

How Is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?

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A Surveys Used For Analyses

Table A.1: Surveys Used for Analysis by Region and Survey Type

| Country | DHS | MICS |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| East Asia and Pacific | | |
| Cambodia | 2000, 2005/06, 2010/11, 2014, 2021/22 | |
| Fiji | | 2021 |
| Indonesia | 1991, 1994, 1997, 2002/03, 2007, 2007, 2012, 2017 | |
| Kiribati | | 2018/19 |
| Lao PDR | | 2011/12, 2017 |
| Mongolia | | 2000, 2005, 2010, 2013/14, 2018 |
| Myanmar | 2015/16 | |
| Philippines | 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, 2017, 2022 | |
| Samoa | | 2019/20 |
| Thailand | | 2005/06, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2019 |
| Timor-Leste | 2009/10, 2016 | |
| Tonga | | 2019 |
| Tuvalu | | 2019/20 |
| Vanuatu | | 2007/08 |
| Vietnam | 1997, 2002 | 2000, 2006, 2010/11, 2013/14, 2020/21 |
| Latin America and Caribbean | | |
| Argentina | | 2019/20 |
| Belize | | 2011, 2015/16 |
| Bolivia | 1993/94, 1998, 2003/04, 2008 | 2000 |
| Brazil | 1991/92, 1996 | |
| Colombia | 1990, 1995, 2000, 2004/05, 2009/10, 2015/16 | |
| Costa Rica | | 2018 |
| Cuba | | 2010/11, 2014, 2019 |
| Dominican Republic | 1991, 1996, 1999, 2002, 2007, 2013 | 2000, 2014, 2019 |
| El Salvador | | 2014 |
| Guatemala | 1995, 1998/99, 2014/15 | |
| Guyana | 2009 | 2000, 2006, 2014 |
| Haiti | 1994/95, 2000, 2005/06, 2012, 2016/17 | |
| Honduras | 2005/06, 2011/12 | 2019/20 |
| Jamaica | | 2005 |
| Mexico | | 2015 |
| Nicaragua | 1997/98, 2001 | |
| Paraguay | 1990 | 2016 |
| Peru | 1991/92, 1996, 2000, 2003/06, 2007/08, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 | |
| Suriname | | 1999/2000, 2006, 2018 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | 2011 |
| Turks and Caicos Islands | | 2019/20 |
| South Asia | | |
| Afghanistan | 2015/16, 2015/16 | 2010/11 |
| Bangladesh | 1993/94, 1996/97, 1999/2000, 2004, 2007, 2011, 2014, 2017/18 | 2012/13, 2019 |
| Bhutan | | 2010 |
| India | 1992/93, 1998/2000, 2005/06, 2015/16, 2019/21 | |
| Maldives | 2009, 2016 | |
| Nepal | 1995/96, 2000/01, 2005/06, 2010/11, 2016, 2021/22 | 2013/14, 2019 |
| Pakistan | 1990/91, 2006/07, 2006/07, 2012/13, 2017/18 | |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | | |
| Angola | 2015/16 | 2001 |
| Benin | 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011/12, 2017/18 | 2014 |
| Burkina Faso | 1992/93, 1998/99, 2003, 2010 | 2006 |
| Burundi | 2010/11, 2016/17 | 2005 |
| Cameroon | 1991, 1998, 2004, 2011, 2018/19 | 2000, 2014 |
| Central African Republic | 1994/95 | 2000, 2006, 2010, 2018/19 |
| Chad | 1996/97, 2004, 2014/15 | 2000, 2010, 2019 |
| Comoros | 1996, 2012 | 2000 |
| Congo, Dem. Rep. | 2007, 2013/14 | 2001, 2010, 2017/18 |
| Congo, Rep. | 2005, 2011/12 | 2014/15 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | 1994, 1998/99, 2011/12 | 2016 |
| Equatorial Guinea | | 2000 |
| Eswatini | 2006/07 | 2000, 2010, 2014 |
| Ethiopia | 2000, 2005, 2011, 2016, 2019 | |
| Gabon | 2000/01, 2012, 2019/21 | |
| Gambia, The | 2013, 2019/20 | 2000, 2006, 2010, 2018 |
| Ghana | 1993/94, 1998/99, 2003, 2008, 2014 | 2006, 2011, 2017/18 |
| Guinea | 1999, 2005, 2012, 2018 | 2016 |
| Guinea-Bissau | | 2000, 2006, 2014, 2018/19 |
| Kenya | 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008/09, 2014, 2022 | |
| Lesotho | 2004/05, 2009/10, 2014 | 2000, 2018 |
| Liberia | 2006/07, 2013, 2019/20 | |
| Madagascar | 1992, 1997, 2003/04, 2008/09, 2021 | 2018 |
| Malawi | 1992, 2000, 2004/05, 2010, 2015/16 | 2006, 2013/14, 2019/20 |
| Mali | 1995/96, 2001, 2006, 2012/13, 2018 | 2015 |
| Mauritania | 2019/21 | 2007, 2011, 2015 |
| Mozambique | 1997, 2003/04, 2011 | 2008 |
| Namibia | 1992, 2000, 2006/07, 2013 | |
| Niger | 1992, 1998, 2006, 2012 | 2000 |
| Nigeria | 1990, 2003, 2008, 2013, 2018 | 2007, 2011, 2016/17, 2021 |
| Rwanda | 1992, 2000, 2005, 2007/08, 2010/11, 2014/15, 2019/20 | |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 2008/09 | 2000, 2014, 2019 |
| Senegal | 1992/93, 1997, 2005, 2010/11, 2012/13, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 | |
| Sierra Leone | 2008, 2013 | 2000, 2005/06, 2010, 2017 |
| Somalia | | 2006 |
| South Africa | 1998, 2016 | |
| South Sudan | | 2010 |
| Sudan | 1990 | |
| Tanzania | 1991/92, 1996, 1999, 2004/05, 2009/10, 2015/16 | |
| Togo | 1998, 2013/14 | 2006, 2010, 2017 |
| Uganda | 1995, 2000/01, 2006, 2011, 2016 | |
| Zambia | 1992, 1996, 2001/02, 2007, 2013/14, 2018/19 | |
| Zimbabwe | 1994, 1999, 2005/06, 2010/11, 2015 | 2009, 2014, 2019 |

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Table A.2: Surveys Used for Analysis by Region and Whether Survey Includes Non-married Women

| Country | Only Ever-married/partnered Women | All Women |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| East Asia and Pacific | | |
| Cambodia | | 2000, 2005/06, 2010/11, 2014, 2021/22 |
| Fiji | | 2021 |
| Indonesia | 1991, 1994, 1997, 2007 | 2002/03, 2007, 2012, 2017 |
| Kiribati | | 2018/19 |
| Lao PDR | | 2011/12, 2017 |
| Mongolia | | 2000, 2005, 2010, 2013/14, 2018 |
| Myanmar | | 2015/16 |
| Philippines | | 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, 2017, 2022 |
| Samoa | | 2019/20 |
| Thailand | | 2005/06, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2019 |
| Timor-Leste | | 2009/10, 2016 |
| Tonga | | 2019 |
| Tuvalu | | 2019/20 |
| Vanuatu | | 2007/08 |
| Vietnam | | 1997, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2010/11, 2013/14, 2020/21 |
| Latin America and Caribbean | | |
| Argentina | | 2019/20 |
| Belize | | 2011, 2015/16 |
| Bolivia | | 1993/94, 1998, 2000, 2003/04, 2008 |
| Brazil | | 1991/92, 1996 |
| Colombia | | 1990, 1995, 2000, 2004/05, 2009/10, 2015/16 |
| Costa Rica | | 2018 |
| Cuba | | 2010/11, 2014, 2019 |
| Dominican Republic | | 1991, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2013, 2014, 2019 |
| El Salvador | | 2014 |
| Guatemala | | 1995, 1998/99, 2014/15 |
| Guyana | | 2000, 2006, 2009, 2014 |
| Haiti | | 1994/95, 2000, 2005/06, 2012, 2016/17 |
| Honduras | | 2005/06, 2011/12, 2019/20 |
| Jamaica | | 2005 |
| Mexico | | 2015 |
| Nicaragua | | 1997/98, 2001 |
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| Burkina Faso | | 1992/93, 1998/99, 2003, 2006, 2010 |
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| Cameroon | | 1991, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2011, 2014, 2018/19 |
| Central African Republic | | 1994/95, 2000, 2006, 2010, 2018/19 |
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| Equatorial Guinea | | 2000 |
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| Gabon | | 2000/01, 2012, 2019/21 |
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| Ghana | | 1993/94, 1998/99, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017/18 |
| Guinea | | 1999, 2005, 2012, 2016, 2018 |
| Guinea-Bissau | | 2000, 2006, 2014, 2018/19 |
| Kenya | | 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008/09, 2014, 2022 |
| Lesotho | | 2000, 2004/05, 2009/10, 2014, 2018 |
| Liberia | | 2006/07, 2013, 2019/20 |
| Madagascar | | 1992, 1997, 2003/04, 2008/09, 2018, 2021 |
| Malawi | | 1992, 2000, 2004/05, 2006, 2010, 2013/14, 2015/16, 2019/20 |
| Mali | | 1995/96, 2001, 2006, 2012/13, 2015, 2018 |
| Mauritania | 2011 | 2007, 2015, 2019/21 |
| Mozambique | | 1997, 2003/04, 2008, 2011 |
| Namibia | | 1992, 2000, 2006/07, 2013 |
| Niger | | 1992, 1998, 2000, 2006, 2012 |
| Nigeria | | 1990, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2016/17, 2018, 2021 |
| Rwanda | | 1992, 2000, 2005, 2007/08, 2010/11, 2014/15, 2019/20 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | | 2000, 2008/09, 2014, 2019 |
| Senegal | | 1992/93, 1997, 2005, 2010/11, 2012/13, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 |
| Sierra Leone | | 2000, 2005/06, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2017 |
| Somalia | 2006 | |
| South Africa | | 1998, 2016 |
| South Sudan | 2010 | |
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| Tanzania | | 1991/92, 1996, 1999, 2004/05, 2009/10, 2015/16 |
| Togo | | 1998, 2006, 2010, 2013/14, 2017 |
| Uganda | | 1995, 2000/01, 2006, 2011, 2016 |
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B What is Urban?

There is no generally agreed upon definition of what constitutes an urban area. The DHS and MICS, therefore, relies on the individual country's definition of urban. These definitions vary widely. A substantial number of countries use a simple population cut-off to define urban, with some cut-offs as low as 2,000 people (United Nations, 2019).¹

If there are systematic differences in what is counted as urban, observed differences in fertility across regions may be because of differences in definition rather than behavior.² Within countries there may also be urban areas of different types, for example larger and smaller urban areas, and fertility likely also differs across these areas (Corker, 2017).

A particular concern is that some places counted as urban may be heavily agricultural with relatively easy access to land. Hence, families in these areas likely have a higher return to having children than those in more built-up urban areas.

Because the main concern arising from the lack of a uniform definition of urban is potential differences in the return to children, I attempt to capture the importance of agriculture based on DHS data. The only agricultural-related variable that exists across all phases and countries is the respondent's partner's occupation.³ I calculate the proportion of observed partners who work in agriculture, whether self-employed or an employee, within each cluster.

There are two potential issues with using partner's occupation to capture differences in the return to children. First, the agricultural occupation category includes fishermen, foresters, and hunters. Second, because the modal number of households surveyed per cluster is twenty the occupation measure may be noisy. Unfortunately it is not possible to use a large base for the measure because there is no reliable way to identify which clusters

¹See also <https://blogs.worldbank.org/sustainablecities/what-does-urban-mean>, <https://population.un.org/wup/>, and Uchida and Nelson (2010).

²For a discussion of differences between urban areas across high and low income countries see Jedwab, Loungani, Yezer, and Papageorgiou (2019).

³The respondent's occupation is not available in phase 1 of DHS surveys and not available in any MICS surveys.

are located close to each other or even whether two clusters are in the same urban area. Furthermore, because GPS data is only available for a limited number of survey and most of those recent, using the same approach as in Corker (2017) would severely limit the number of observations.

