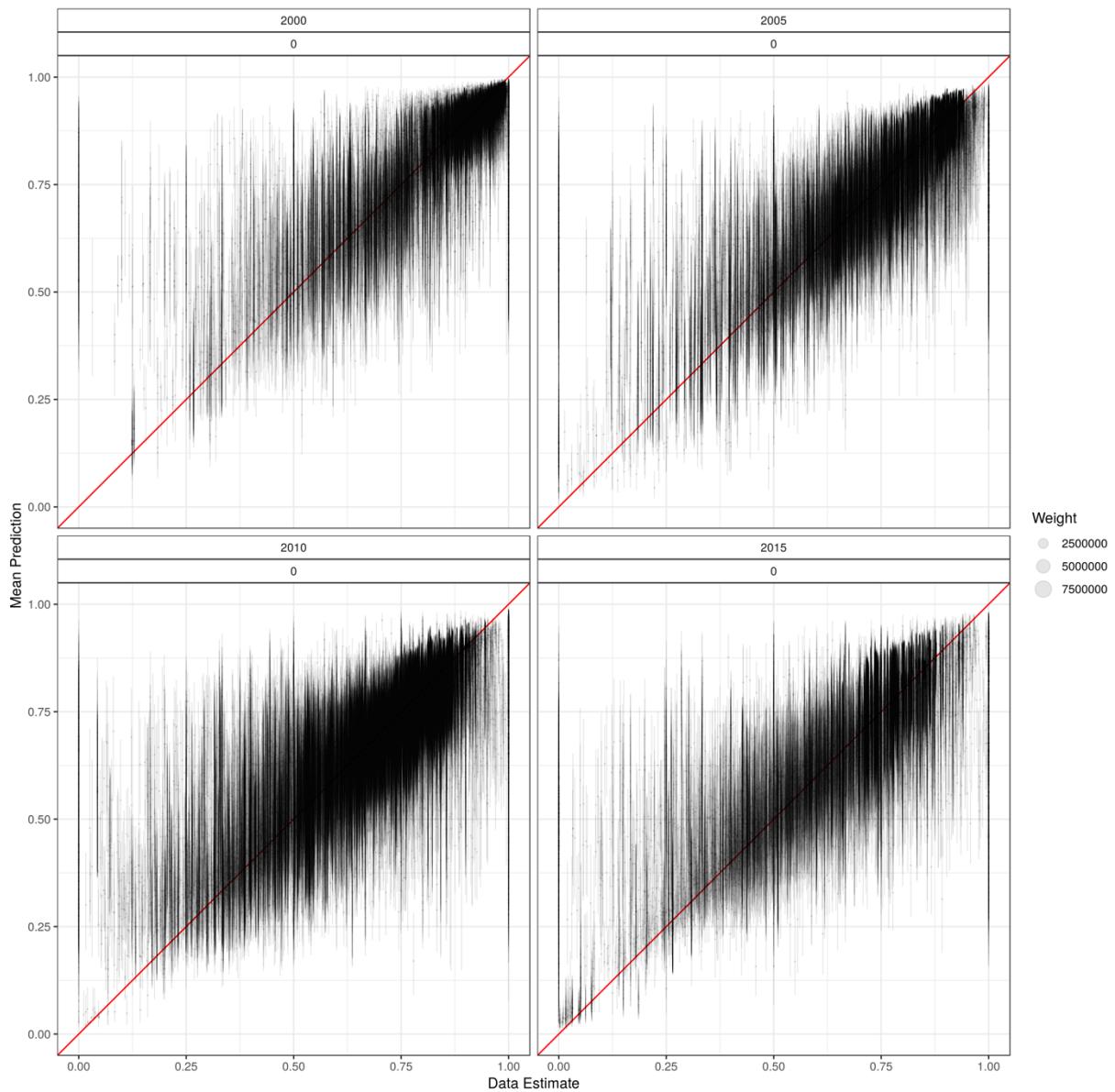
Validation Plot for edu_primary_prop_20_24_male by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 62. 6–11 years education (men, ages 20–24) admin 1 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_primary_prop_20_24_male by Admin 2
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 63. 6–11 years education (men, ages 20–24) admin 2 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

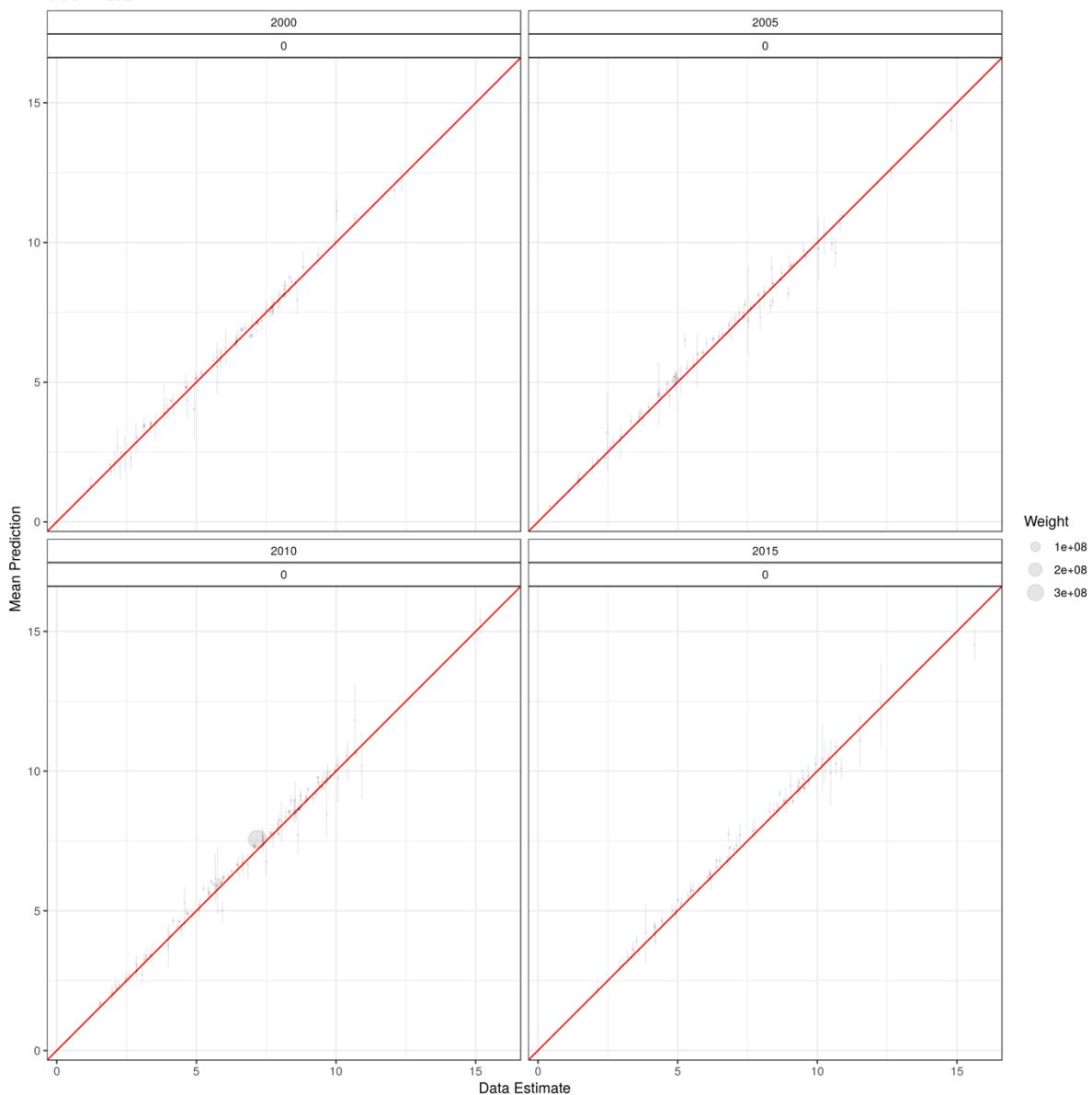
Supplementary Table 36. In sample predictive metrics for mean years of education (women, ages 15–49), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	12914.7806	-0.0131	0.2030	0.9938	0.9994
Admin 0	2005	15225.4068	-0.0815	0.1724	0.9977	0.9978
Admin 0	2010	19025.0000	-0.3599	0.3658	0.9915	0.9999
Admin 0	2015	13782.0000	-0.1180	0.2024	0.9952	0.9989
Admin 1	2000	1228.0000	-0.0131	0.2611	0.9916	0.9994
Admin 1	2005	750.0000	-0.0815	0.3053	0.9934	0.9978
Admin 1	2010	1077.8178	-0.3599	0.3759	0.9878	0.9999
Admin 1	2015	716.5000	-0.1180	0.2802	0.9924	0.9989
Admin 2	2000	114.9720	-0.0131	0.5549	0.9683	0.9994
Admin 2	2005	31.0000	-0.0815	0.7336	0.9654	0.9978
Admin 2	2010	41.1510	-0.3599	0.4123	0.9623	0.9999
Admin 2	2015	31.6316	-0.1180	0.5917	0.9695	0.9989

Supplementary Table 37. In sample predictive metrics for mean years of education (men, ages 15–49), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	11706.67	-0.01185	0.211605	0.986663	0.999952
Admin 0	2005	13164.39	-0.05985	0.154427	0.996391	0.999056
Admin 0	2010	17541	-0.41332	0.415926	0.988207	0.99999
Admin 0	2015	12977	-0.11687	0.182033	0.989548	0.999756
Admin 1	2000	1126	-0.01185	0.268604	0.986174	0.999952
Admin 1	2005	690	-0.05985	0.286045	0.990389	0.999056
Admin 1	2010	1028.458	-0.41332	0.41939	0.986606	0.99999
Admin 1	2015	671	-0.11687	0.253781	0.986784	0.999756
Admin 2	2000	111.7156	-0.01185	0.580402	0.951606	0.999952
Admin 2	2005	28.89	-0.05985	0.665189	0.957281	0.999056
Admin 2	2010	38.1188	-0.41332	0.432549	0.961373	0.99999
Admin 2	2015	30	-0.11687	0.564951	0.949483	0.999756

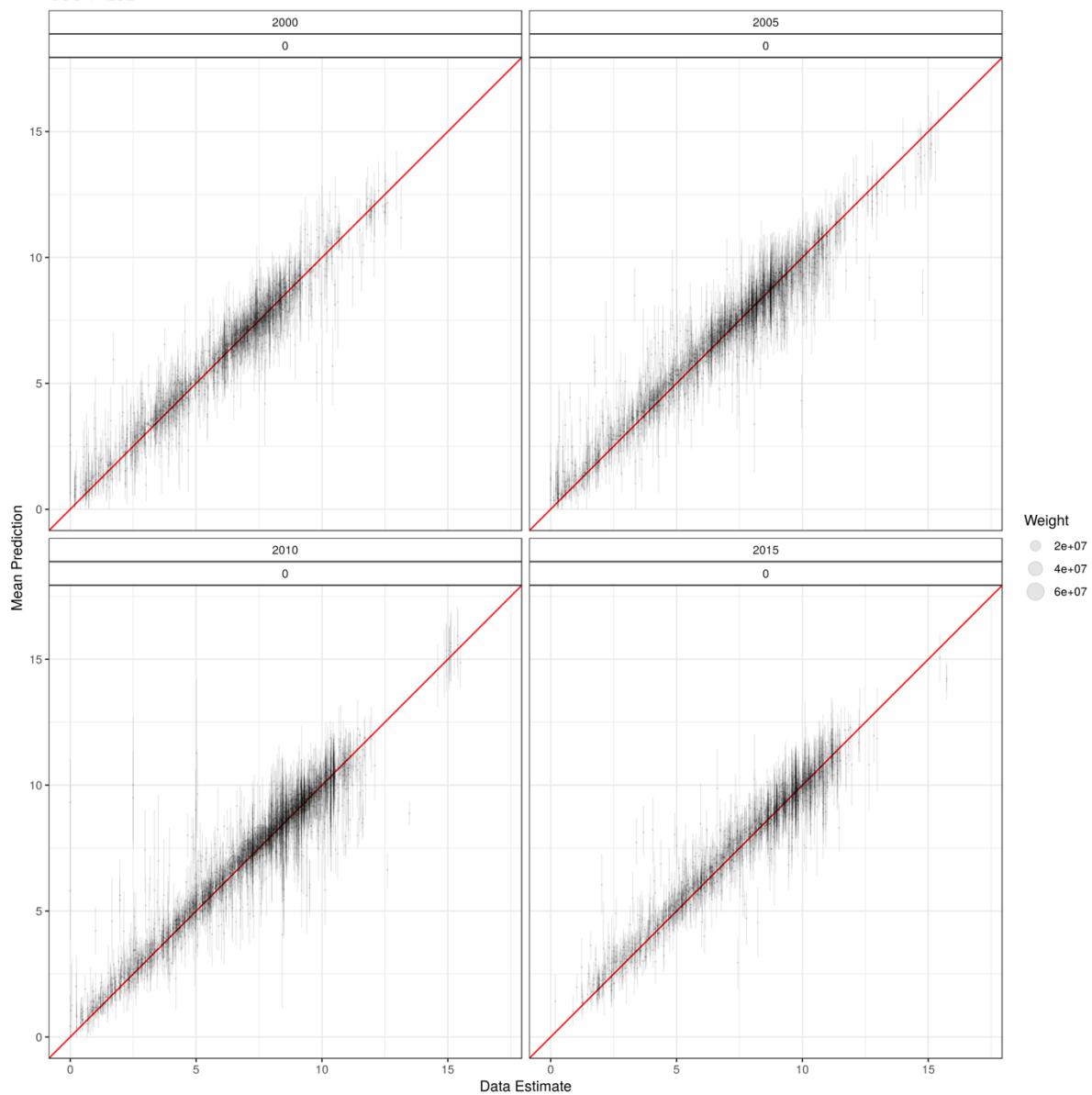
Validation Plot for edu_mean_15_49_female by Country
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 64. Mean years education (women, ages 15–49) admin 0 aggregation

Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

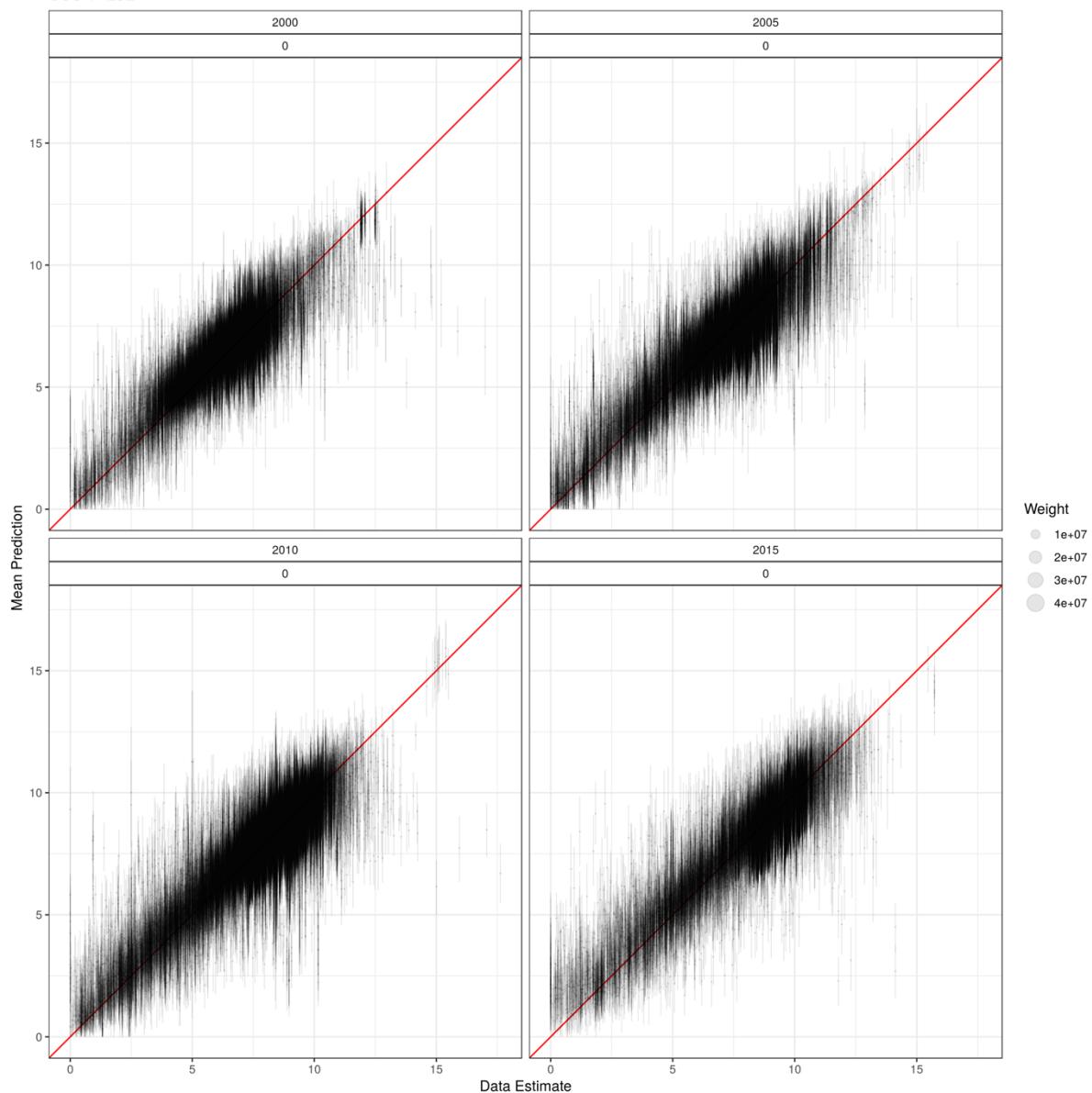
Validation Plot for edu_mean_15_49_female by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 65. Mean years education (women, ages 15–49) admin 1 aggregation

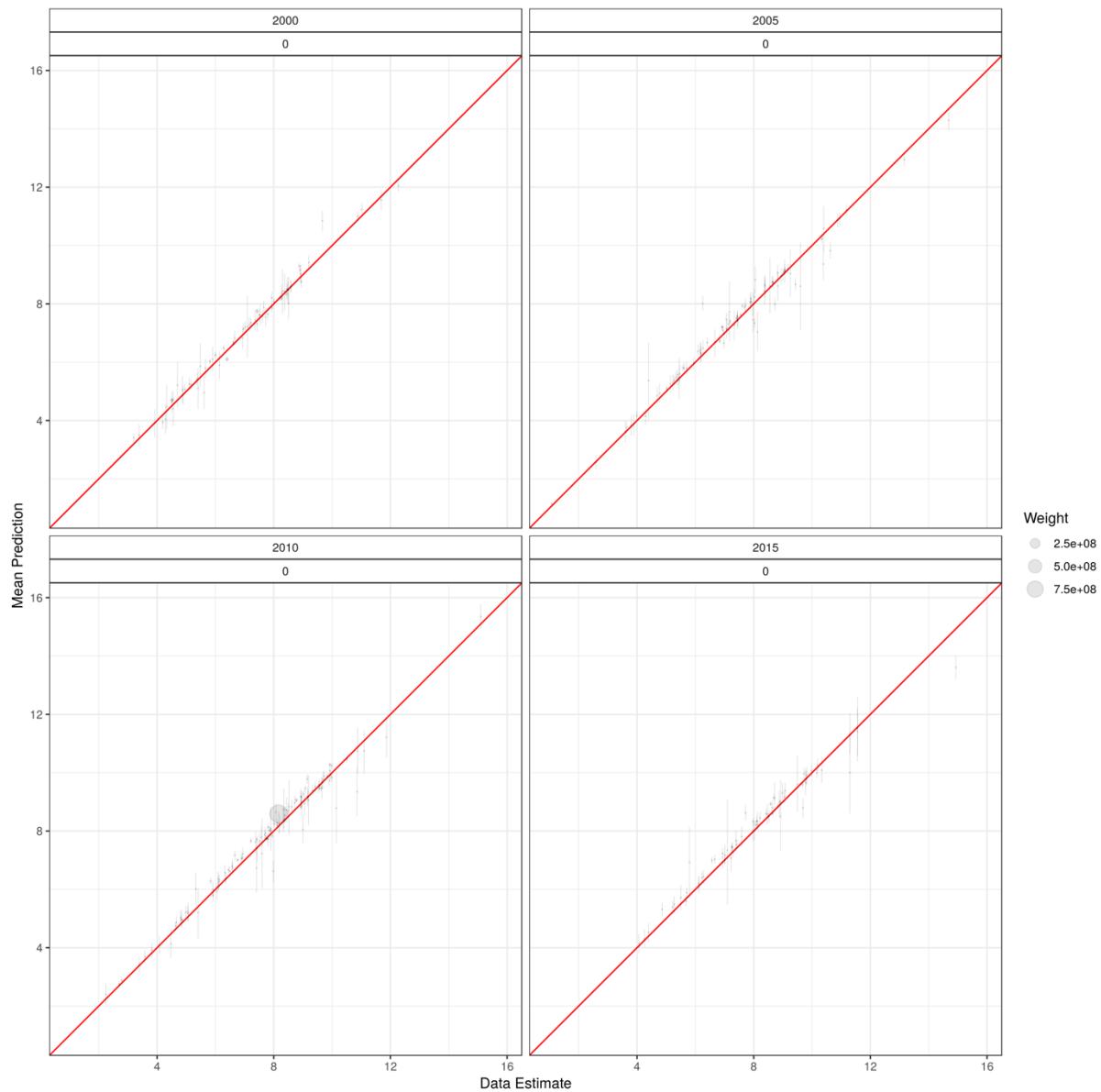
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_mean_15_49_female by Admin 2
OOS: FALSE



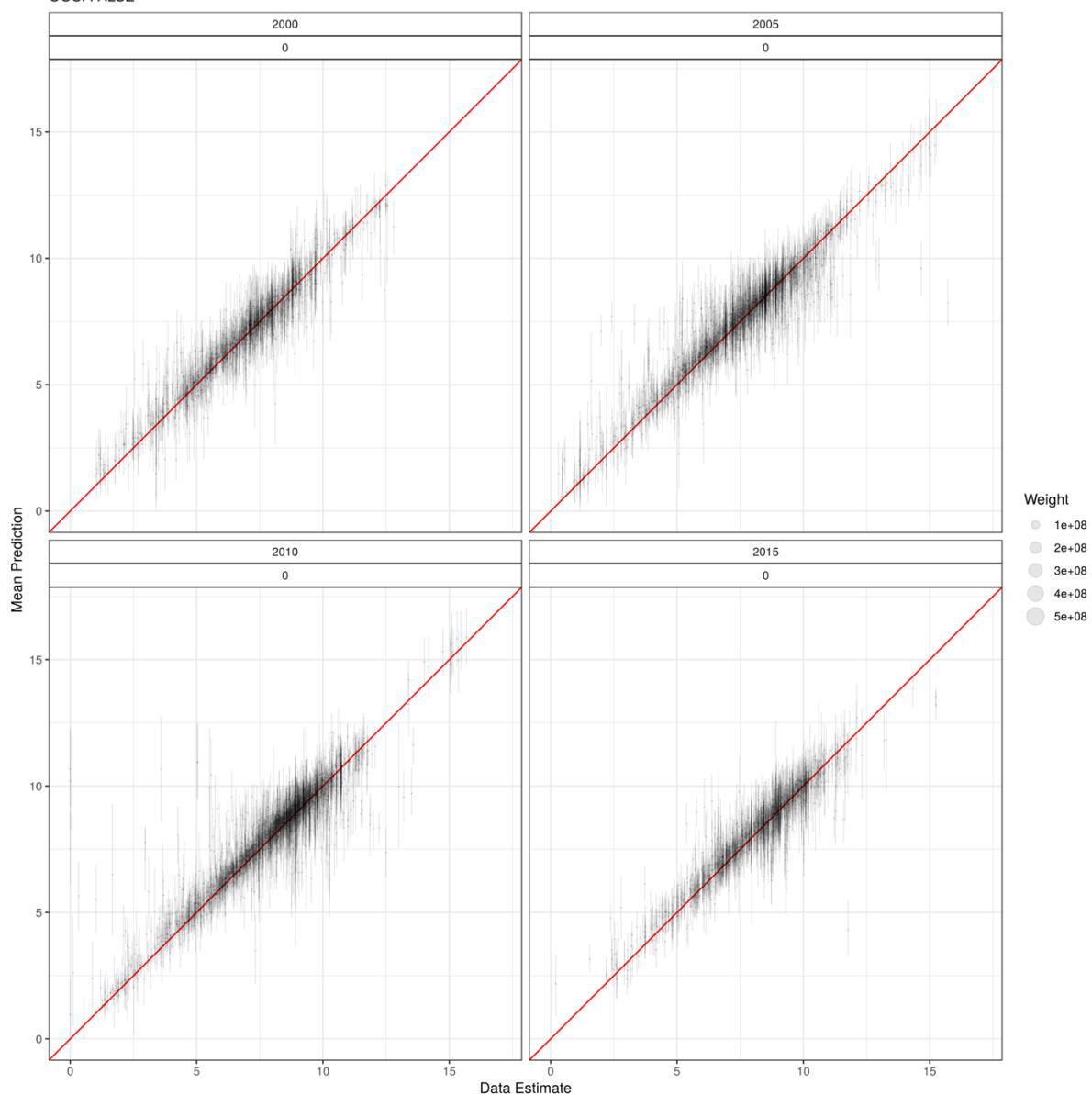
Supplementary Figure 66. Mean years education (women, ages 15–49) admin 2 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_mean_15_49_male by Country
OOS: FALSE



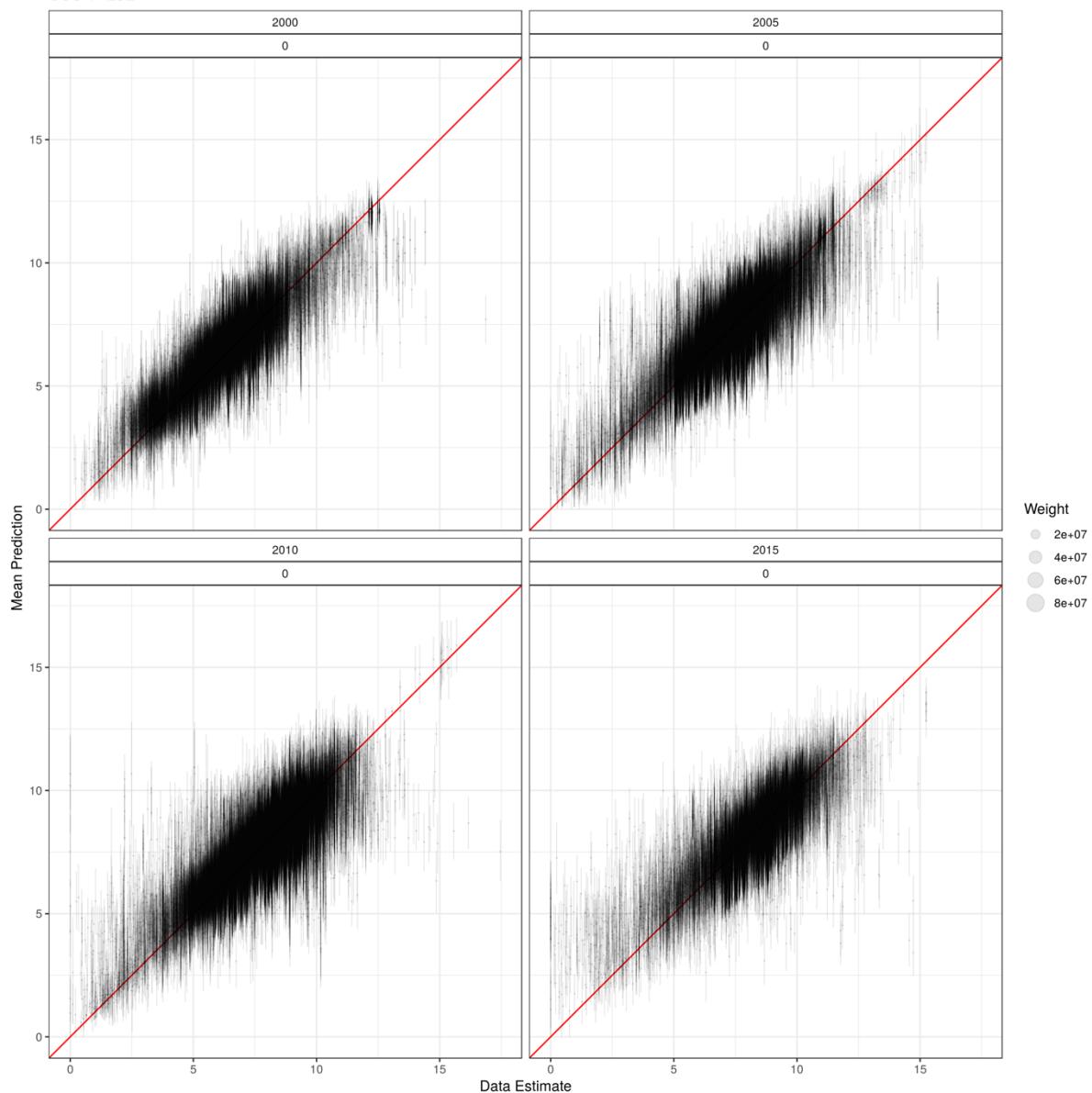
Supplementary Figure 67. Mean years education (men, ages 15–49) admin 0 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_mean_15_49_male by Admin 1
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 68. Mean years education (men, ages 15–49) admin 1 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_mean_15_49_male by Admin 2
OOS: FALSE



