

**Table S1.** Dependent and independent variables extracted from the 2015 QoL data that was included in the binary logistic regression model.

Variable extracted	Description	Expected effect
Y <sub>i</sub> =Grow food or vegetables	Outcome variable Categorical (Recorded: No =0; Yes=1)	
X <sub>1</sub> =SRH-Self Rated Health: Self rated Health	Categorical (recorded to two levels: poor health=0, good health=1)	Positive
X <sub>2</sub> =Age	Continuous (Recorded into categories: 18-35=1; 36-49=2; 50-64=3; ≥65=4)	Positive
X <sub>3</sub> =Race	Categorical (Recorded: blacks=1; coloureds=2; Asians/Indians=3; whites=4; others=5)	Positive
X <sub>4</sub> =Gender	Binary (male=0; female=1)	Positive
X <sub>5</sub> =Birthplace (Born in Gauteng or immigrated to Gauteng)	Categorical (Born in Gauteng=1; immigrated from province in South Africa=2, immigrated from outside SA=3)	Positive
X <sub>6</sub> =No in household (size of household)	Numerical (Recorded: 1-3=1; 4-6=2; 7 and more=3)	Positive
X <sub>7</sub> =Employment status	Categorical (Recorded unemployed=0; employed=1; other=3)	Positive
X <sub>8</sub> =Education Level	Categorical (recorded: no education=1; primary education only=2; secondary incomplete=3; matric=4; more than matric=5; other=6)	Positive
X <sub>9</sub> =Grant Recipient	Binary (no=0; yes=1)	Positive
X <sub>10</sub> =Membership of a club	Binary (no=0; yes=1)	Positive
X <sub>11</sub> =Main source of water	Categorical (Recorded: (Piped water=1; borehole/well=2; rainwater/tanks=3; River/dams=4; Water tank/truck=5; other=6)	Positive
X <sub>12</sub> =Water cut off in previous year?	Binary (no=0; Yes=1)	Positive
X <sub>13</sub> =Water source more than 20 M away?	Binary (No =0; Yes=1)	positive
X <sub>14</sub> =Registration of house with office	Binary (No=0; Yes=1)	Positive
X <sub>15</sub> =Dwelling	Categorical (recorded: own dwelling=1, rent/private=2; rent/government=3; Free RDP=4; Deed transferred=5; rent free=6; occupy vacant land=7; other=8)	Positive
X <sub>16</sub> =Type of dwelling	Categorical(recorded: formal=1; informal=2; other=3)	Positive
X <sub>17</sub> =Do children belong to school feeing scheme?	Binary (no=0; yes=1)	Positive
X <sub>18</sub> =Did ownership adult in household skip meal in past year?	Categorical (Recorded: never=1, seldom=2 sometimes=3; often=4; always=5)	Positive
X <sub>19</sub> =Did child in home skip meal in past year?	Categorical (Recorded: never=1, seldom=2 sometimes=3; often=4; always=5)	Positive
X <sub>20</sub> =Does your health prevent you from doing work?	Likert scale (always=1; some of the times=2; hardly ever=3; never= 4)	Negative
X <sub>21</sub> =Is it important to protect the environment?	Likert scale (strongly agrees=1; agrees=2; neither agrees nor disagrees=3; disagrees=4' strongly disagrees=5)	Positive
X <sub>22</sub> =SAMPI	Continuous (Create 4 quartiles)	Positive