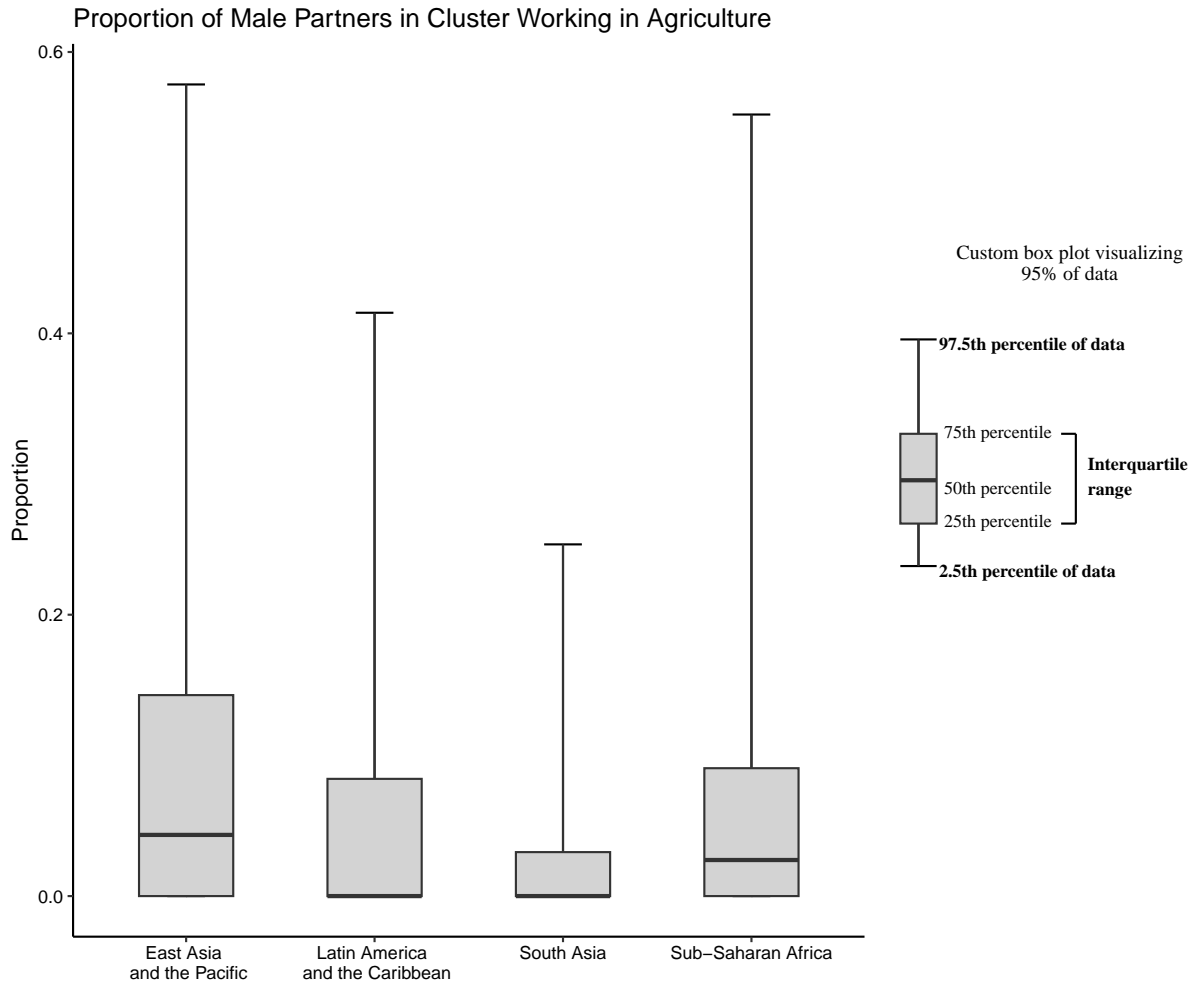


Figure B.1: Proportion of Male Partners working in Agriculture by PSU Across Regions

Figure B.1 show the distribution of respondents by the proportions of partners who work in a agricultural related job in the cluster by region. Furthermore, a respondent is the least likely to live in a cluster with agricultural work in South Asia, where 75% lived in clusters with no reported agricultural work. The highest proportion of agricultural work is in East Asia and Pacific where only 45% are in an cluster with no agricultural work. For

Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America and Caribbean, 52% and 65% are in clusters with no agricultural work.

Finally, in many places city limits are not clearly demarcated, with peri-urban areas in between the urban and rural areas. With the rapid population growth of cities, these peri-urban areas are mostly classified as rural rather than urban (Corker, 2017). There are, however, no clear evidence on differences in the existence of these peri-urban areas across regions.

C Mortality Risk and Fertility

As discussed briefly in the paper, there are four critical challenges when trying to understand the role that mortality plays in the differences in fertility behavior across regions.

The first challenge is the actual measure to use. A common option is to use under-five mortality, which was and is higher in Sub-Saharan Africa than the other regions (Hill and Pebley, 1989; Roser, Ritchie, and Dadonaite, 2013; Wang et al., 2017). But, parents likely care about the number of children who survive to adulthood rather than the first five years of life (Canning, Günther, Linnemayr, and Bloom, 2013). As Sub-Saharan Africa countries generally have a higher over-five mortality than the other regions, ignoring over-five mortality may bias the results and inflate fertility differences (Ward et al., 2021). Life expectancy at birth is likely better but is heavily influence by very early deaths and does not indicate the likelihood of surviving to adulthood. Furthermore, using current life expectancy might be impacted by the spread of HIV/AIDS, which was likely unanticipated by households.

The second challenge is which period and population to base the mortality measure on. Presumably parents care about their offspring's expected mortality, but no direct information is available on individuals' assessment of that risk (Montgomery, 2000). Calculating mortality risk at the time fertility decisions are made are complicated by three factors. First, mortality declines over time, possibly at different rates within and across countries and regions (Hill and Pebley, 1989; Roser, Ritchie, and Dadonaite, 2013). Second, children of better-educated mother have lower mortality than children of less-educated mothers and urban mothers face lower child mortality rates than rural mothers (Strauss and Thomas, 1995; Pörtner and Su, 2018; Balaj, York, Sripada, Besnier, Vonen, Aravkin, Friedman, Griswold, Jensen, Mohammad, Mullany, Solhaug, Sorensen, Stonkute, Tallaksen, Whisnant, Zheng, Gakidou, and Eikemo, 2021).⁴ Finally, fertility may increase in

⁴More schooling is also associated with better health outcomes for both women and children, which may lead to lower child mortality and, in turn, further decreases fertility, because fewer births are required to reach a desired number of surviving children (Ainsworth, Beegle, and Nyamete, 1996). However, it is not

response to other women's offspring mortality, even if the underlying mortality risk does appear to have changed (Nobles, Frankenberg, and Thomas, 2015).

The third challenge is isolating the exogenous part of any observed mortality risk. The effect of mortality on fertility can arise from three, possibly reinforcing pathways, hoarding—having more children in response to expected mortality—physiological effects, and the deliberate replacement of deceased children Ben-Porath (1976); Rosenzweig and Schultz (1983); Palloni and Rafalimanana (1999). While an exogenous increase in mortality can increase fertility, higher fertility may also lead to higher mortality, for example, through resource dilution or closer spacing of births, although the literature provides conflicting answers to how large this effect is (Chowdhury, 1988; Birdsall, 1988; Benefo and Schultz, 1996; Conley, McCord, and Sachs, 2007). The upshot is that any observed mortality measure will be a combination of both the exogenous component of mortality and the endogenous component, driven by households' response to exogenous mortality.

The final challenge is the empirical specification of the relationship between mortality and fertility. Theoretical models suggest an inverse-U relationship between offspring mortality risk and fertility (Sah, 1991; Pörtner, 2001; Doepke, 2005). A simple intuition for this is that at 100% mortality there are only costs and no benefits associated with having children and fertility is, therefore, zero. As mortality risk decreases, the benefits eventually outweigh the cost and people will begin having children. At very low levels of mortality risk an increase will lead to higher fertility as a hoarding/insurance response.

Another way to look at whether there is a non-linear relationship between mortality and fertility is the literature that attempts to determine whether a reduction in offspring mortality lead to a decline in net fertility, that is, the number of surviving children Olsen (1980); Olsen and Wolpin (1983); Brown and Guinnane (2007); Angeles (2010); Cervellati and Sunde (2015); Bousmah (2017). Although the results generally support a positive re-

clear exactly why there is such a strong effect of education on child health. Thomas, Strauss, and Henriques (1991), Glewwe (1999), and Kovsted, Pörtner, and Tarp (2002) all suggests that it is better health knowledge rather than higher income, changes in norms, or something inherent in education that drives the positive relationship between mothers' education and child health.

relationship between fertility and mortality, there is no consensus on the effect of mortality decline on net fertility. For example, projections suggest that the world's population size in 2000 would have been very close to the observed population size if fertility and mortality rates would have remained at 1950–55 levels, suggesting no net effect (Heuveline, 1999). Correspondingly, most of the literature assume that empirically the relationship is linear (See, for example Shapiro and Gebreselassie, 2008; Chisadza and Bittencourt, 2016; Shapiro and Tenikue, 2017). The exception is a non-linear effects of mortality on completed fertility in an area of rural Senegal (Bousmah, 2017). While a linear approximation may work well for individual country analyses, especially if only a shorter period is covered, it is likely to bias the estimated differences in fertility when comparing regions with large differences in mortality.

D Sensitivity Analyses Figures

D.1 HIV/AIDS

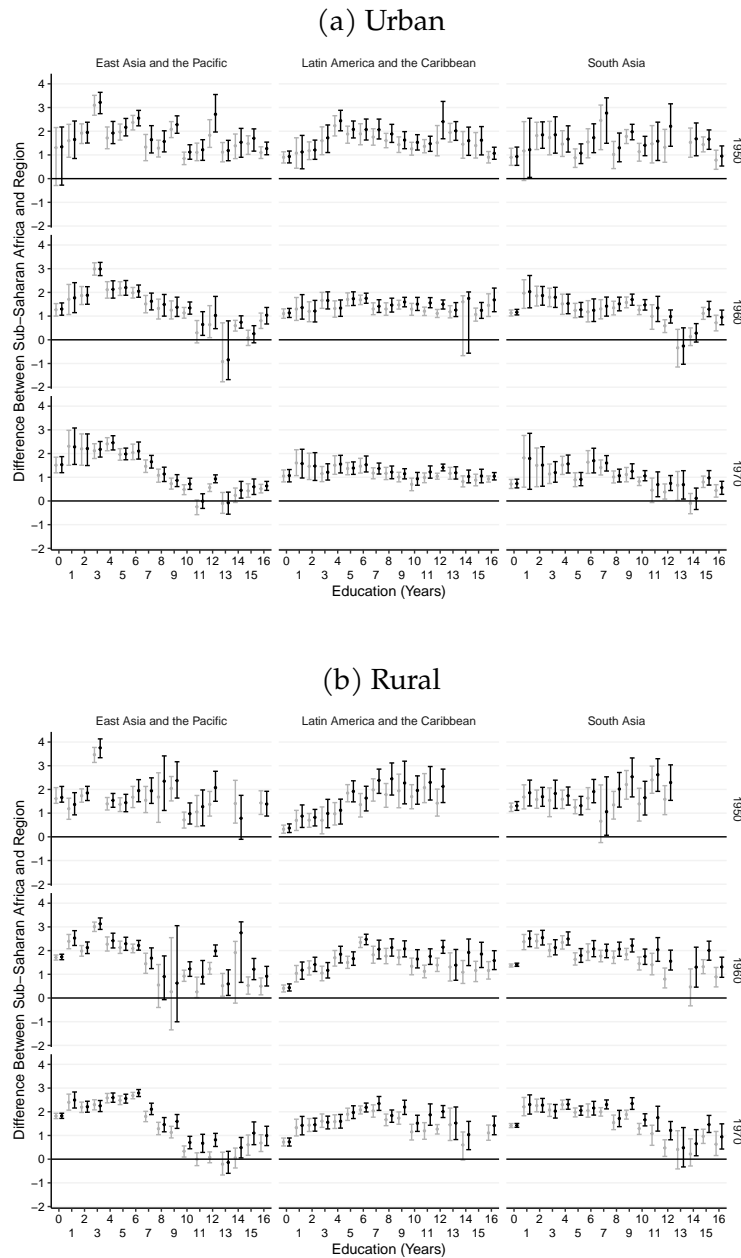


Figure D.1: Differences in Children Ever Born Between Sub-Saharan Africa and Regions Excluding 10 High HIV Countries for Women Age 40–49 by Cohort with 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals in Solid and All Countries in Grey