Supplementary Figure 69. Mean years education (men, ages 15–49) admin 2 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

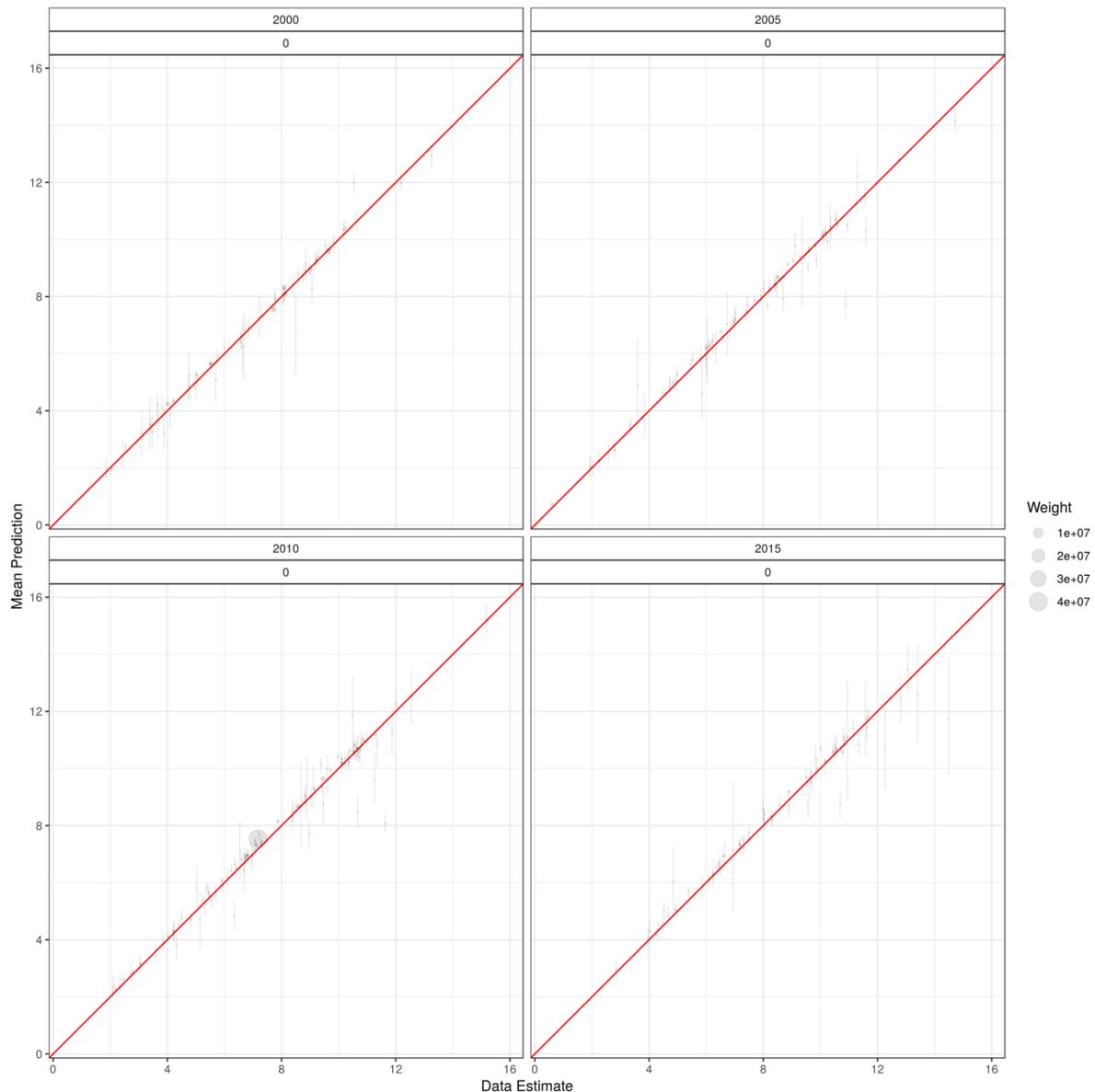
Supplementary Table 38. In sample predictive metrics for mean years of education (women, ages 20–24), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	2528.1849	-0.0236	0.1506	0.9976	0.9997
Admin 0	2005	2962.2179	-0.0589	0.1409	0.9984	0.9973
Admin 0	2010	3493.0000	-0.3365	0.3448	0.9958	0.9999
Admin 0	2015	2362.0000	-0.1001	0.1591	0.9975	0.9987
Admin 1	2000	215.0000	-0.0236	0.2148	0.9954	0.9997
Admin 1	2005	138.0000	-0.0589	0.2860	0.9946	0.9973
Admin 1	2010	190.0000	-0.3365	0.3528	0.9971	0.9999
Admin 1	2015	128.0000	-0.1001	0.2658	0.9930	0.9987
Admin 2	2000	19.0000	-0.0236	0.5171	0.9760	0.9997
Admin 2	2005	5.0471	-0.0589	0.7262	0.9688	0.9973
Admin 2	2010	6.2313	-0.3365	0.4070	0.9870	0.9999
Admin 2	2015	4.8115	-0.1001	0.6210	0.9659	0.9987

Supplementary Table 39. In sample predictive metrics for mean years of education (men, ages 20–24), aggregated to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	2141.782	0.014528	0.140889	0.995687	0.999944
Admin 0	2005	2206	-0.03624	0.106466	0.998316	0.999445
Admin 0	2010	2828	-0.31648	0.31901	0.99316	0.999985
Admin 0	2015	2306	-0.07158	0.122757	0.995043	0.999774
Admin 1	2000	192	0.014528	0.206854	0.993133	0.999944
Admin 1	2005	119.5162	-0.03624	0.27403	0.990543	0.999445
Admin 1	2010	174.1984	-0.31648	0.322961	0.99581	0.999985
Admin 1	2015	113	-0.07158	0.233732	0.986468	0.999774
Admin 2	2000	18.9655	0.014528	0.524231	0.963966	0.999944
Admin 2	2005	4.9025	-0.03624	0.655556	0.95533	0.999445
Admin 2	2010	5.962	-0.31648	0.341078	0.984378	0.999985
Admin 2	2015	4.3568	-0.07158	0.622937	0.929952	0.999774

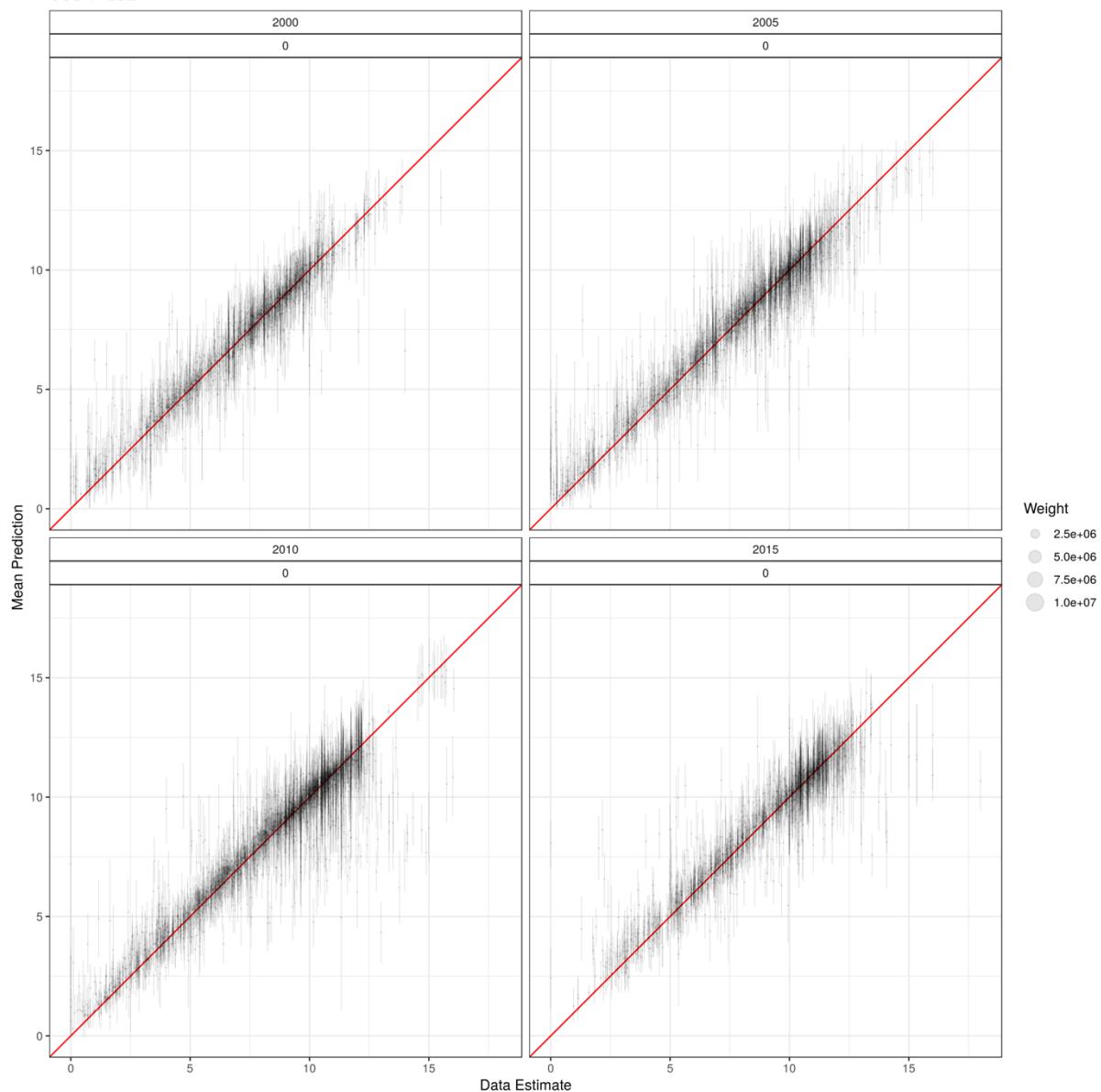
Validation Plot for edu_mean_20_24_female by Country
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Supplementary Figure 70. Mean years education (women, ages 20–24) admin 0 aggregation

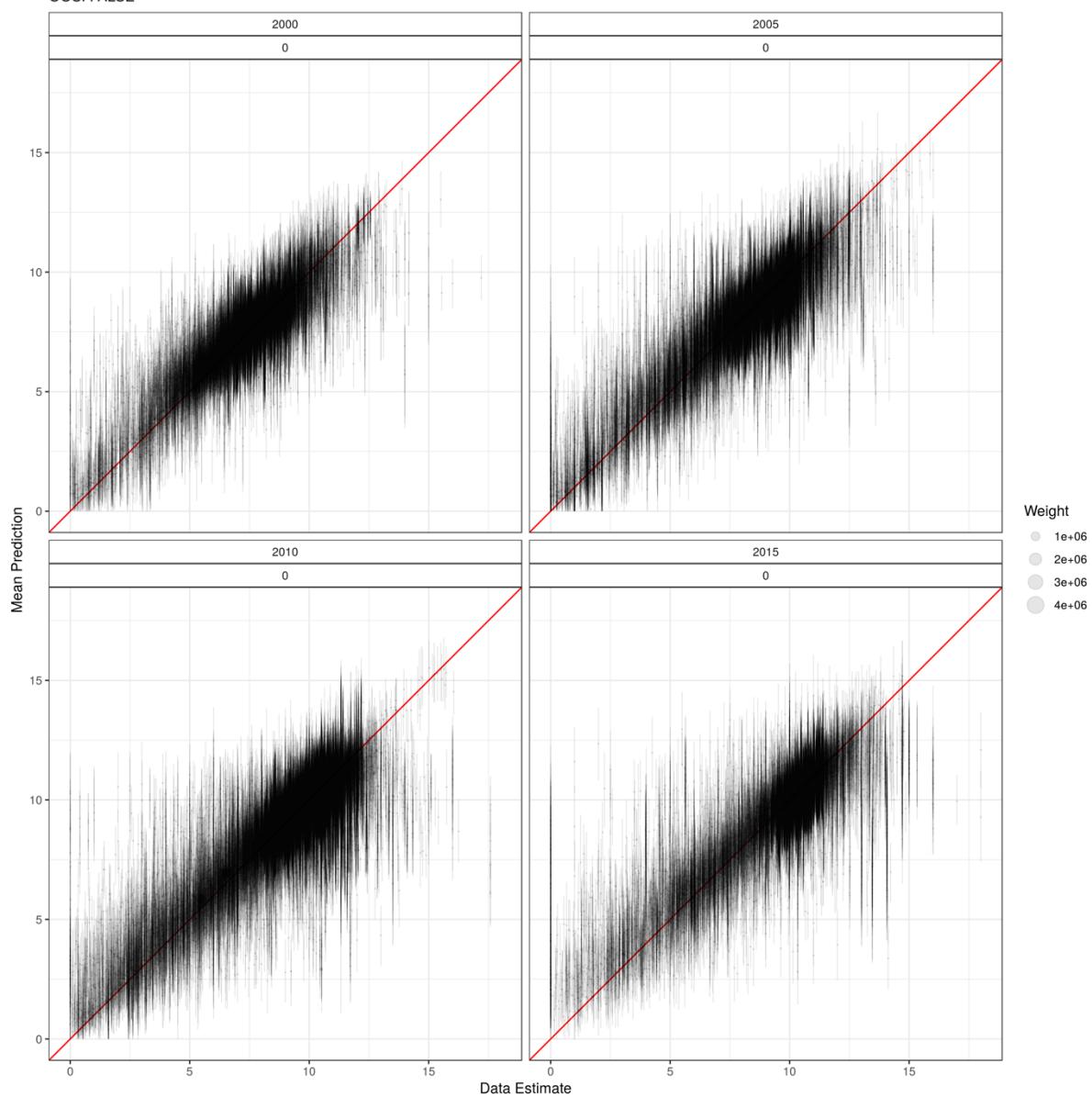
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 0 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_mean_20_24_female by Admin 1
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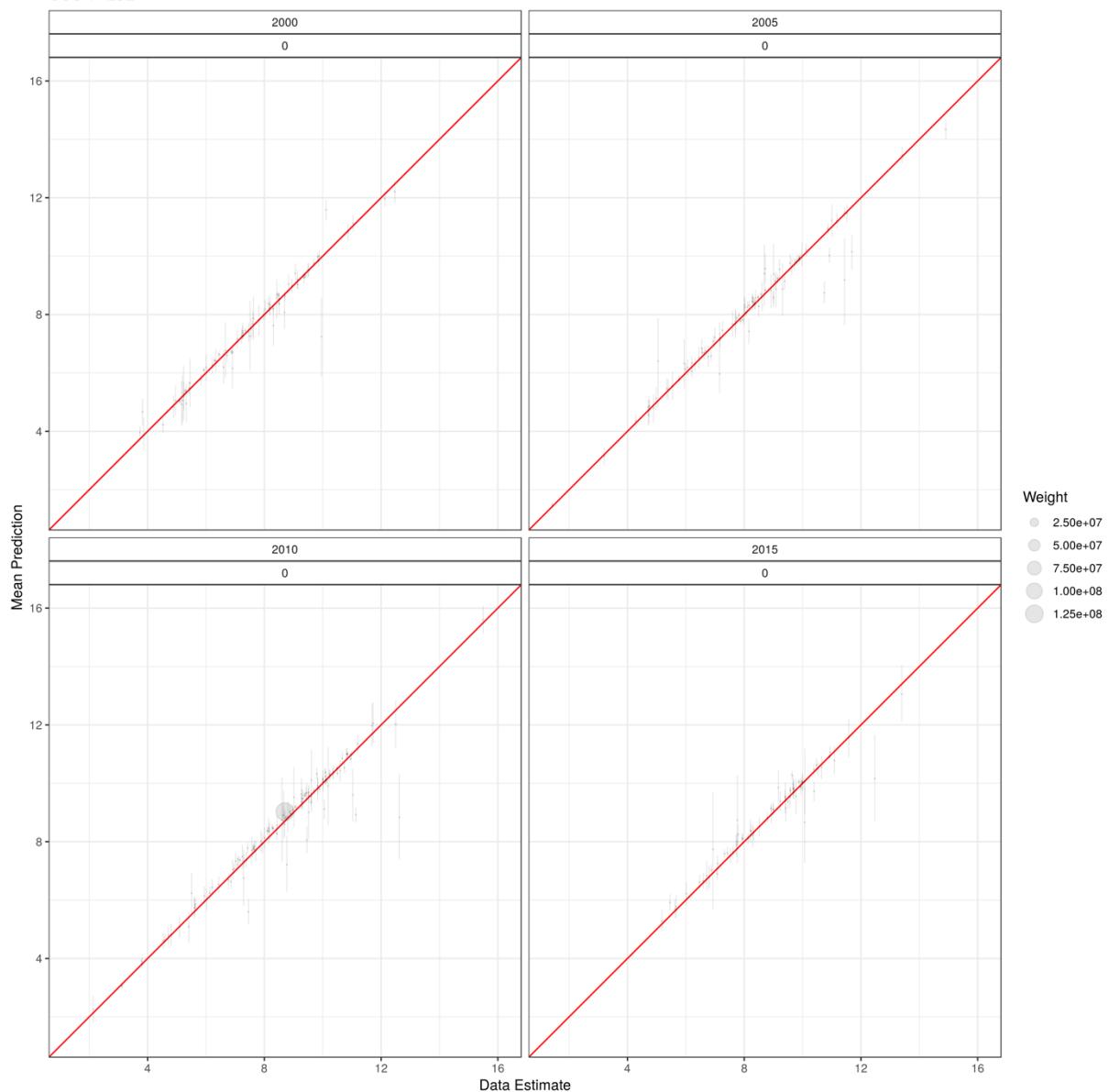
Supplementary Figure 71. Mean years education (women, ages 20–24) admin 1 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_mean_20_24_female by Admin 2
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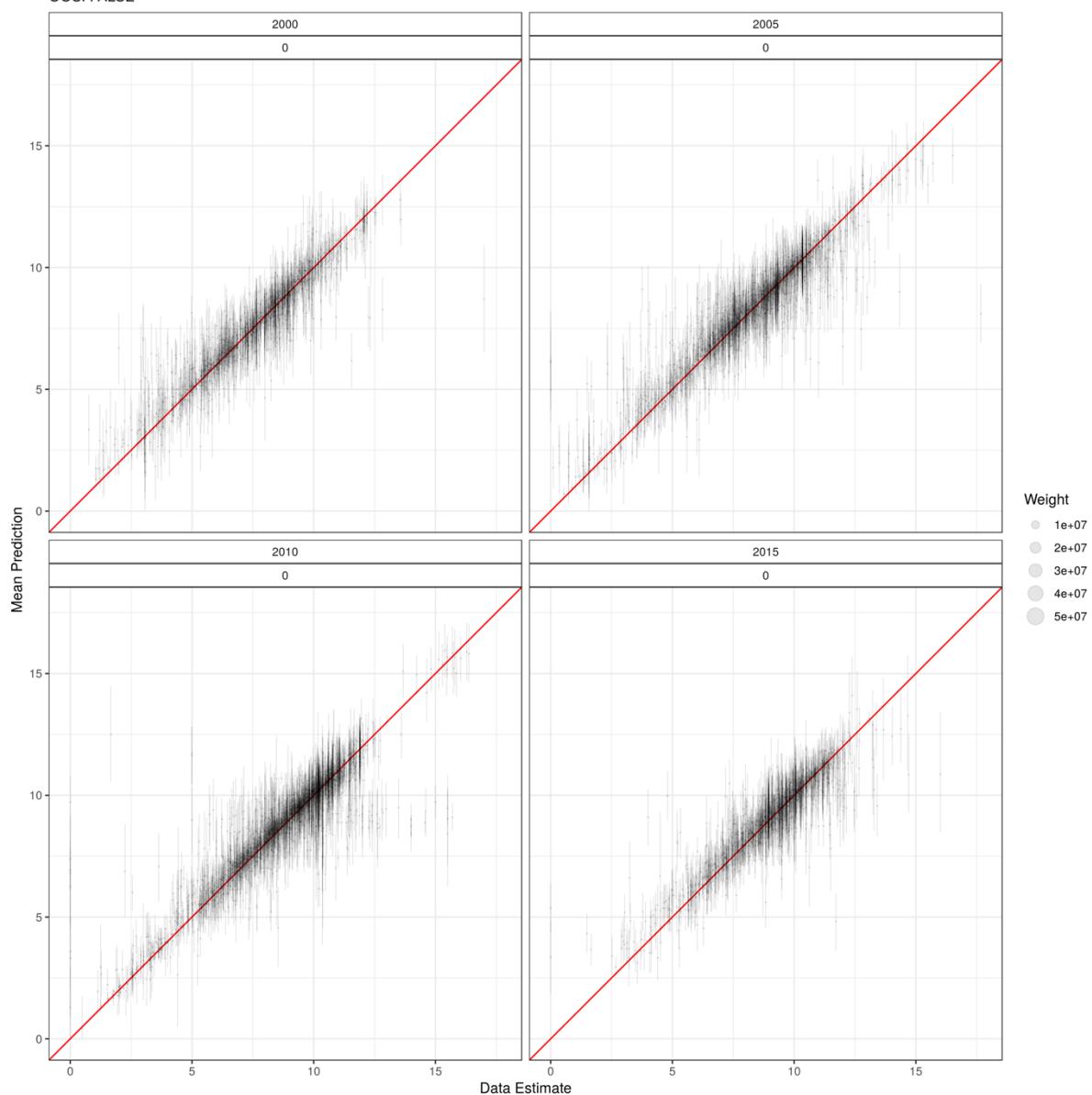
Supplementary Figure 72. Mean years education (women, ages 20–24) admin 2 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_mean_20_24_male by Country
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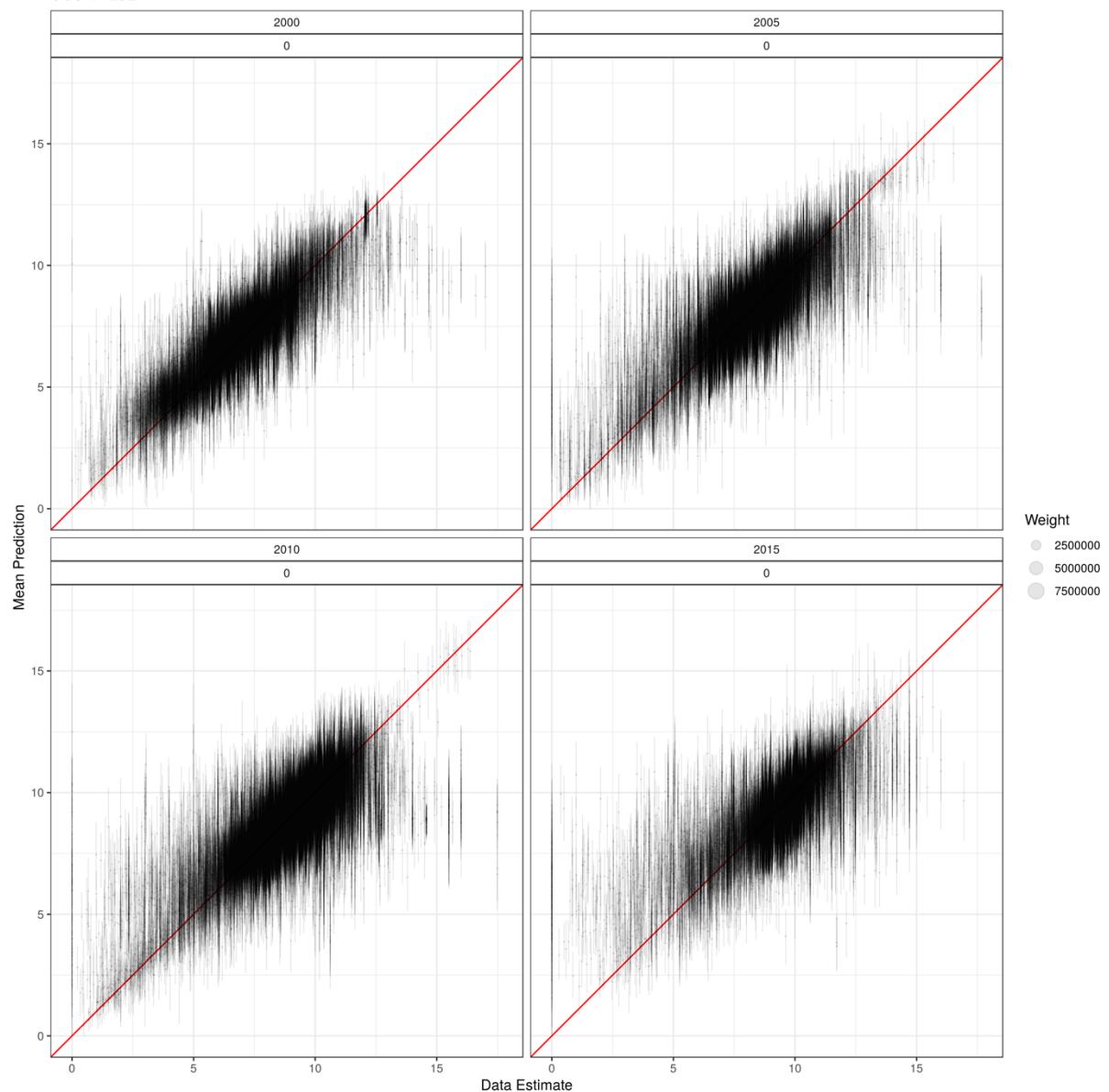
Supplementary Figure 73. Mean years education (men, ages 20–24) admin 0 aggregation
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Validation Plot for edu_mean_20_24_male by Admin 1
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Supplementary Figure 74. Mean years education (men, ages 20–24) admin 1 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 1 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Validation Plot for edu_mean_20_24_male by Admin 2
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Supplementary Figure 75. Mean years education (men, ages 20–24) admin 2 aggregation
Comparison of in-sample education predictions aggregated to admin 2 with 95% uncertainty intervals plotted against admin 1 aggregated data observations.