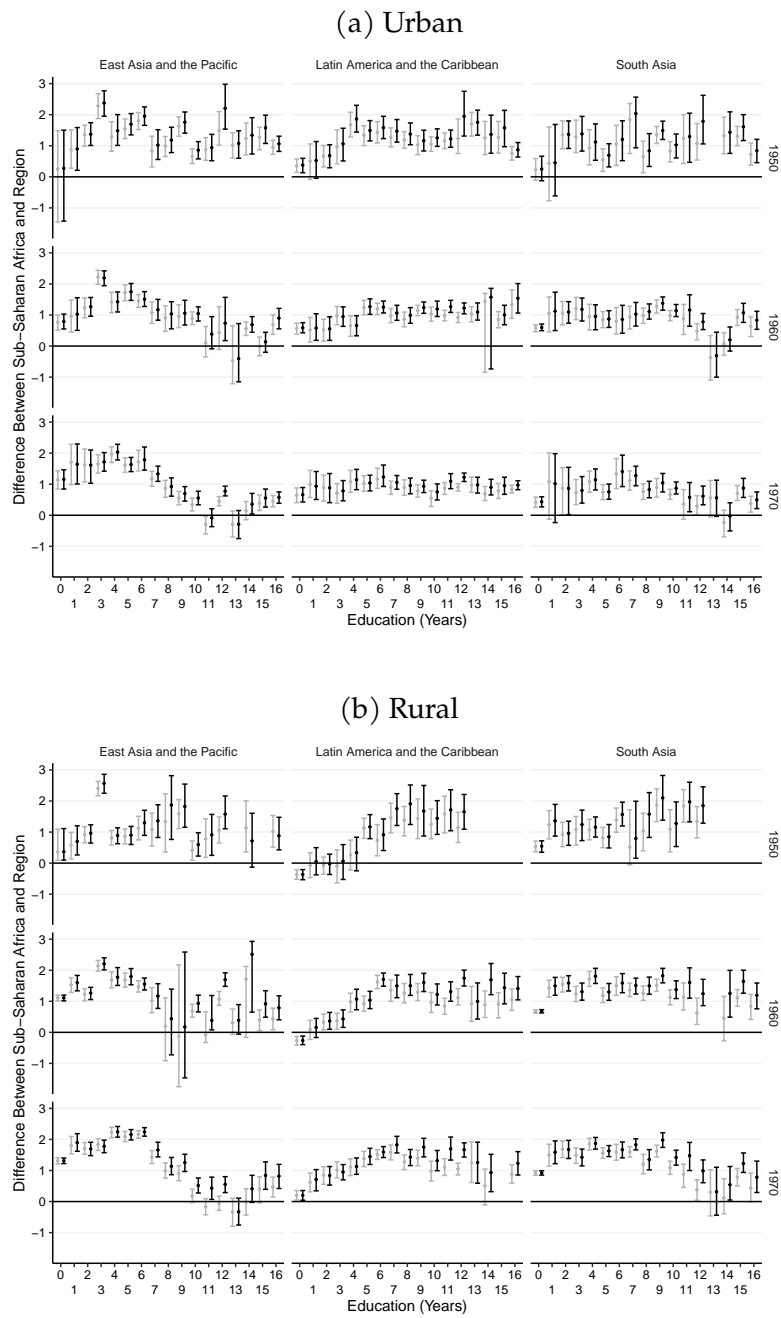


Figure D.2: Differences in Number of Surviving Children Between Sub-Saharan Africa and Regions Excluding 10 High HIV Countries for Women Age 40–49 by Cohort with 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals in Solid and All Countries in Grey

D.2 Son Preferences and Sex Ratios

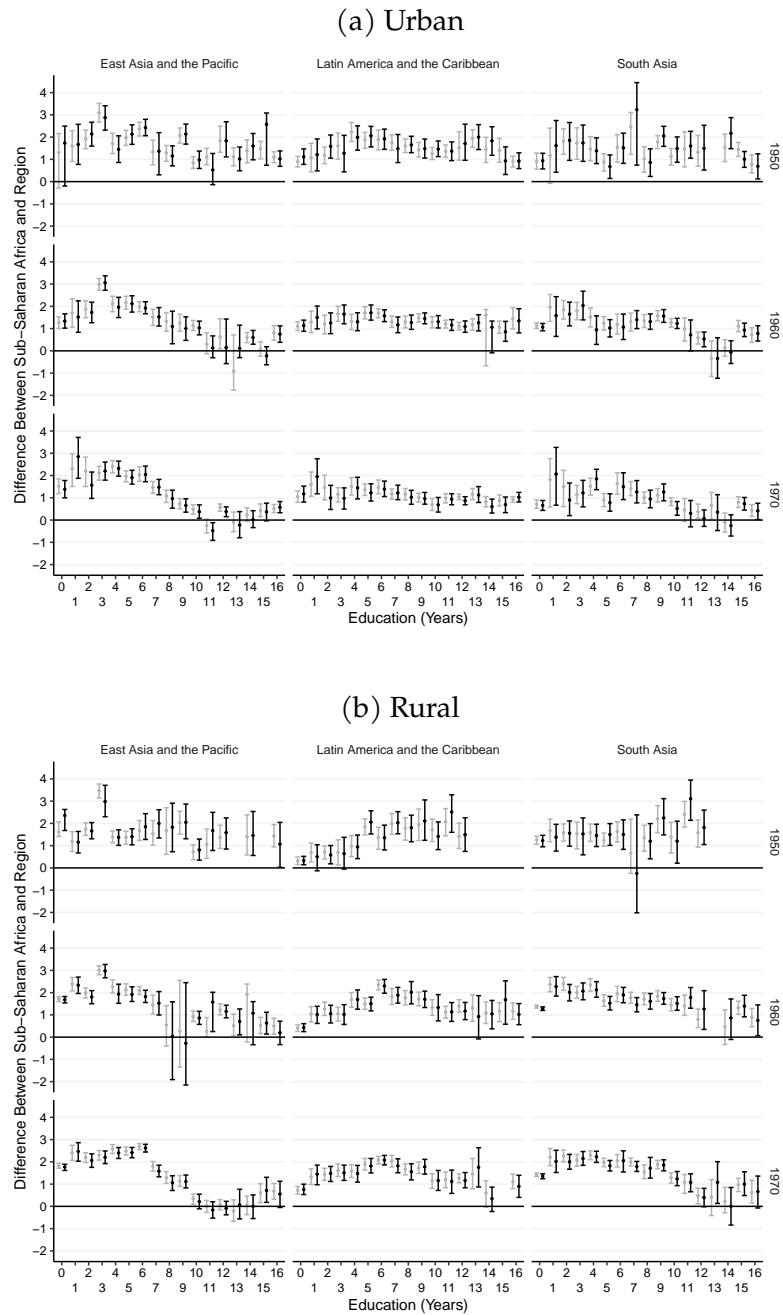


Figure D.3: Differences in Predicted Number of Children Ever Born Based on Number of Sons Born Between Sub-Saharan Africa and Regions by Cohort With 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals in Solid and Number of Children Ever Born in Grey

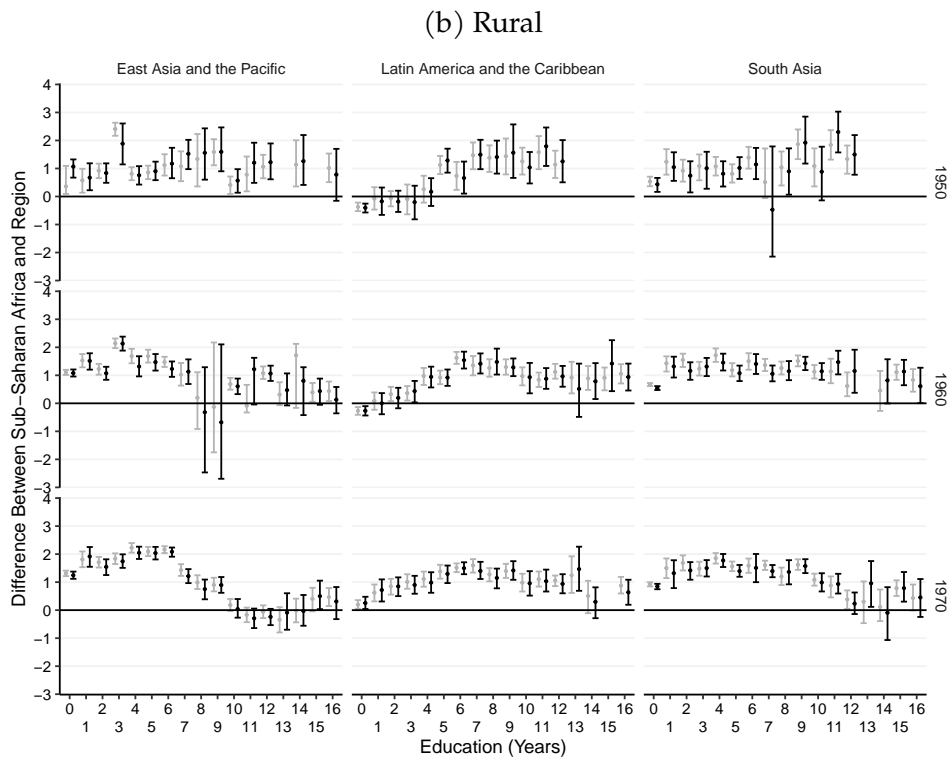
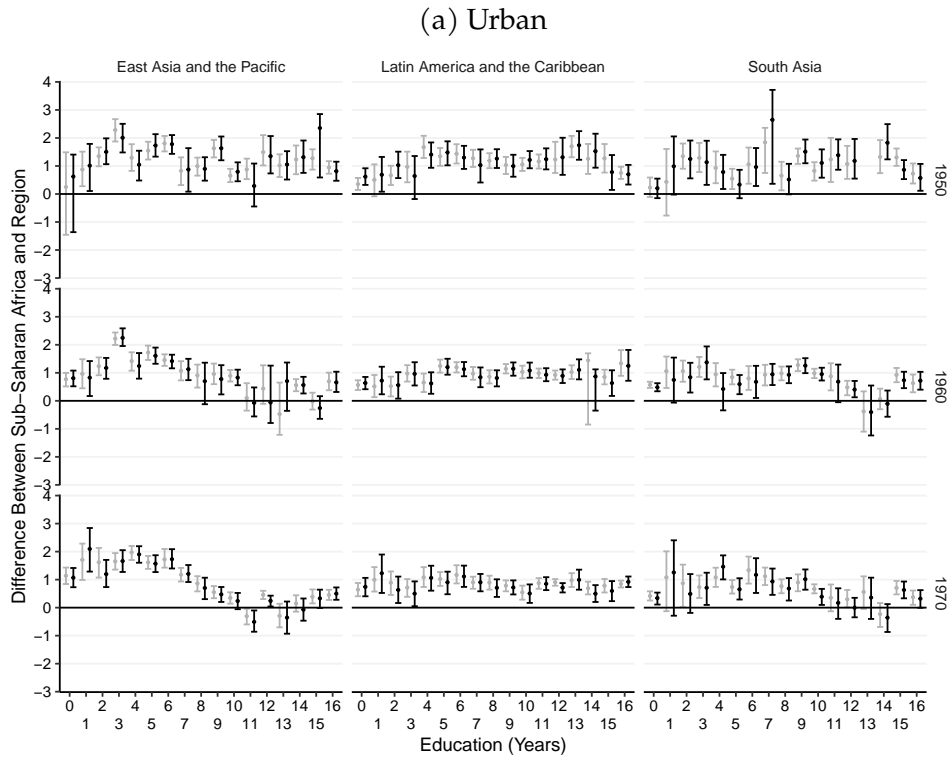


Figure D.4: Differences in Predicted Number of Surviving Children Based on Number of Surviving Sons Between Sub-Saharan Africa and Other Regions by Cohort With 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals in Solid and Number of Children Ever Born in Grey

D.3 Migration

To investigate migration's influence, I create a sample using the set of surveys that have information on prior residence(s).⁵ The sample includes women born in the surveyed area and women whose last previous area of residence was the same as their current type.⁶ For comparison, I use all women from surveys that collected location information, whether they have moved or not or have missing location information. There are 693,668 urban women and 1,163,733 rural women in surveys that collected location information. Of those, 295,442 urban women and 480,398 rural women were either born in the area they were surveyed in or were living in the same type of area as they lived in previously.

⁵DHS phases 6 and 7 did not include prior location question in the core questionnaires and location questions were not added to MICS until phase 6.

⁶I also tried a sample consisting of only women born in their surveyed area, but the sample was too small to provide useful results.