Supplementary Table 40. Out of sample predictive metrics for zero years of education (women, ages 15–49), aggregated by fold to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	13964	0.021816	0.073398	0.886468	0.733808
Admin 0	2005	12507	0.043129	0.113146	0.874571	0.784065
Admin 0	2010	16512	-0.03541	0.07606	0.399688	0.600605
Admin 0	2015	13780	-0.00459	0.047058	0.951426	0.97231
Admin 1	2000	1317.03	0.021816	0.084249	0.873736	0.733808
Admin 1	2005	710	0.043129	0.123481	0.875769	0.784065
Admin 1	2010	1059	-0.03541	0.100874	0.372317	0.600605
Admin 1	2015	802	-0.00459	0.059673	0.930041	0.97231
Admin 2	2000	149.0875	0.021816	0.098344	0.843907	0.733808
Admin 2	2005	33.0365	0.043129	0.138161	0.852629	0.784065
Admin 2	2010	53.91765	-0.03541	0.10243	0.371169	0.600605
Admin 2	2015	36.1915	-0.00459	0.077226	0.889754	0.97231

Supplementary Table 41. Out of sample predictive metrics for zero years of education (women, ages 20–24), aggregated by fold to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	2582	0.028997	0.06382	0.903345	0.58698
Admin 0	2005	2409	-0.00012	0.090847	0.878222	0.712959
Admin 0	2010	2751	-0.09621	0.104118	0.73513	0.449646
Admin 0	2015	2554	-0.00825	0.045658	0.939149	0.928603
Admin 1	2000	228.5	0.028997	0.081401	0.856628	0.58698
Admin 1	2005	112.7412	-0.00012	0.113385	0.850773	0.712959
Admin 1	2010	185.178	-0.09621	0.169225	0.187396	0.449646
Admin 1	2015	141	-0.00825	0.069204	0.867662	0.928603
Admin 2	2000	24	0.028997	0.099093	0.798014	0.58698
Admin 2	2005	5.5618	-0.00012	0.134105	0.809085	0.712959
Admin 2	2010	8.32155	-0.09621	0.184387	0.162311	0.449646
Admin 2	2015	6	-0.00825	0.089893	0.793993	0.928603

Supplementary Table 42. Out of sample predictive metrics for mean years of education (women, ages 15–49), aggregated by fold to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	13966	-0.21718	0.454815	0.978911	0.998792
Admin 0	2005	13247	-0.49357	0.807787	0.955519	0.99595
Admin 0	2010	16821	-0.45568	0.864634	0.942702	0.998226
Admin 0	2015	13894	0.129772	1.100053	0.825949	0.995274
Admin 1	2000	1136.5	-0.21718	0.540983	0.97335	0.998792
Admin 1	2005	666.0305	-0.49357	0.907992	0.954133	0.99595
Admin 1	2010	1008	-0.45568	0.990256	0.941877	0.998226
Admin 1	2015	779	0.129772	1.181919	0.849278	0.995274
Admin 2	2000	147	-0.21718	0.855615	0.932814	0.998792
Admin 2	2005	30.9308	-0.49357	1.220395	0.917461	0.99595
Admin 2	2010	45.9816	-0.45568	1.265249	0.904898	0.998226
Admin 2	2015	39	0.129772	1.382121	0.828785	0.995274

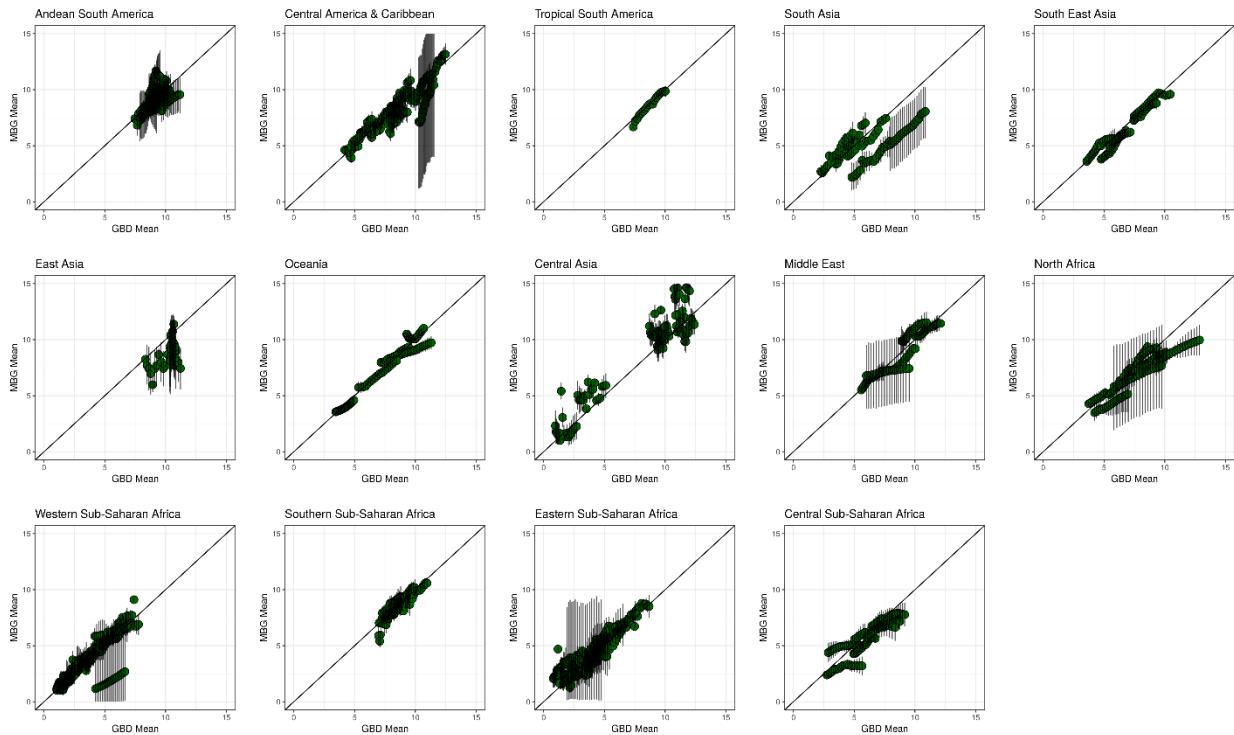
Supplementary Table 43. Out of sample predictive metrics for mean years of education (women, ages 20–24), aggregated by fold to admin 0, admin 1, and admin 2

Aggregation	Year	Median SS	Mean Err	RMSE	Corr.	95% Cov.
Admin 0	2000	2582	-0.61007	1.506197	0.814281	0.995982
Admin 0	2005	2472.404	0.738274	1.490048	0.821111	0.946285
Admin 0	2010	2940	0.007172	1.755524	0.709886	0.97415
Admin 0	2015	2554	0.842747	1.107054	0.887816	0.987735
Admin 1	2000	224	-0.61007	1.589455	0.813813	0.995982
Admin 1	2005	119	0.738274	1.930784	0.75304	0.946285
Admin 1	2010	193	0.007172	2.209842	0.651887	0.97415
Admin 1	2015	138.11	0.842747	1.441946	0.785729	0.987735
Admin 2	2000	24.1623	-0.61007	1.780478	0.778246	0.995982
Admin 2	2005	5.5624	0.738274	2.293885	0.686054	0.946285
Admin 2	2010	8.897	0.007172	2.423214	0.627152	0.97415
Admin 2	2015	5.7339	0.842747	1.873254	0.652194	0.987735

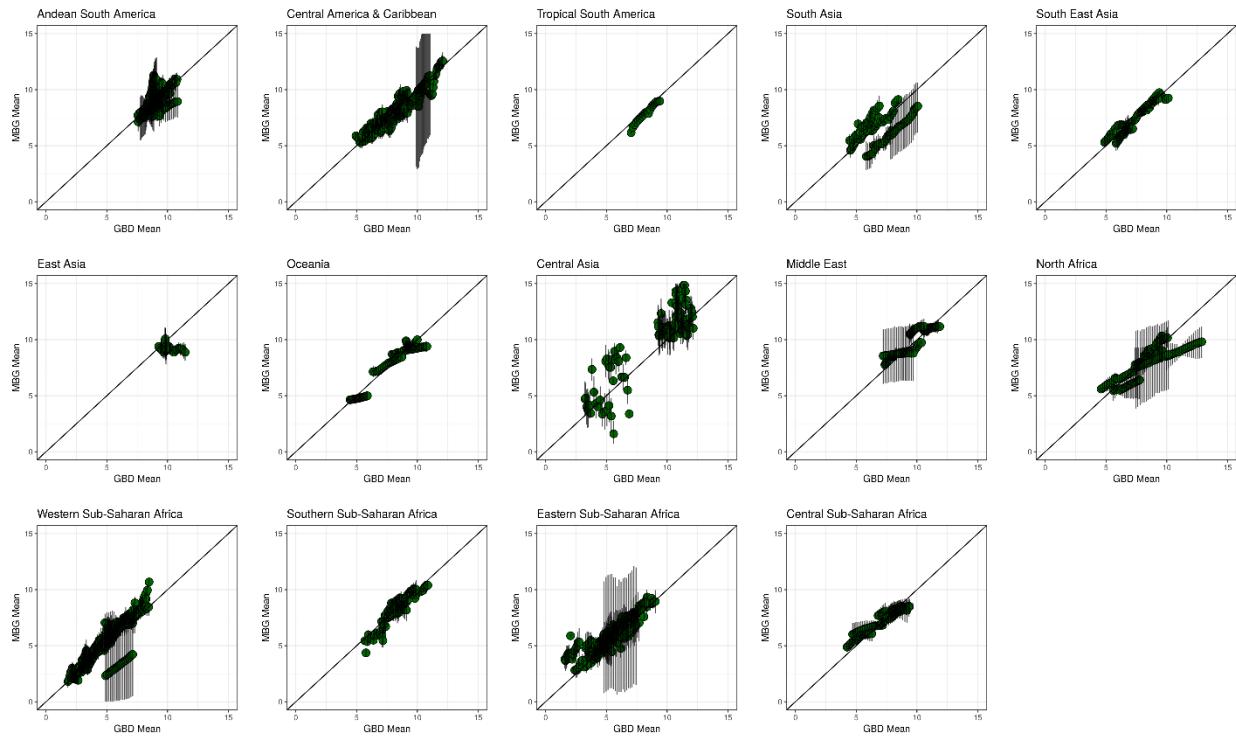
5.3.3 Post estimation calibration to national estimates

In order to leverage national-level data included in GBD 2017⁴¹, but outside the scope of our current geospatial modelling framework, and to ensure perfect calibration between our estimates and GBD 2017 national-level estimates, we performed a post hoc calibration to each of our 1,000 candidate maps. For each posterior draw we calculated population-weighted pixel aggregations to a national level and compared these country-year estimates to the GBD 2017 country-years. We defined the raking factor to be the ratio between the GBD 2017 estimate and our current estimates. Finally, we multiplied each of our pixels in a country-year by its associated raking factor. This ensured a perfect calibration between our geospatial estimates and GBD 2017 national-level estimates, while preserving our estimated within-country geospatial and temporal variation.

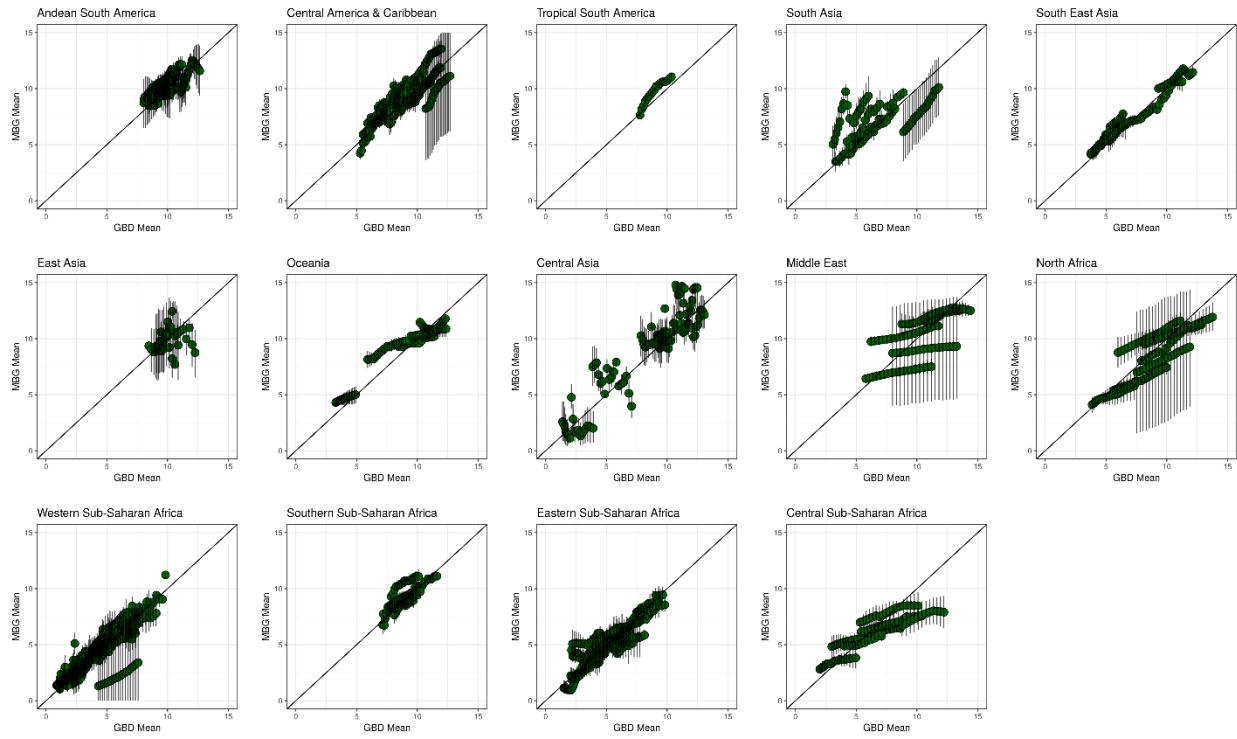
To allow comparison between our modelled estimates and the GBD 2017 national-level estimates to which they were calibrated, Supplementary Figs 76–91 plot mean uncalibrated estimates from the model-based geostatistics (MBG) process aggregated to the national-level (“MBG mean”) as compared to the GBD national estimates (“GBD mean”) for all modelled years.