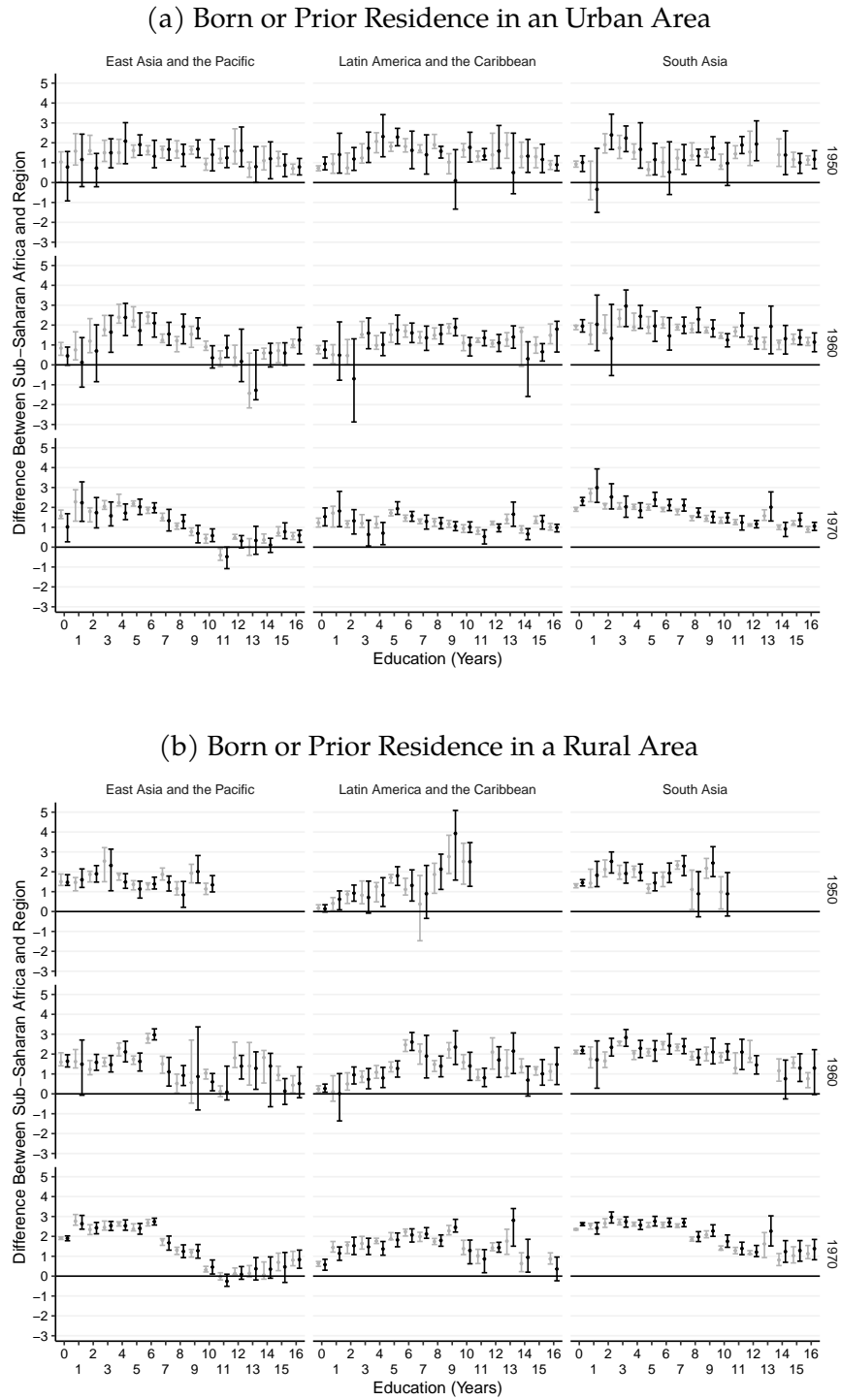
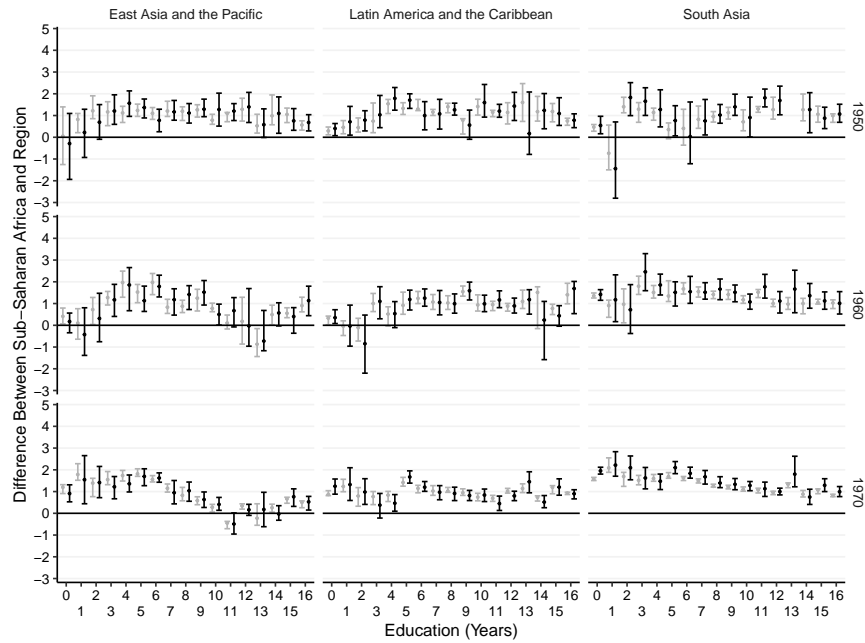


Figure D.5: Differences in Children Ever Born Between Sub-Saharan Africa and Regions for Women Age 40–49, Who are Either Born Where Surveyed or Always Lived in the Same Type of Area, by Cohort with 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals

(a) Born or Prior Residence in an Urban Area



(b) Born or Prior Residence in a Rural Area

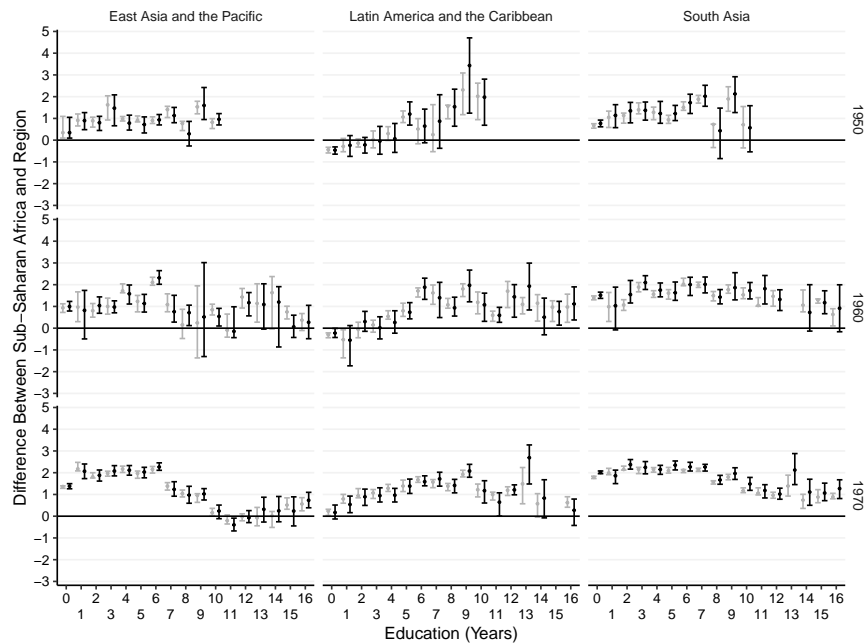


Figure D.6: Differences in Number of Surviving Children Between Sub-Saharan Africa and Regions for Women Age 40–49, Who are Either Born Where Surveyed or Always Lived in the Same Type of Area, by Cohort with 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals

E Almost Complete Fertility: 30–39 Year Olds

There are two problems with focusing on completed fertility. First, it tells us little about the recent developments in fertility behavior across regions, and those developments are mainly behind the argument that Sub-Saharan Africa is different. Second, the sample size decreases with increasing age leading to noisier estimate and makes it more difficult to understand if there are significant differences across regions.

However, using younger age groups does have three important limitations. First, differences across regions for non-complete fertility may reflect differences in the distribution of births across ages rather than differences in the final number of children born. Imagine two regions where the only difference in fertility behavior is when childbearing begins. Say that in one region, women begin childbearing at age 20 and have two children before age 25 after which they stop childbearing. In another region, women begin childbearing at age 25, and have two children by age 30, after which they stop childbearing. If we regress children ever born on a set of explanatory variables, it would appear that fertility is higher in the first region than the second region among the younger age group (it is identical from age 30 across regions).

Second, as I discussed above, changes in the timing of fertility over time can lead to significant overestimates of how fast fertility declines, which, in turn, would make us substantially overestimate the differences for anything but completed fertility (Pörtner, 2022).

Finally, the risk of a downward bias in fertility increases the more recent data is used, especially for lower quality surveys (Schoumaker, 2014; Gerland, Biddlecom, and Kantorová, 2017). Fertility estimates based on retrospective birth histories covering the last three years before a survey can be underestimated by 10 percent or more. One possible explanation is that by failing to record recent births, enumerators can lower their workload because they no longer have to go through the health module. The result is that fertility estimates for non-complete fertility for a given period tend to be revised upwards as new surveys become available.

Below are the same tables and graphs presented in the paper and above but using the sample of women aged 30 to 39 born in the three cohorts 1960-1969, 1970-1979, and 1980-1989. The predicted fertility for women aged 30 to 39 closely follow the same pattern as for the predicted completed fertility above. Except for women with some primary or completed primary, there is little evidence that Sub-Saharan Africa is fundamentally different from the other regions. Fertility for women with two to seven years of education is, however, still substantially higher for Sub-Saharan Africa than the other regions.

Table E.1: Number of Observations by Region, Cohort, and Highest Grade Level Completed for Women in the 30–39 Age Group

| Grade | East Asia and Pacific | | | Latin America and the Caribbean | | | South Asia | | | Sub-Saharan Africa | | |
|-------|-----------------------|--------|-------|---------------------------------|--------|-------|------------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|
| | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 |
| | Urban | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 943 | 1,208 | 951 | 2,092 | 1,728 | 682 | 6,723 | 12,585 | 19,211 | 12,595 | 26,507 | 19,346 |
| 1 | 256 | 222 | 192 | 737 | 801 | 302 | 142 | 281 | 456 | 445 | 806 | 733 |
| 2 | 652 | 470 | 413 | 1,398 | 1,345 | 460 | 402 | 717 | 1,204 | 1,030 | 1,901 | 1,450 |
| 3 | 1,017 | 788 | 546 | 1,809 | 2,038 | 613 | 542 | 906 | 1,524 | 1,249 | 2,620 | 2,155 |
| 4 | 769 | 724 | 626 | 1,835 | 1,759 | 629 | 733 | 1,319 | 2,501 | 1,760 | 3,225 | 2,586 |
| 5 | 845 | 1,162 | 1,152 | 3,342 | 3,793 | 941 | 1,559 | 2,997 | 6,916 | 2,389 | 5,365 | 4,136 |
| 6 | 3,434 | 5,468 | 2,445 | 2,964 | 4,932 | 2,311 | 623 | 1,305 | 2,601 | 2,895 | 7,266 | 5,618 |
| 7 | 435 | 871 | 726 | 1,916 | 2,252 | 1,252 | 1,108 | 2,173 | 5,276 | 3,162 | 5,018 | 3,621 |
| 8 | 548 | 1,453 | 1,331 | 2,678 | 3,138 | 1,263 | 1,340 | 3,089 | 8,139 | 2,272 | 4,775 | 4,269 |
| 9 | 2,104 | 4,793 | 3,536 | 2,354 | 4,055 | 2,380 | 1,363 | 3,135 | 8,007 | 2,500 | 5,878 | 5,106 |
| 10 | 1,656 | 2,430 | 2,216 | 2,773 | 2,249 | 1,293 | 2,563 | 5,315 | 13,230 | 2,712 | 4,488 | 3,777 |
| 11 | 304 | 763 | 1,300 | 5,240 | 11,814 | 3,526 | 412 | 778 | 1,646 | 1,657 | 4,108 | 3,769 |
| 12 | 4,339 | 8,177 | 5,941 | 2,571 | 5,337 | 5,202 | 1,267 | 3,672 | 10,823 | 2,162 | 7,494 | 8,606 |
| 13 | 251 | 519 | 818 | 1,225 | 2,618 | 2,242 | 129 | 313 | 829 | 649 | 1,599 | 2,104 |
| 14 | 933 | 1,361 | 2,282 | 1,693 | 5,110 | 2,795 | 479 | 827 | 1,260 | 339 | 1,392 | 1,999 |
| 15 | 180 | 1,585 | 2,413 | 1,323 | 1,316 | 1,604 | 1,495 | 3,470 | 10,391 | 648 | 2,100 | 2,595 |
| 16 | 1,299 | 4,242 | 5,400 | 3,583 | 9,172 | 6,025 | 906 | 2,510 | 8,749 | 807 | 2,885 | 4,228 |
| | Rural | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 5,485 | 6,271 | 4,958 | 6,114 | 4,786 | 1,868 | 26,894 | 48,103 | 96,750 | 41,110 | 83,670 | 67,565 |
| 1 | 1,026 | 967 | 843 | 1,355 | 1,724 | 754 | 456 | 888 | 1,870 | 1,514 | 3,573 | 3,214 |
| 2 | 2,326 | 1,938 | 1,495 | 2,312 | 2,869 | 998 | 1,022 | 2,185 | 5,196 | 2,691 | 6,179 | 5,007 |
| 3 | 3,096 | 2,551 | 1,781 | 2,621 | 3,562 | 1,288 | 1,135 | 2,391 | 6,322 | 2,976 | 6,799 | 5,984 |
| 4 | 2,445 | 2,510 | 1,809 | 2,040 | 2,797 | 1,088 | 1,481 | 3,424 | 9,454 | 3,257 | 7,162 | 6,561 |
| 5 | 2,192 | 3,173 | 3,048 | 2,533 | 3,636 | 1,267 | 2,759 | 7,361 | 23,588 | 3,284 | 7,984 | 7,145 |
| 6 | 7,029 | 10,256 | 4,717 | 2,413 | 6,075 | 3,377 | 868 | 2,248 | 7,954 | 3,470 | 11,100 | 10,009 |
| 7 | 966 | 1,544 | 1,433 | 857 | 1,352 | 719 | 1,277 | 4,180 | 14,421 | 5,170 | 9,699 | 6,718 |
| 8 | 890 | 2,212 | 1,915 | 1,027 | 1,679 | 803 | 1,294 | 5,001 | 21,347 | 1,899 | 5,813 | 5,517 |
| 9 | 3,315 | 5,430 | 5,038 | 843 | 1,925 | 1,405 | 1,113 | 4,370 | 19,495 | 1,412 | 4,292 | 4,131 |
| 10 | 1,375 | 1,819 | 2,469 | 773 | 1,187 | 645 | 1,450 | 5,210 | 22,227 | 1,496 | 3,013 | 2,905 |
| 11 | 256 | 678 | 1,635 | 967 | 3,248 | 1,201 | 222 | 726 | 2,684 | 962 | 2,441 | 2,396 |
| 12 | 2,687 | 4,169 | 4,636 | 543 | 1,285 | 1,841 | 476 | 2,660 | 14,153 | 704 | 4,053 | 5,237 |
| 13 | 113 | 251 | 840 | 152 | 405 | 425 | 46 | 171 | 797 | 172 | 500 | 613 |
| 14 | 401 | 632 | 1,651 | 207 | 771 | 471 | 125 | 309 | 1,068 | 104 | 585 | 822 |
| 15 | 80 | 903 | 1,656 | 175 | 326 | 274 | 276 | 1,296 | 7,594 | 194 | 796 | 860 |
| 16 | 475 | 1,694 | 3,429 | 396 | 1,219 | 1,028 | 113 | 667 | 5,047 | 162 | 593 | 1,001 |

Note. Unweighted raw numbers of observations for women in the 30–39 age group with complete information on children ever born, surviving children, highest grade completed, and area of residence.