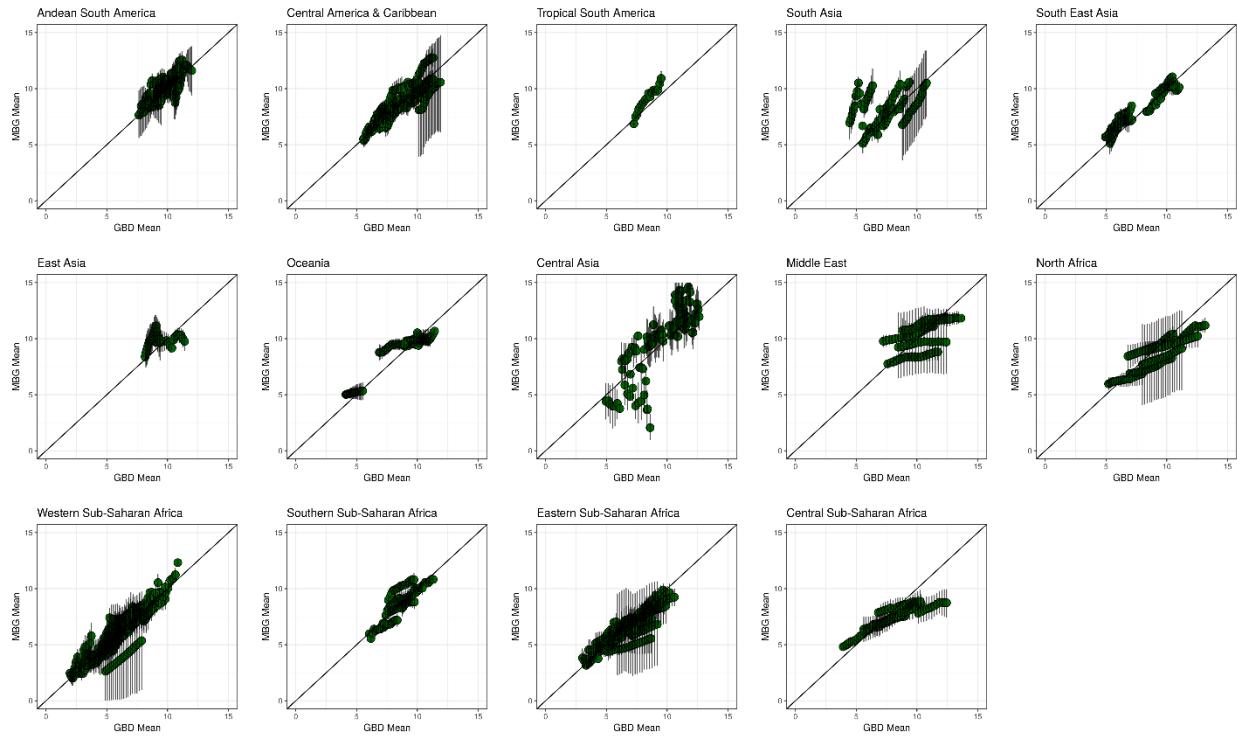
Supplementary Figure 76. Mean years education (women, ages 15–49) comparison to GBD national estimates.



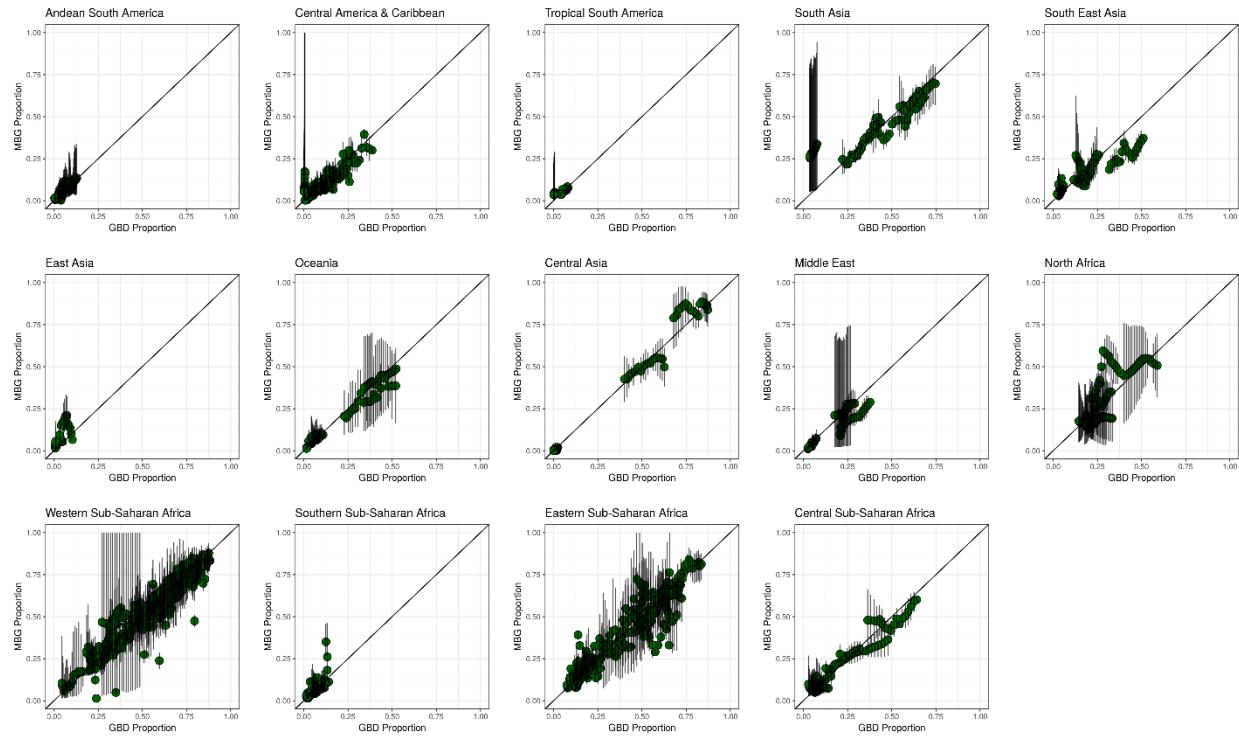
Supplementary Figure 77. Mean years education (men, ages 15–49) comparison to GBD national estimates.



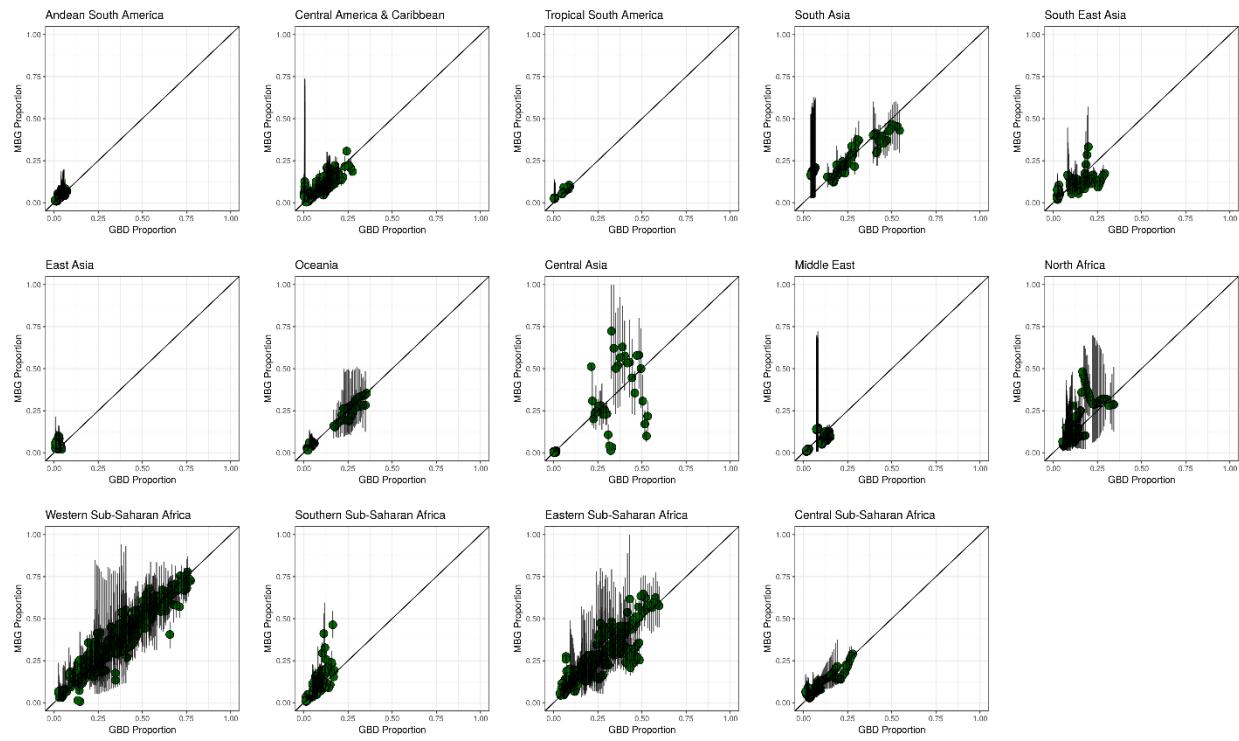
Supplementary Figure 78. Mean years education (women, ages 20–24) comparison to GBD national estimates.



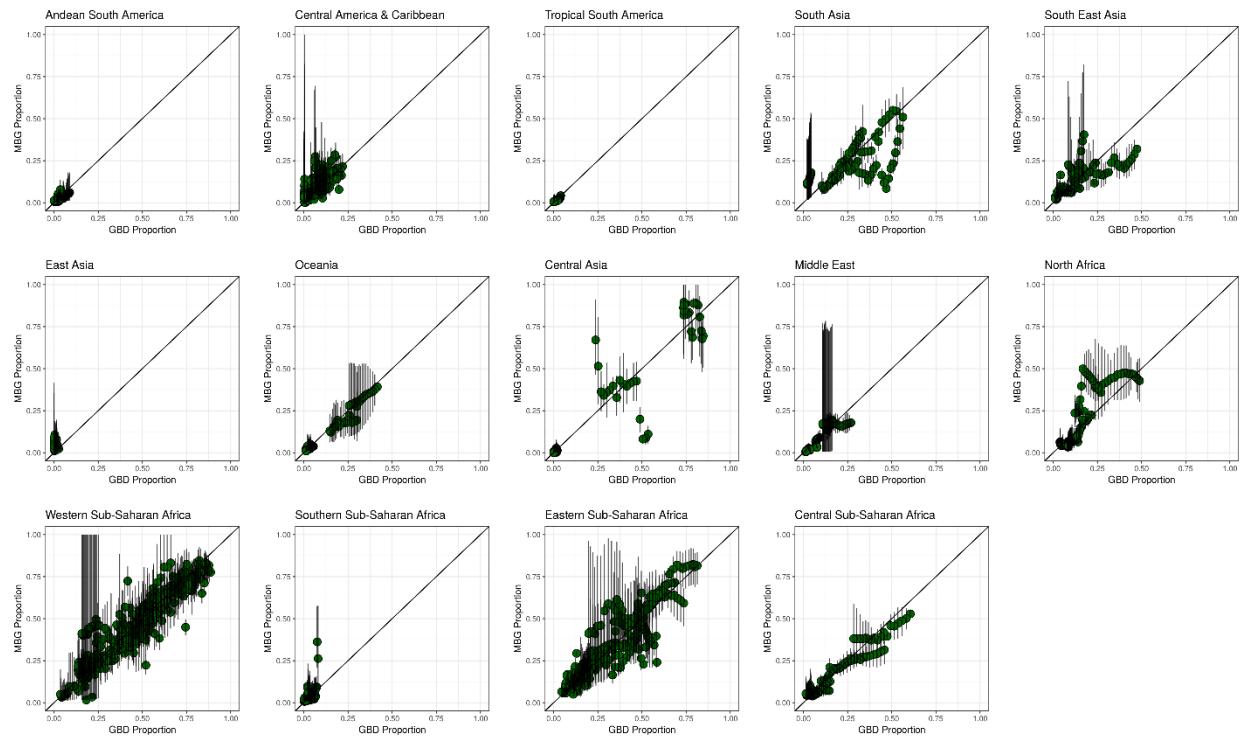
Supplementary Figure 79. Mean years education (men, ages 20–24) comparison to GBD national estimates.



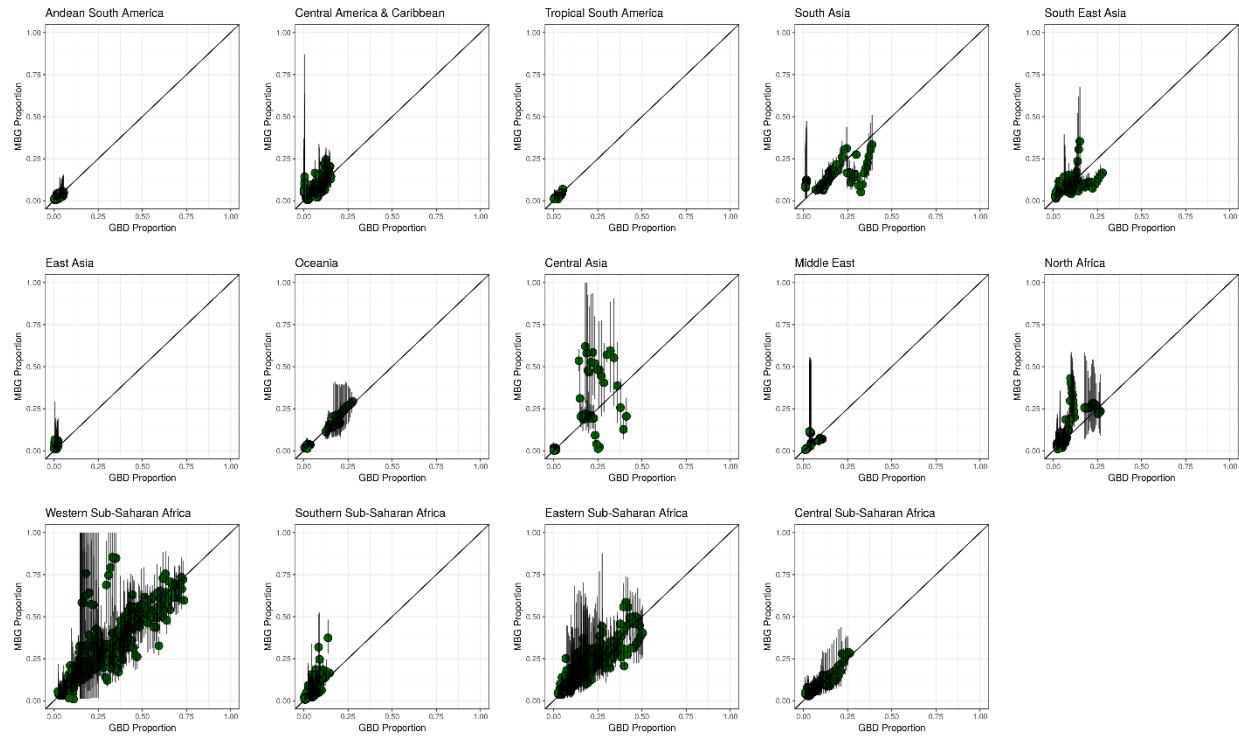
Supplementary Figure 80. Zero years of education (women, ages 15–49) comparison to GBD national estimates.



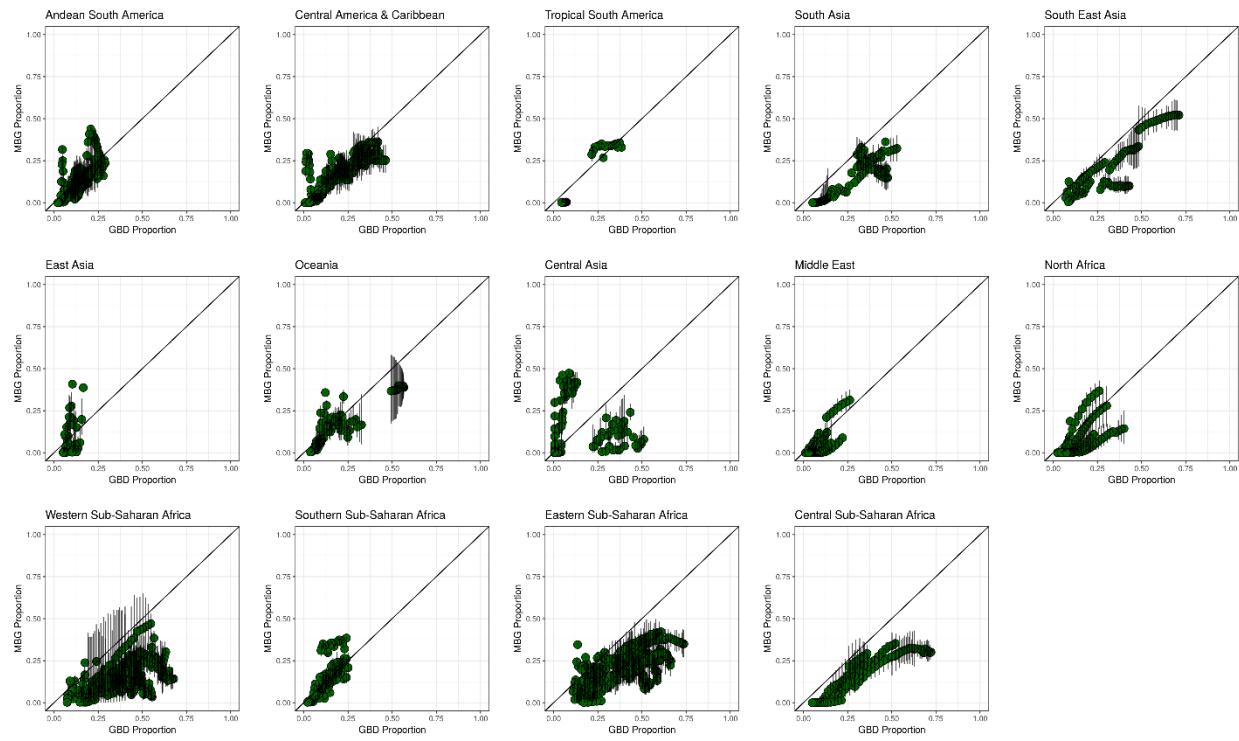
Supplementary Figure 81. Zero years of education (men, ages 15–49) comparison to GBD national estimates.



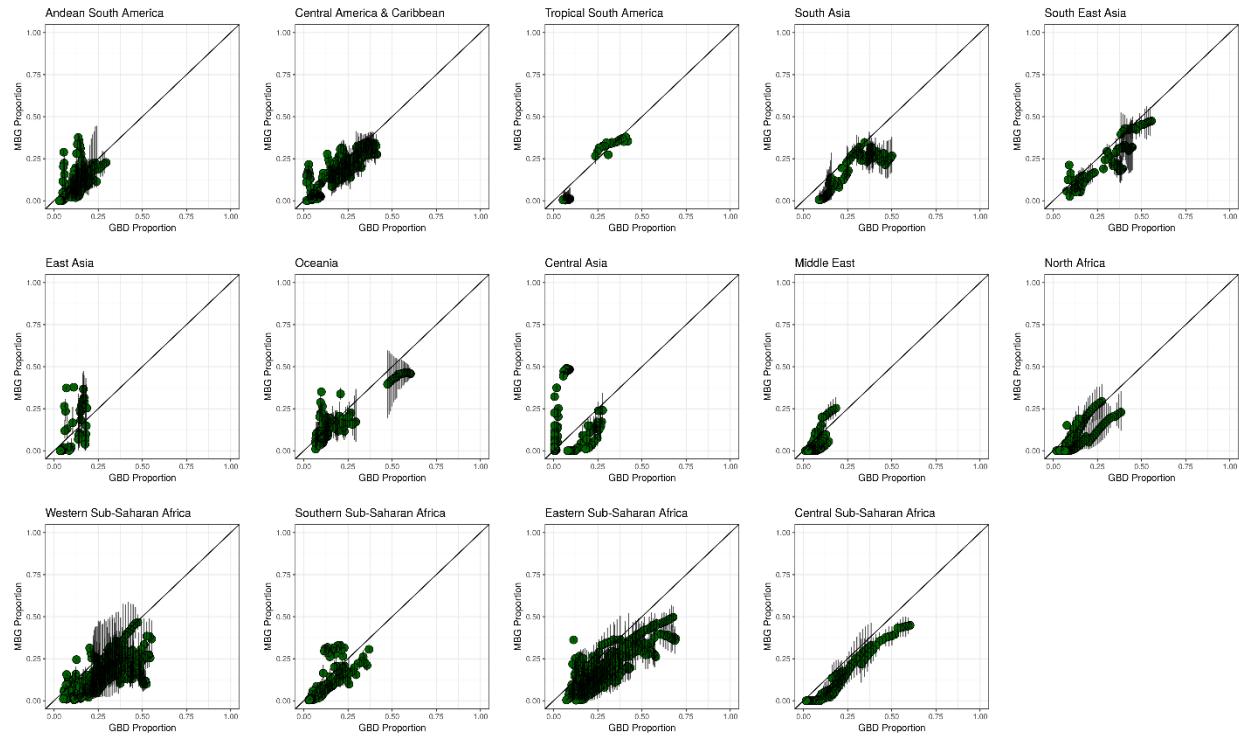
Supplementary Figure 82. Zero years of education (women, ages 20–24) comparison to GBD national estimates.



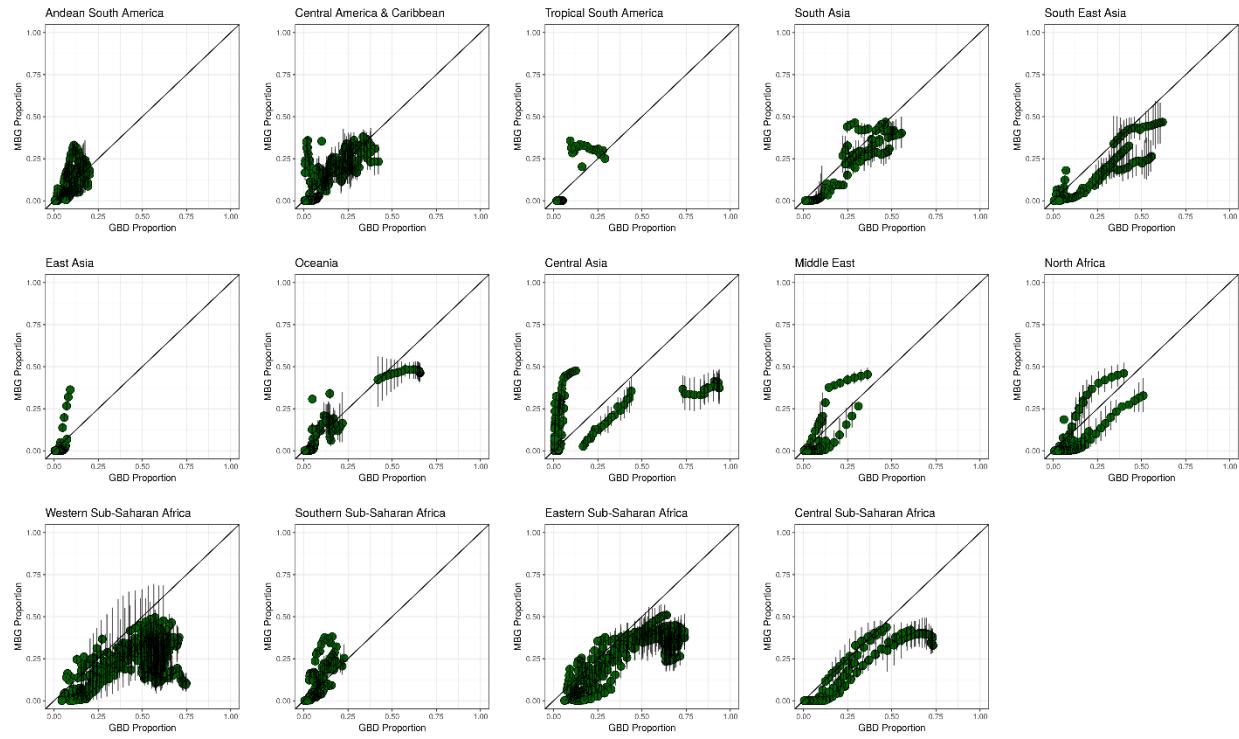
Supplementary Figure 83. Zero years of education (men, ages 20–24) comparison to GBD national estimates.



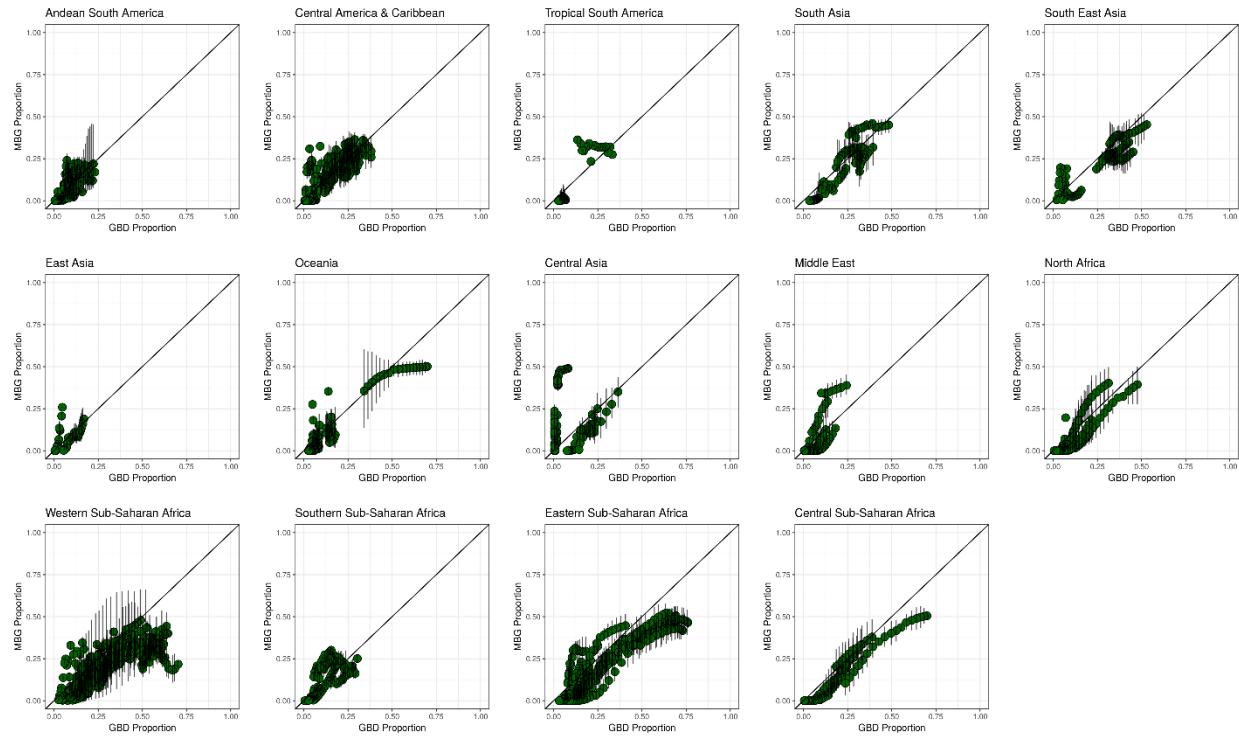
Supplementary Figure 84. 1–6 years of education (women, ages 15–49) comparison to GBD national estimates.