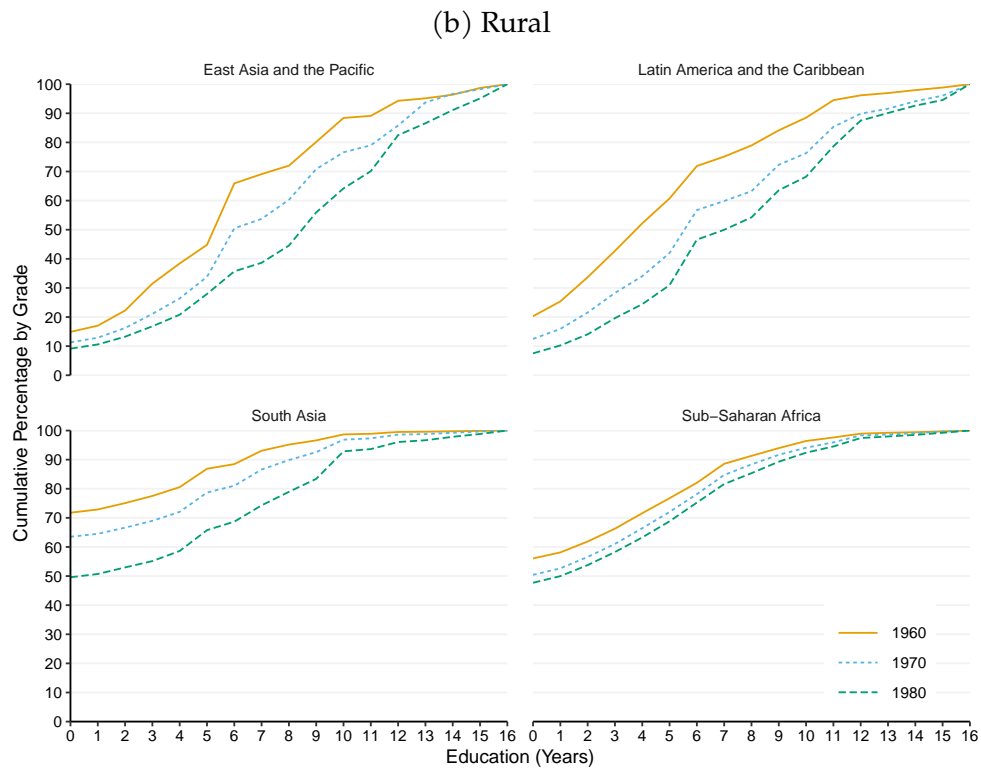
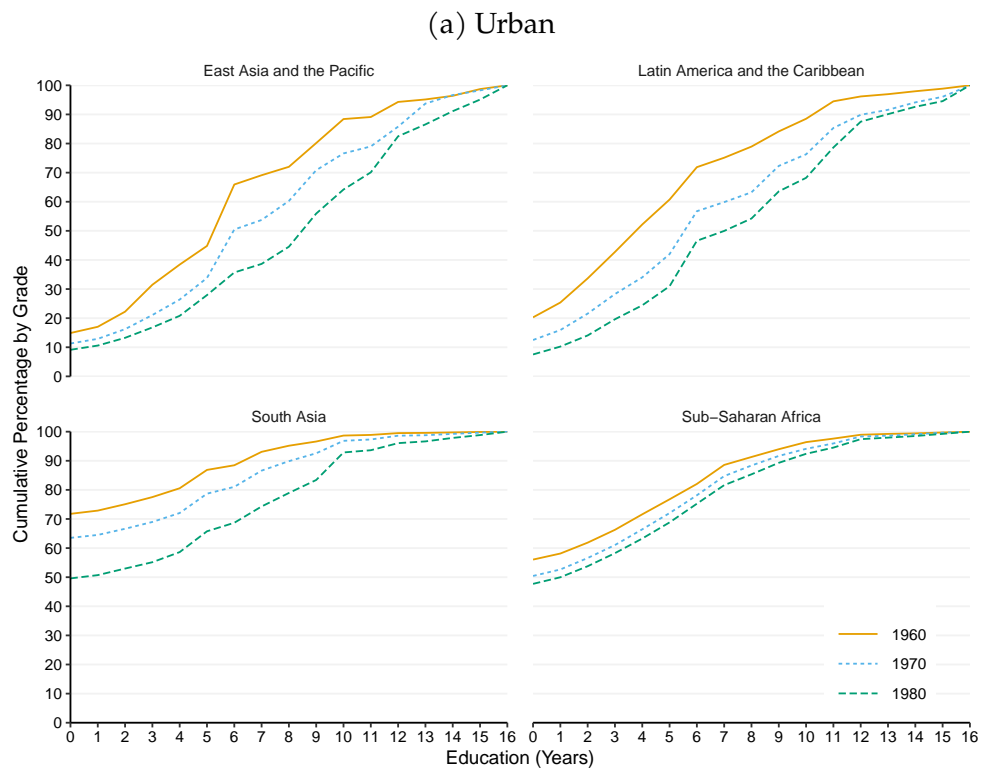


Figure E.1: Distribution of Education for Women Age 30–39 Across Cohorts by Region

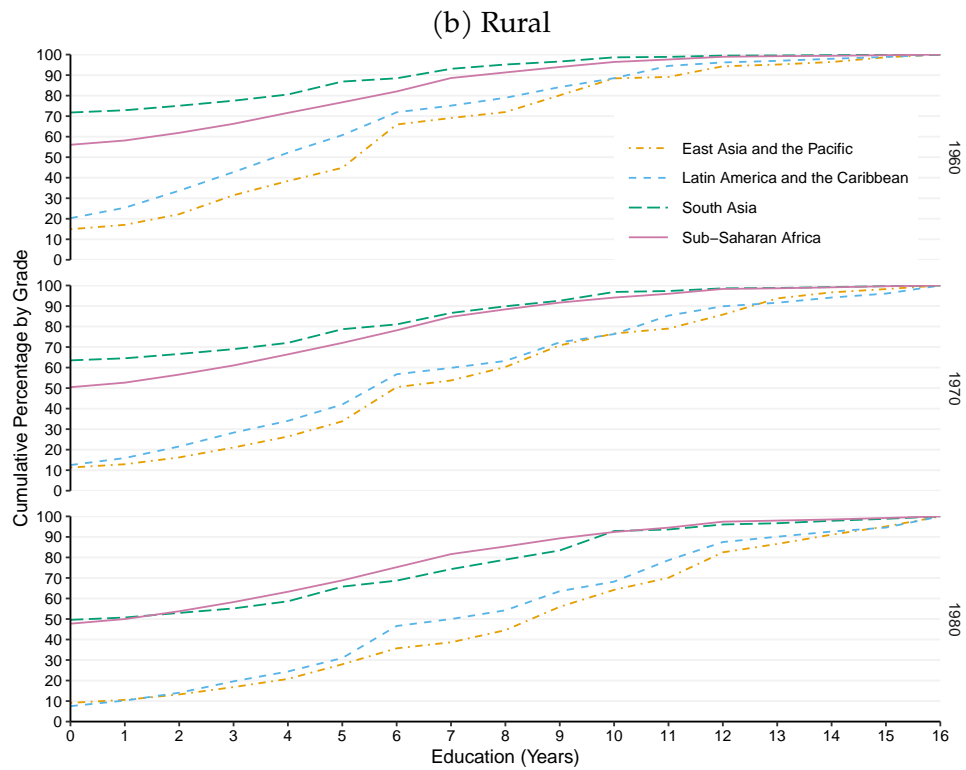
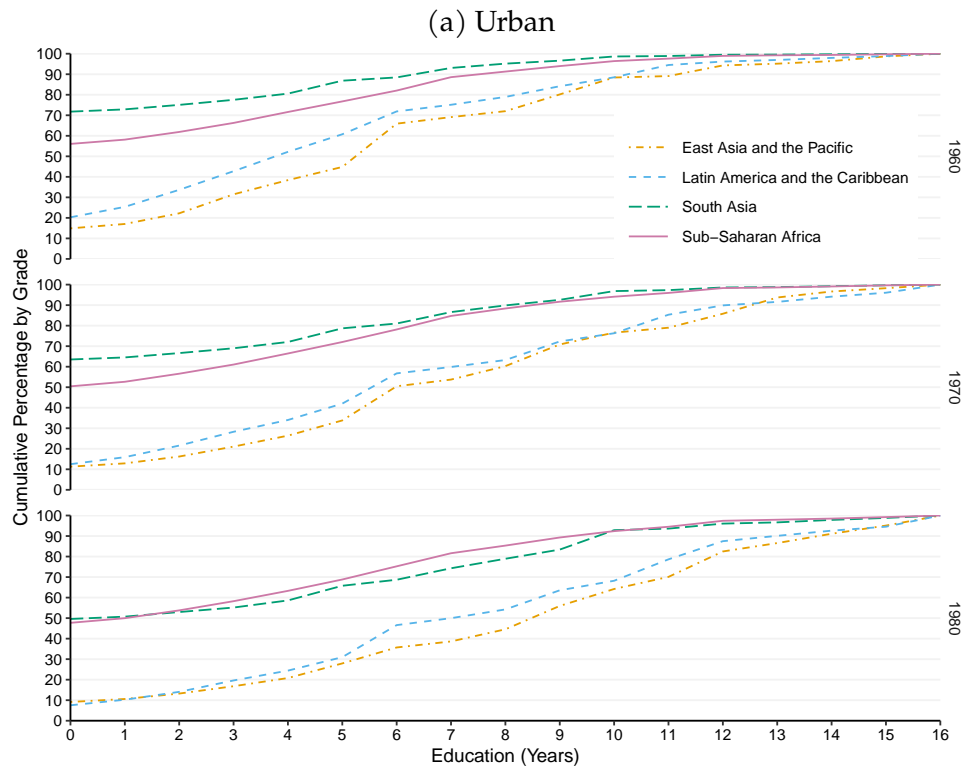


Figure E.2: Distribution of Education for Women Age 30–39 Across Regions by Cohort

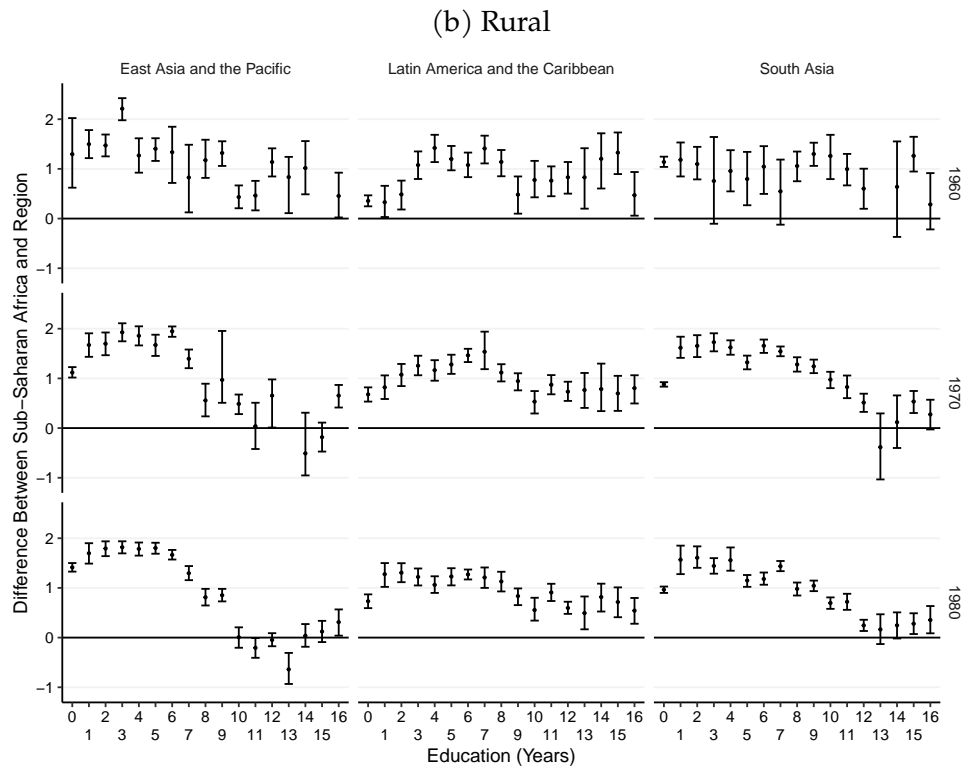
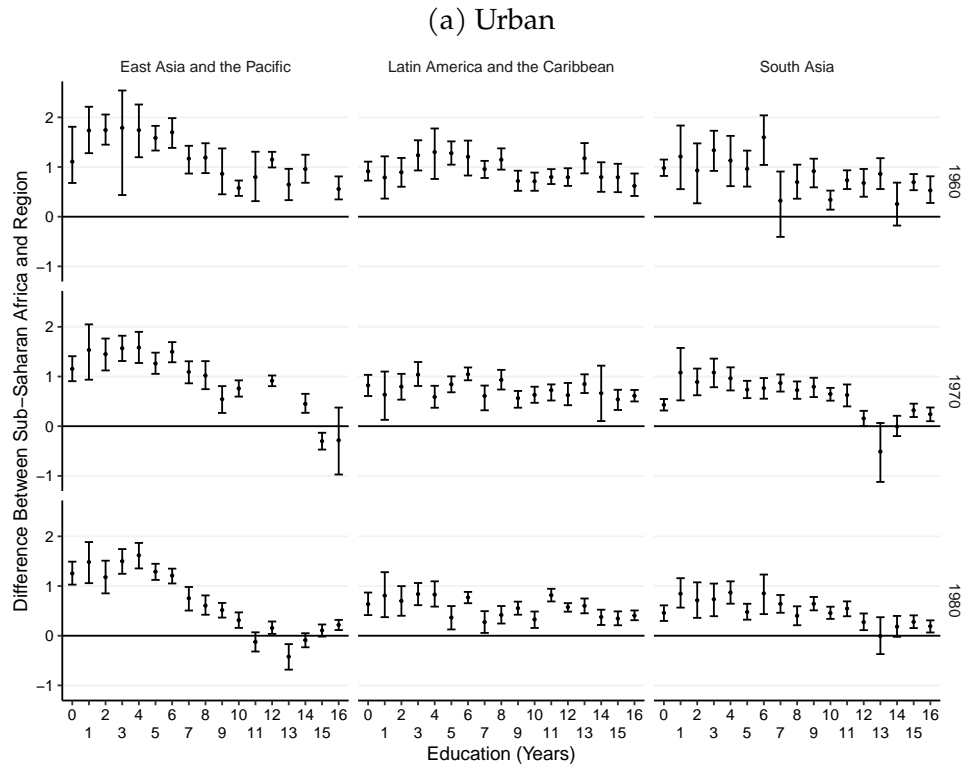
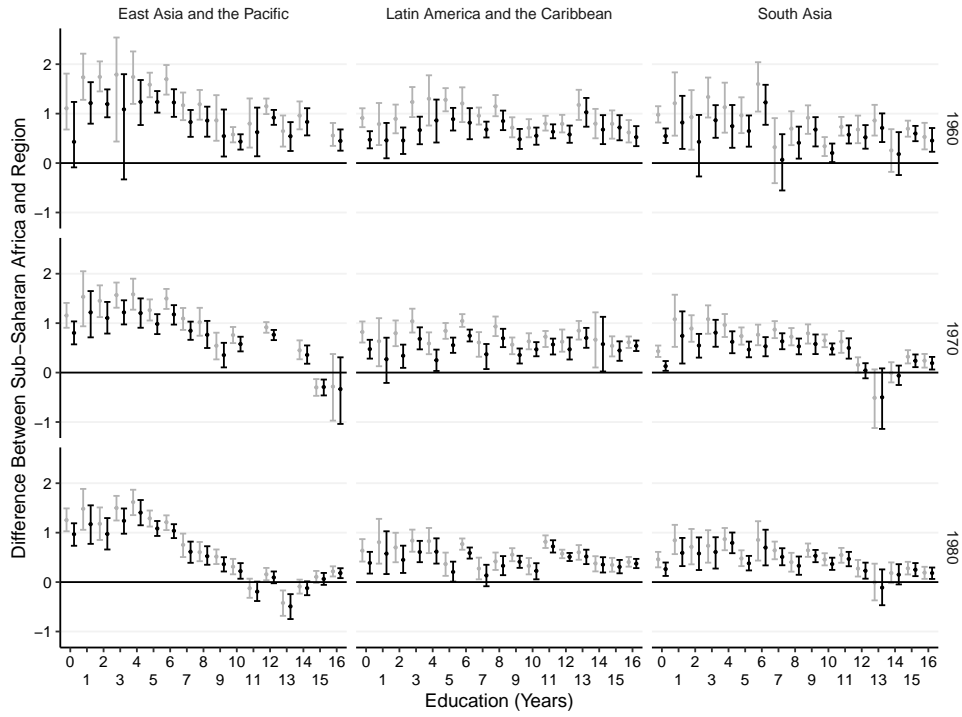


Figure E.3: Differences in Number of Children Ever Born to Sub-Saharan Africa for Women Age 30–39 by Cohort with 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals

(a) Urban



(b) Rural

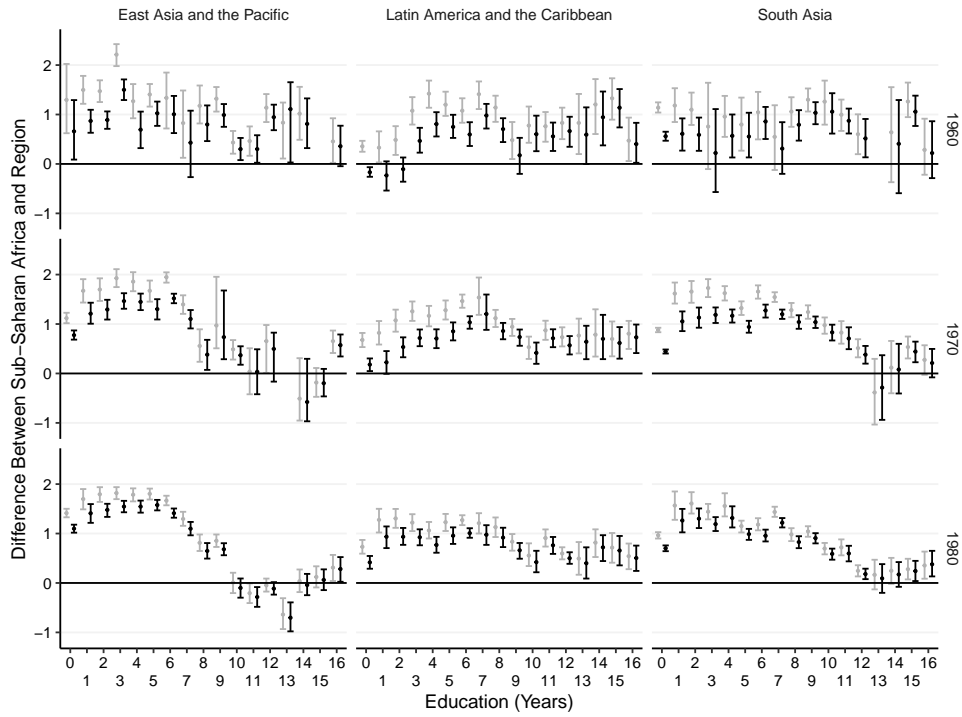


Figure E.4: Differences in Number of Surviving Children to Sub-Saharan Africa for Women Age 30–39 by Cohort with 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals in Blue and Number of Children Ever Born in Grey

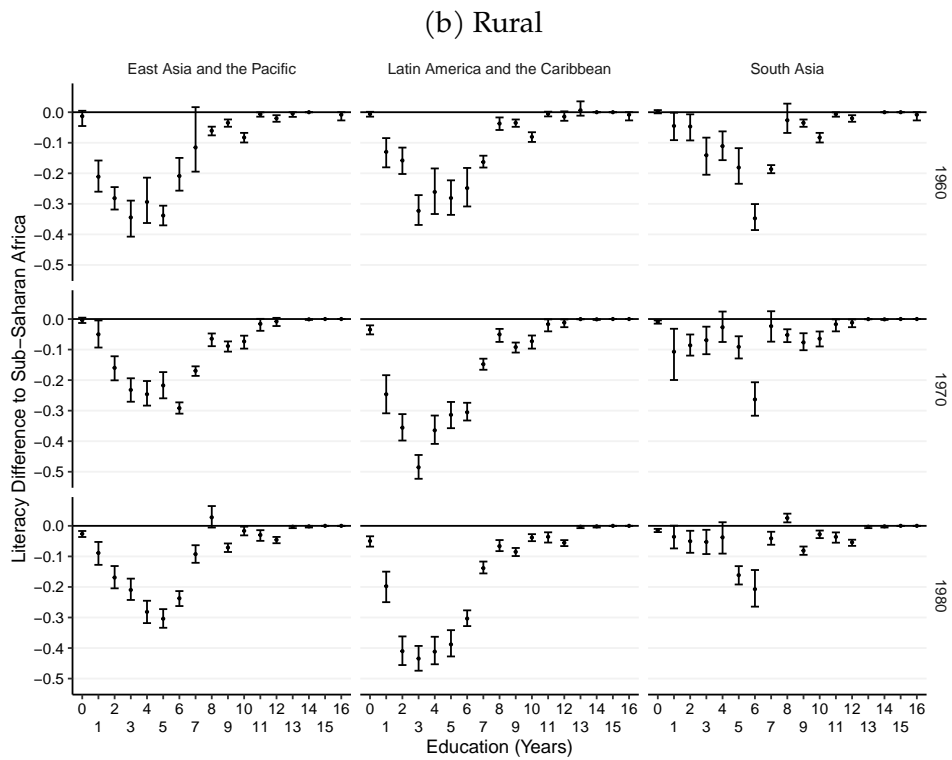
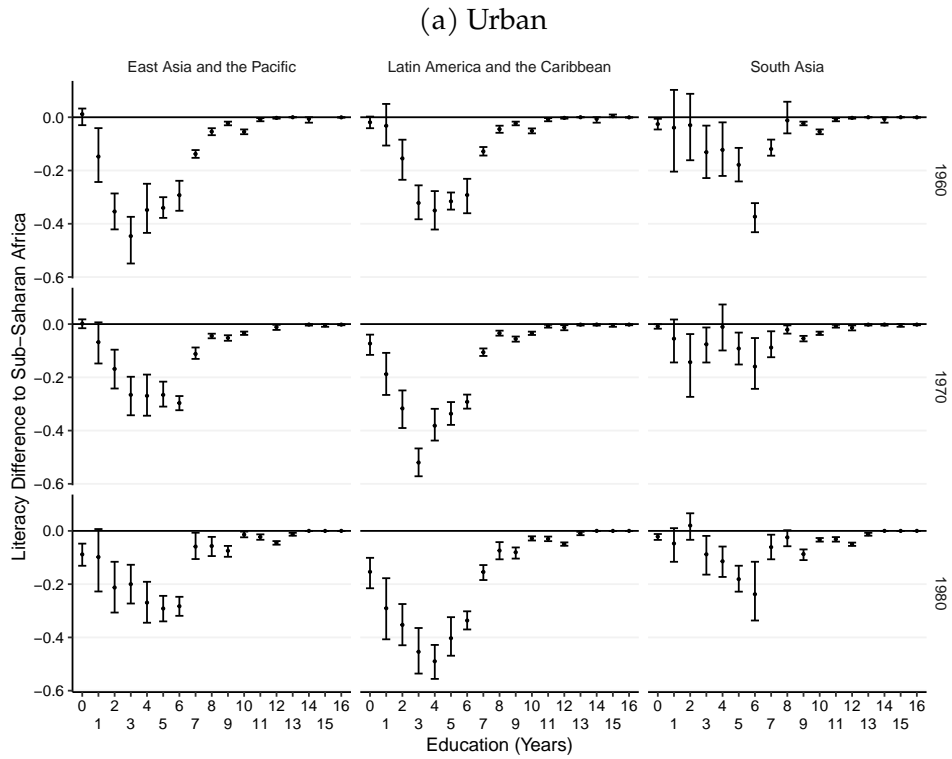


Figure E.5: Differences in Literacy (Tested and Self-Reported) Between Sub-Saharan Africa and Regions for Women Age 30–39 by Cohort with 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals

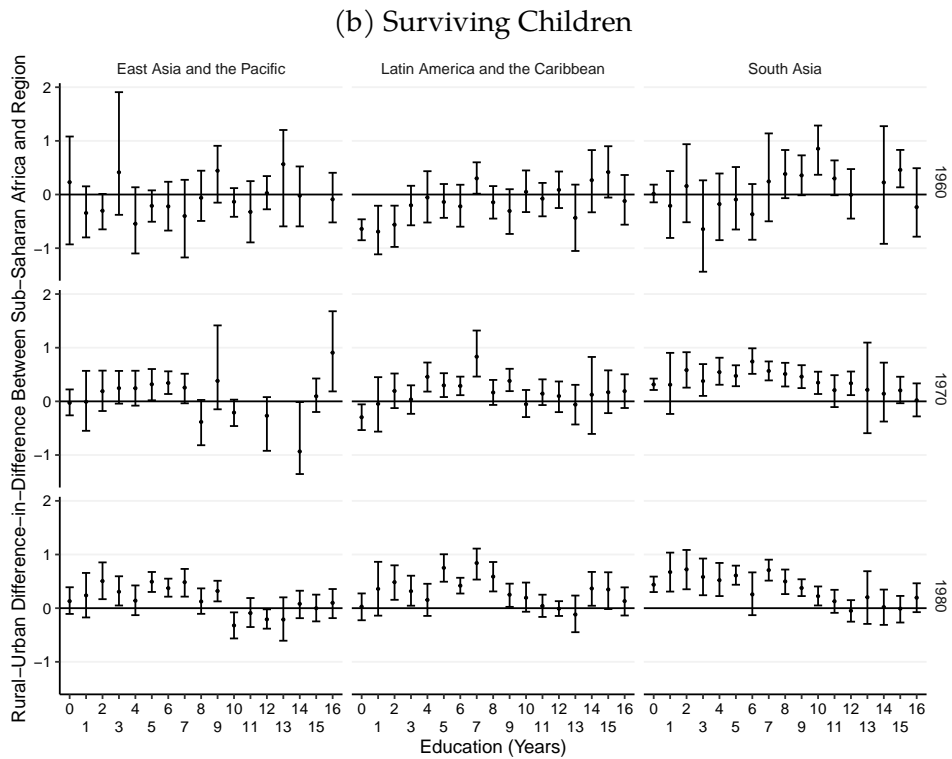
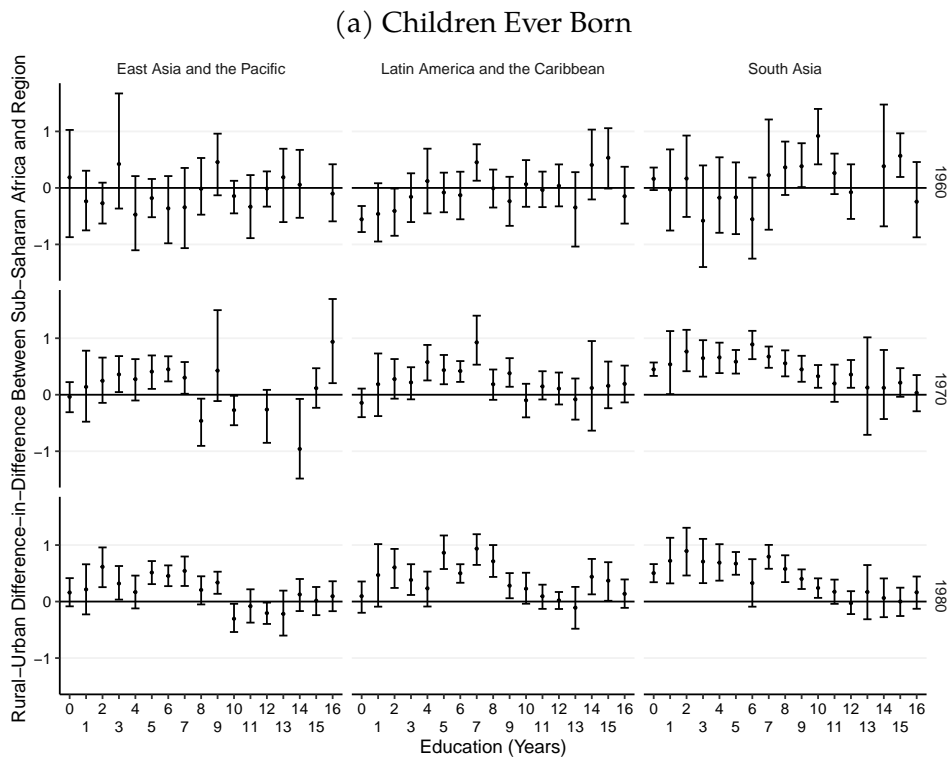


Figure E.6: Difference-in-Difference in Children Ever Born and Surviving Children Between Sub-Saharan Africa and Regions for Women Age 30–39 by Cohort with 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals

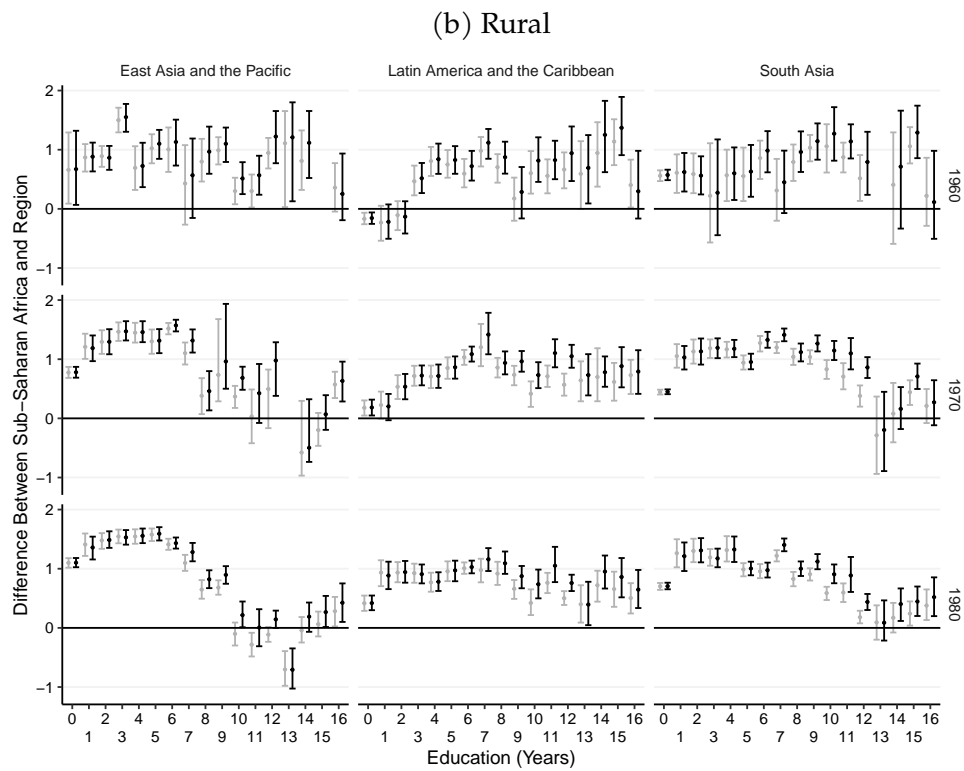
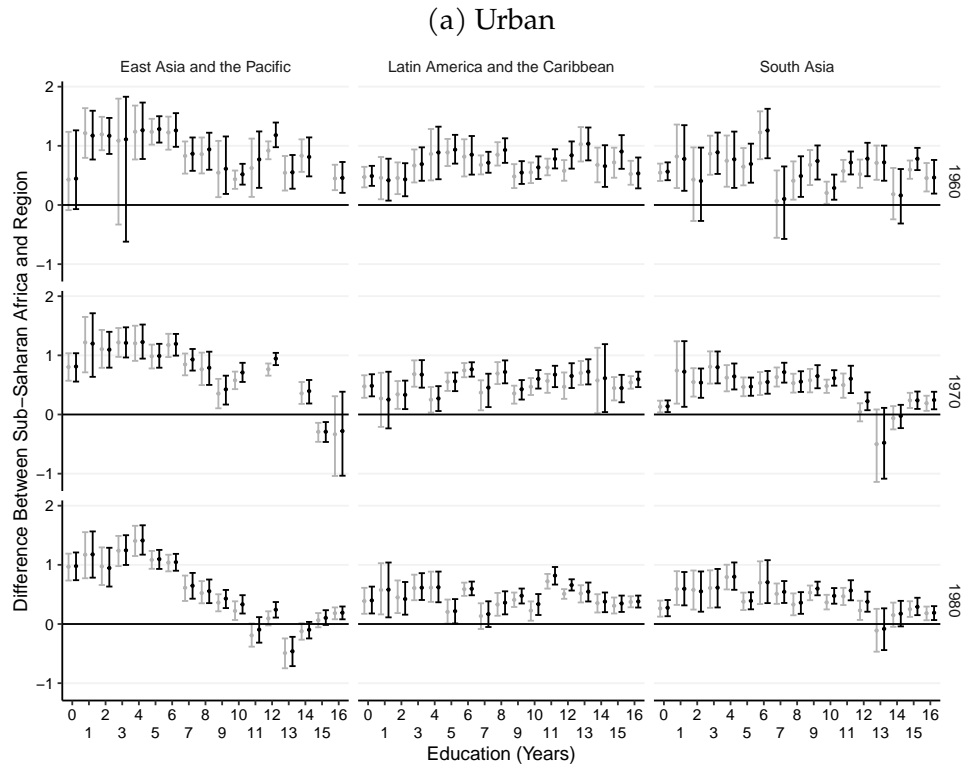


Figure E.7: Compare HIV surviving - Differences in Predicted Fertility to Sub-Saharan Africa for Rural Women Age 30–39 by Cohort with 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals

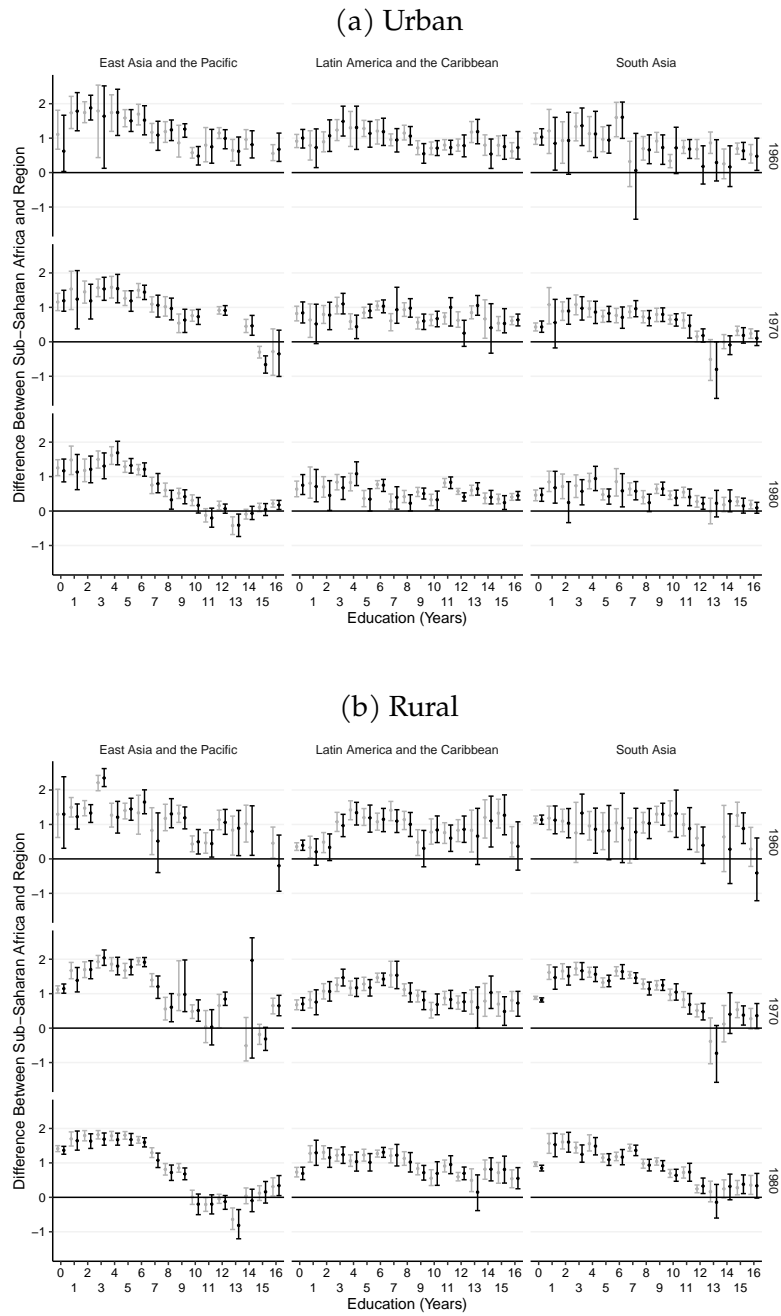


Figure E.8: Differences in Predicted Number of Children Ever Born Based on Number of Sons Born Between Sub-Saharan Africa and Regions by Cohort With 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals in Solid and Number of Children Ever Born in Grey