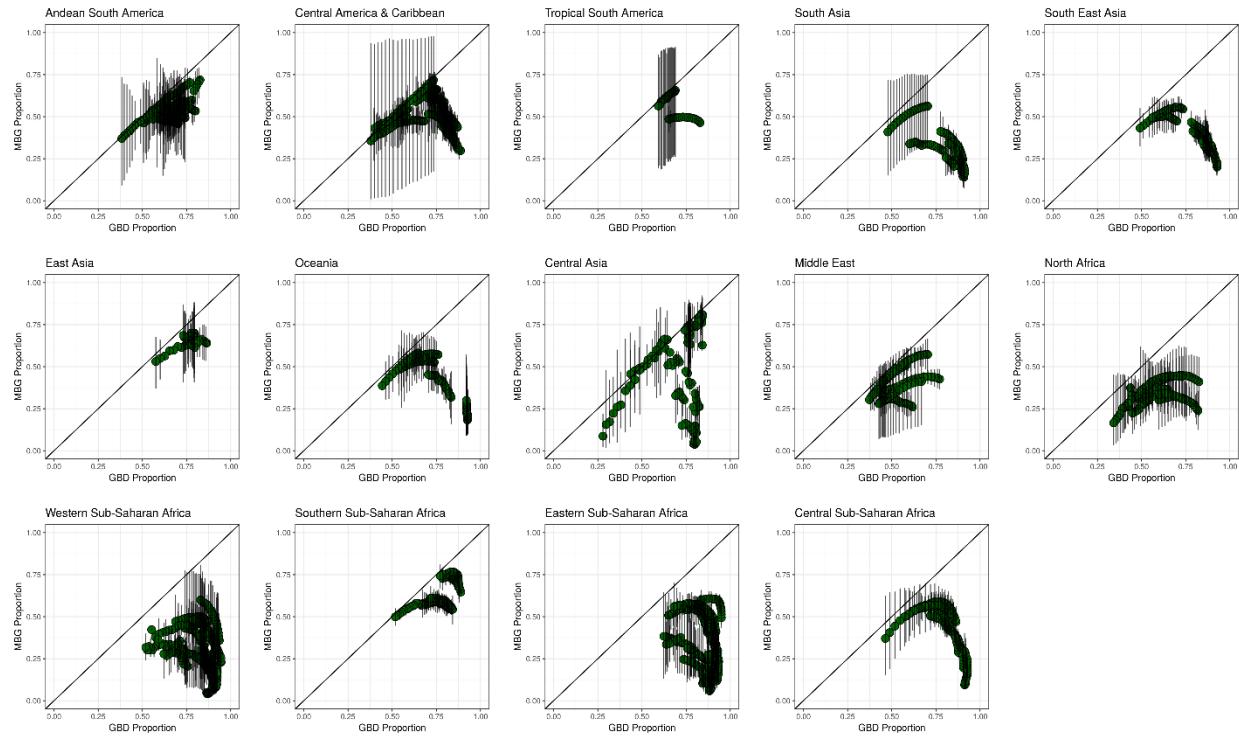
Supplementary Figure 85. 1–6 years of education (men, ages 15–49) comparison to GBD national estimates.



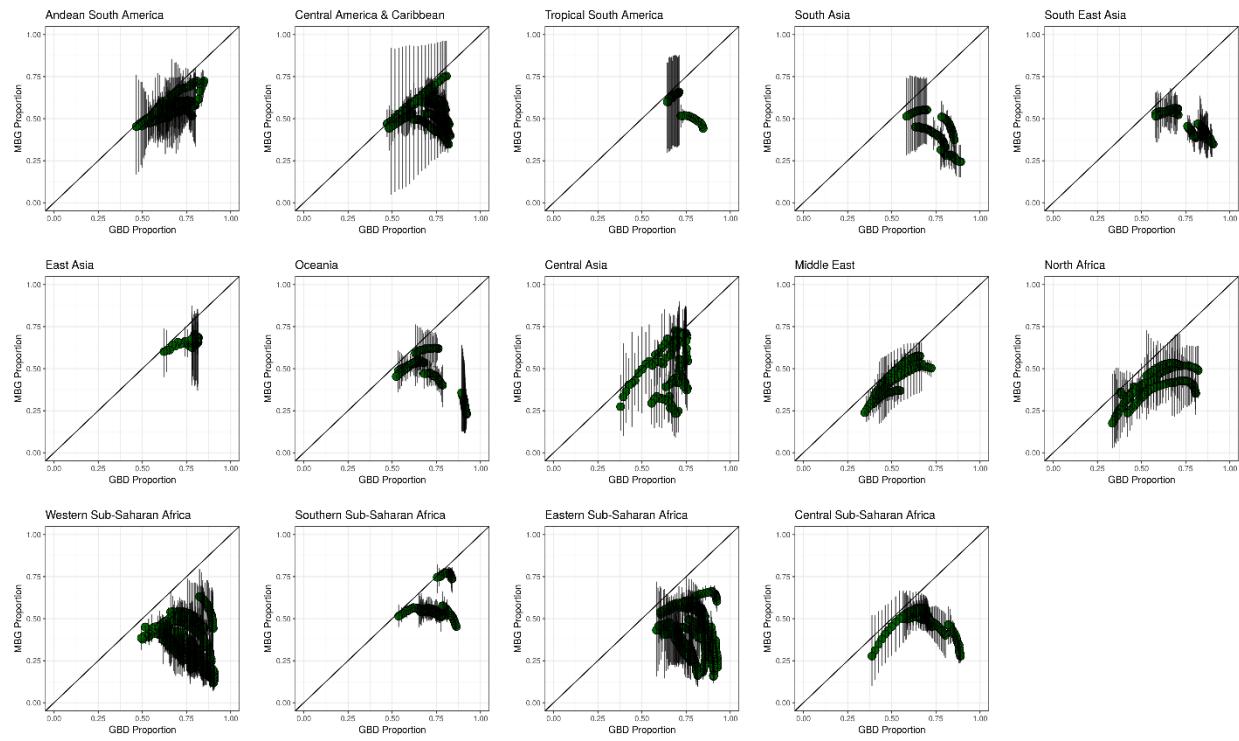
Supplementary Figure 86. 1–6 years of education (women, ages 20–24) comparison to GBD national estimates.



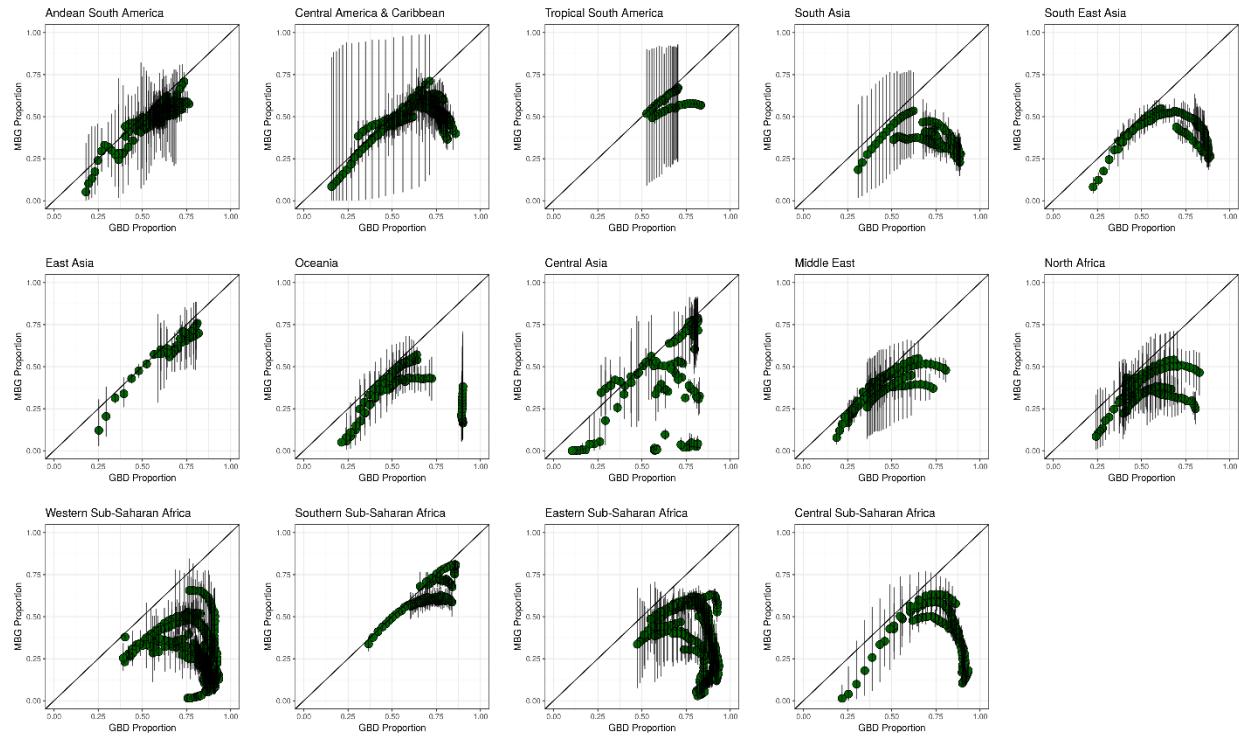
Supplementary Figure 87. 1–6 years of education (men, ages 20–24) comparison to GBD national estimates.



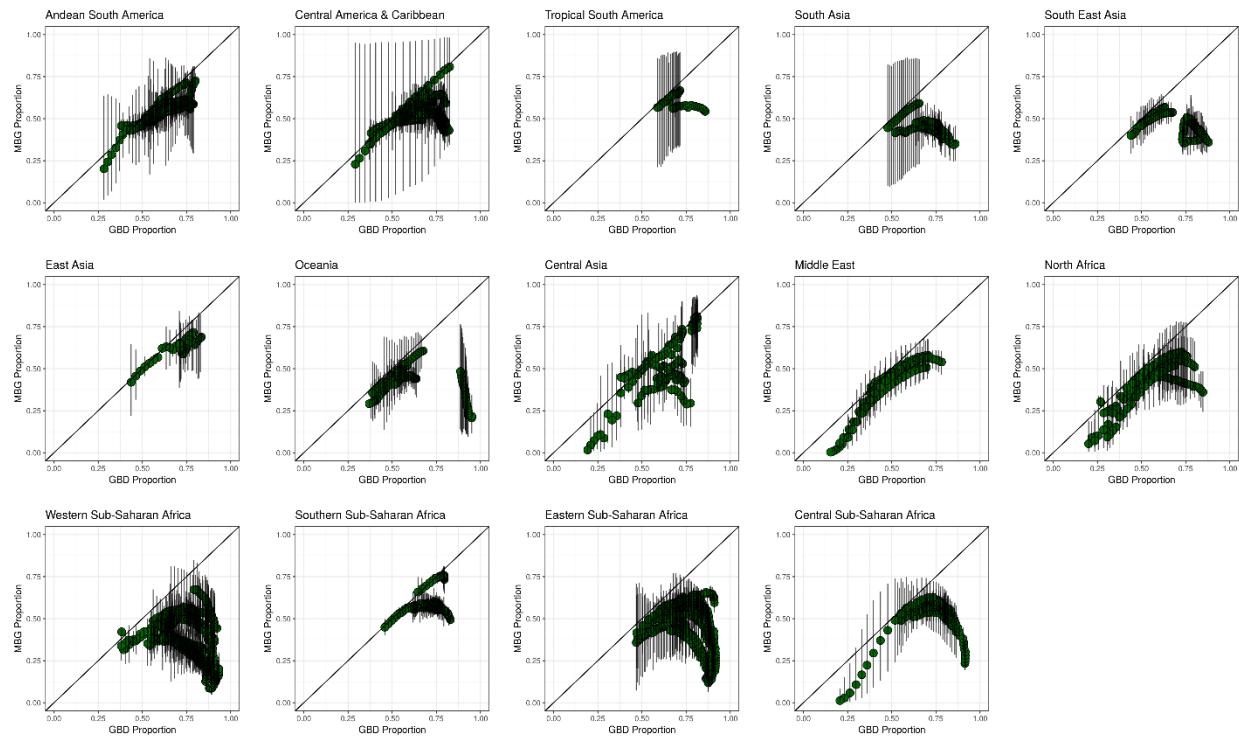
Supplementary Figure 88. 6–11 years of education (women, ages 15–49) comparison to GBD national estimates.



Supplementary Figure 89. 6–11 years of education (men, ages 15–49) comparison to GBD national estimates.



Supplementary Figure 90. 6–11 years of education (women, ages 20–24) comparison to GBD national estimates.



Supplementary Figure 91. 6–11 years of education (men, ages 20–24) comparison to GBD national estimates.

Supplementary Table 44. Quartiles for raking factors (RF) from MBG to GBD estimates for all indicators

Indicator	1 st Quartile RF	Median RF	3 rd Quartile RF
Mean years, 15–49 male	0.917	0.998	1.084
Mean years, 15–49 male	0.888	0.977	1.047
Mean years, 20–24 female	0.961	1.030	1.100
Mean years, 20–24 male	0.953	1.026	1.113
Zero years, 15–49 female	0.751	1.120	1.144
Zero years, 15–49 male	0.701	0.932	1.154
Zero years, 20–24 female	0.681	0.913	1.189
Zero years, 20–24 male	0.786	1.001	1.257
1–5 years, 15–49 female	0.755	0.930	1.123
1–5 years, 15–49 male	0.731	1.055	1.115
1–5 years, 20–24 female	0.694	0.981	1.278
1–5 years, 20–24 male	0.672	0.904	1.162
6–11 years, 15–49 female	0.9312	0.996	1.072
6–11 years, 15–49 male	0.941	0.983	1.078
6–11 years, 20–24 female	0.890	1.086	1.107
6–11 years, 20–24 male	0.879	1.091	1.066

5.3.4 Aggregation to first- and second-level administrative subdivisions

In addition to estimates of educational attainment on a grid, we also constructed estimates of attainment for first- and second-level administrative subdivisions. These estimates were derived by calculating population-weighted averages of each indicator for each grid cell or fractional grid cell within a given first- or second-level administrative subdivision. Grid cell fractions were assigned through intersection as described above and this process utilized the calibrated population estimates and prevalence draws also described above. This was carried out for each of the 1,000 posterior draws at the grid cell level, generating 1,000 posterior draws for each administrative subdivision. Final point estimates and uncertainty intervals for each subdivision at each level of the administrative hierarchy were derived from the mean, 2.5th percentile, and 97.5th percentile of these draws, respectively.

5.3.5 Calculating people with zero years of education

We estimated the number of people with zero education in each grid cell and year by combining estimated population and proportion of population with zero education after calibration to GBD as described above. Specifically, for each cell and fractional cell, we multiplied the estimated population by each of the 1,000 prevalence draws to generate 1,000 draws of people with zero education. Final point estimates and uncertainty intervals for people with zero education were calculated as the mean, 2.5th percentile, and 97.5th percentile of these draws, respectively.

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