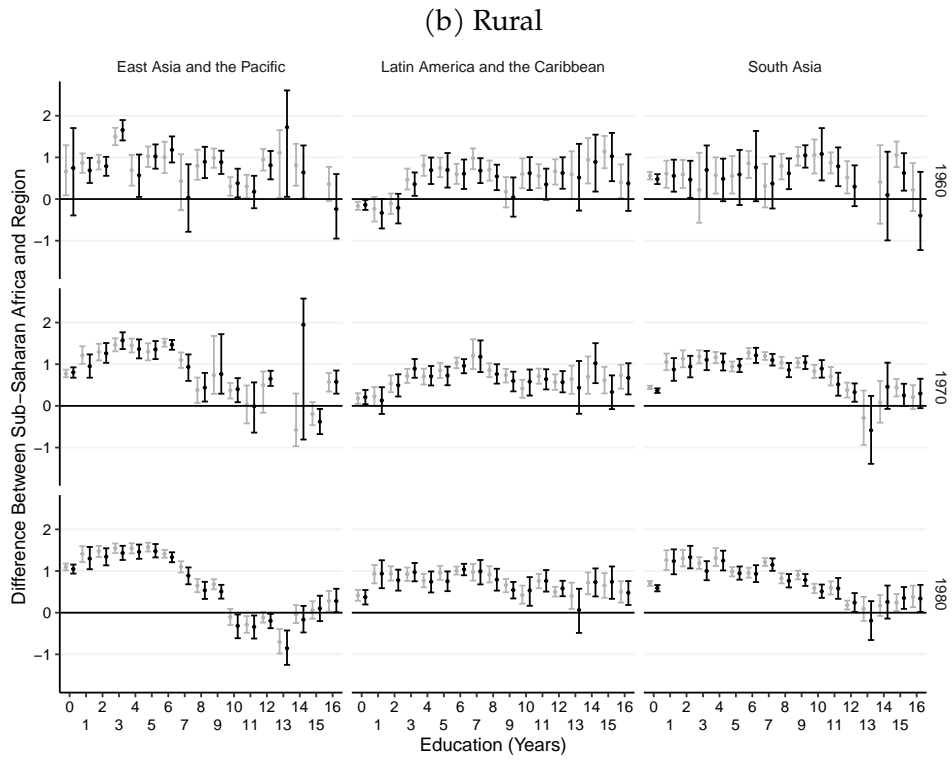
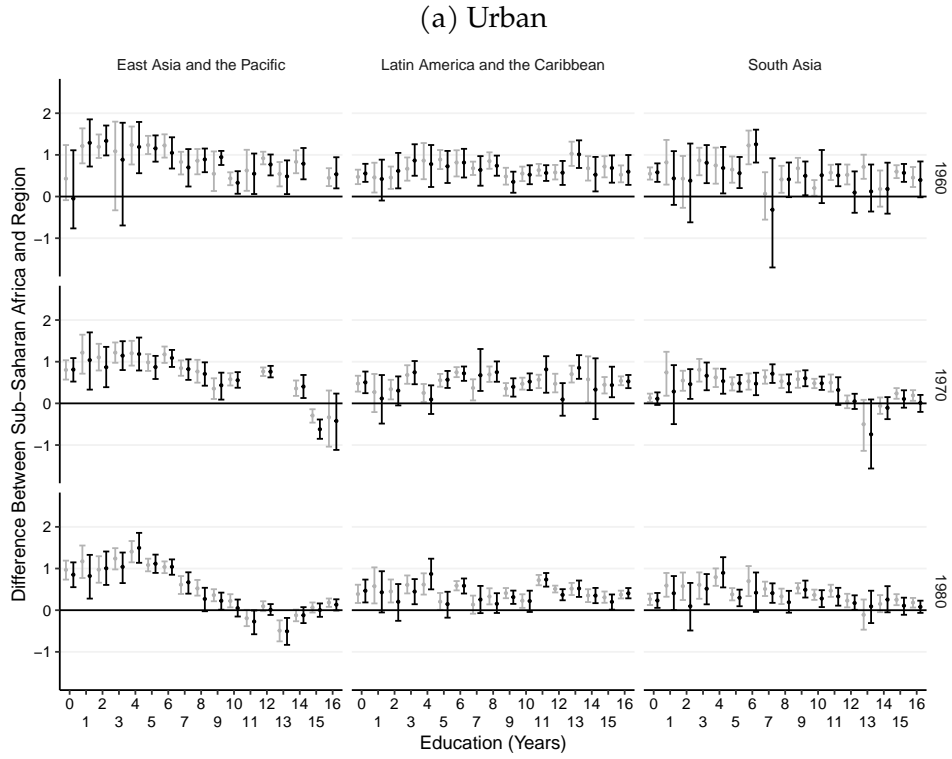
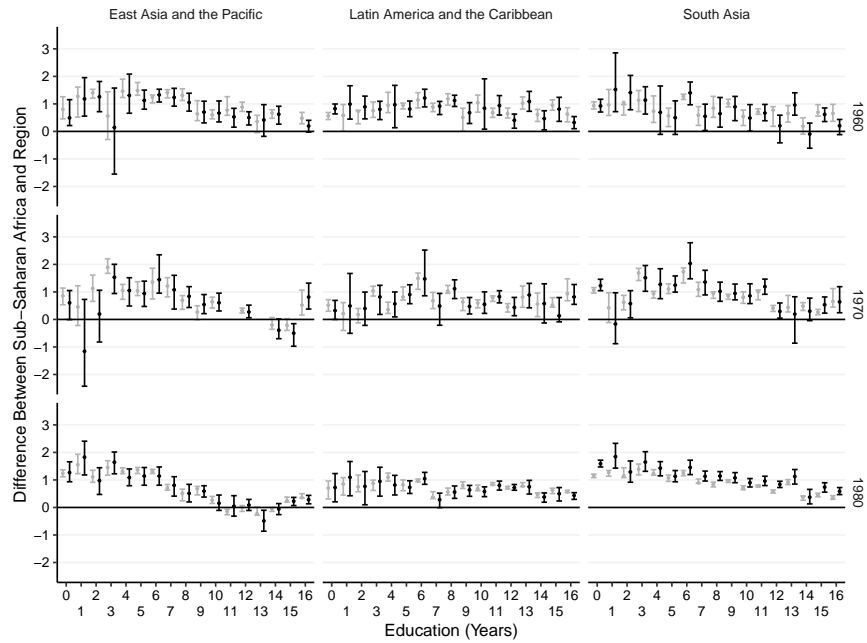


Figure E.9: Differences in Predicted Number of Surviving Children Based on Number of Surviving Sons Between Sub-Saharan Africa and Other Regions by Cohort With 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals in Solid and Number of Children Ever Born in Grey

(a) Mother in Same Type of Survey Area



(b) Mother in Same Type of Survey Area

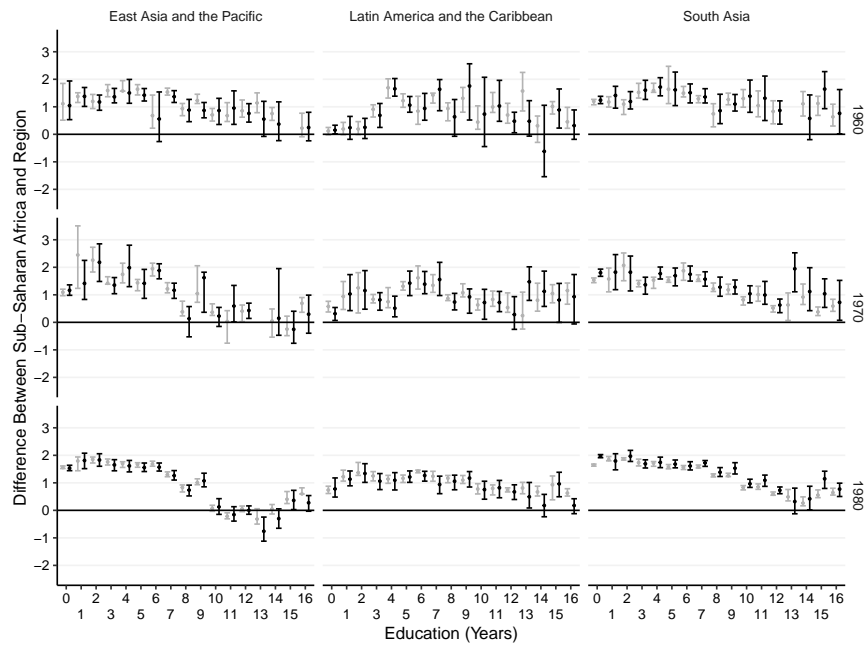
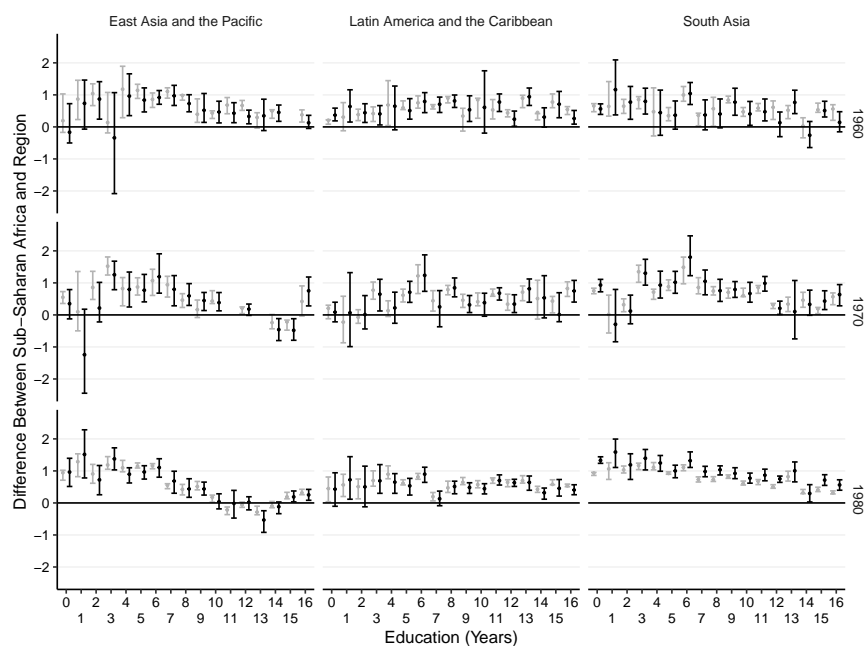


Figure E.10: Differences in Children Ever Born Between Sub-Saharan Africa and Regions for Women Age 30–39, Who are Either Born Where Surveyed or Always Lived in the Same Type of Area, by Cohort with 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals

(a) Born or Last Lived in a Urban Area



(b) Born or Last Lived in a Rural Area

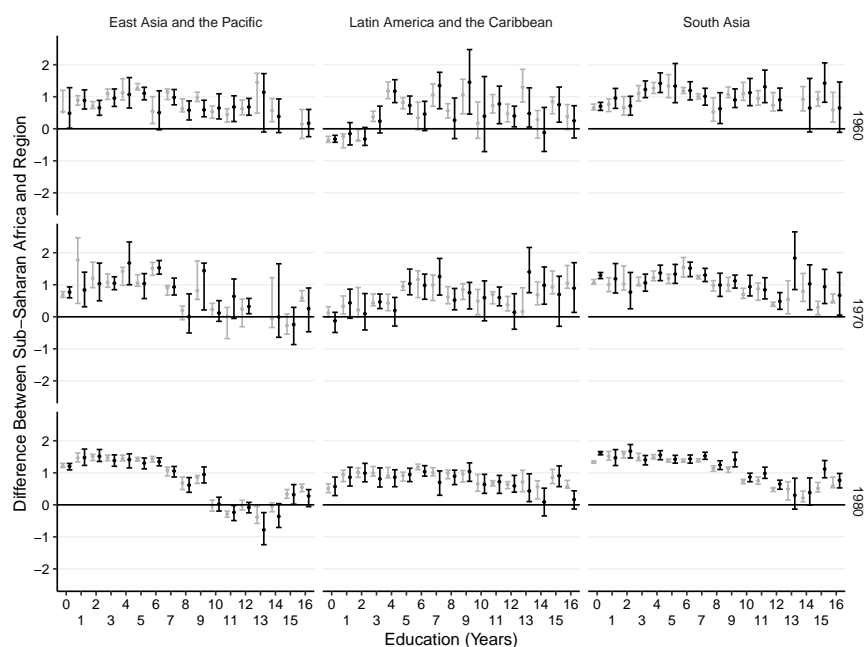


Figure E.11: Differences in Number of Surviving Children Between Sub-Saharan Africa and Regions for Women Age 30–39, Who are Either Born Where Surveyed or Always Lived in the Same Type of Area, by Cohort with 95% Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals

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