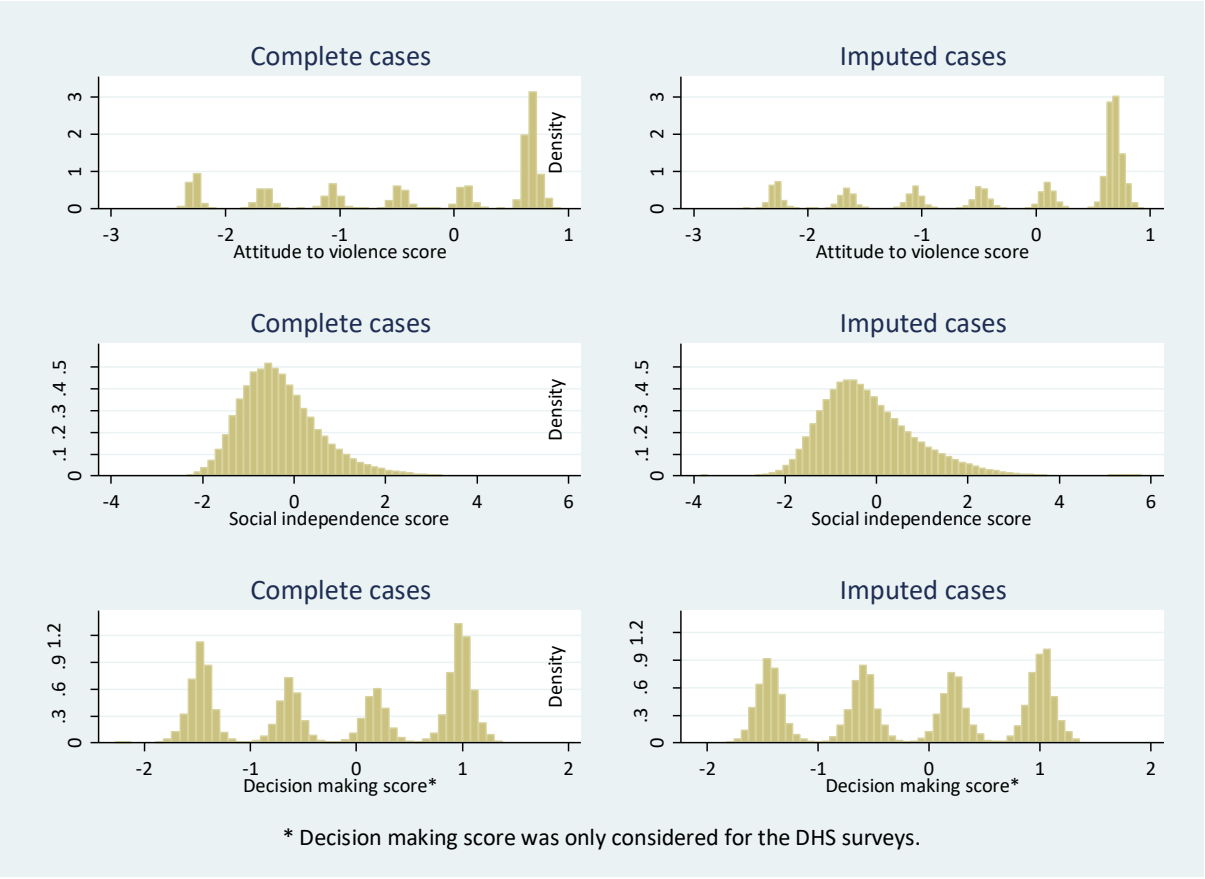
Table S1. Variables used in the development of the survey-based women's empowerment index.

SWPER Domain	Variable	Code or unit
Attitude to violence	Beating NOT justified if: 1. wife goes out without telling husband 2. wife neglects the children 3. wife argues with husband 4. wife refuses to have sex with husband 5. wife burns the food	Yes = -1; Don't know=0[2]; No=1
Social independence	6. Frequency of reading newspaper or magazine	Not at all=0; <once a week=1; ≥once a week=2
	7. Woman education in completed years of schooling	Years
	8. Education difference: woman minus husband completed years of schooling	Years
	9. Age difference: woman age minus husband age	Years
	10. Age at first cohabitation	Years
	11. Age of woman at first birth	Years
Decision making	Who usually decides on: 12. Respondent's health care 13. Large household purchases 14. Visits to family or relatives	Husband or other alone= -1; Respondent alone/ jointly with husband or other=1

Note: Category "Don't know" was set to missing and imputed as yes or no in the multiple imputation process.

Figure S1. Comparison of the SWPER score distribution between complete cases[1] and observations with at least one SWPER item imputed using multiple imputation.



Note: Complete cases are all women with complete information on the 15 items that compose the SWPER Index; imputed cases are the ones with at least one missing item.

Figure S2. Association between *literacy-numeracy* development of the child and the mother's empowerment level for each SWPER global domain. Coefficients are the odds ratios (OR) for a standard deviation increase in the SWPER global score adjusted for wealth.

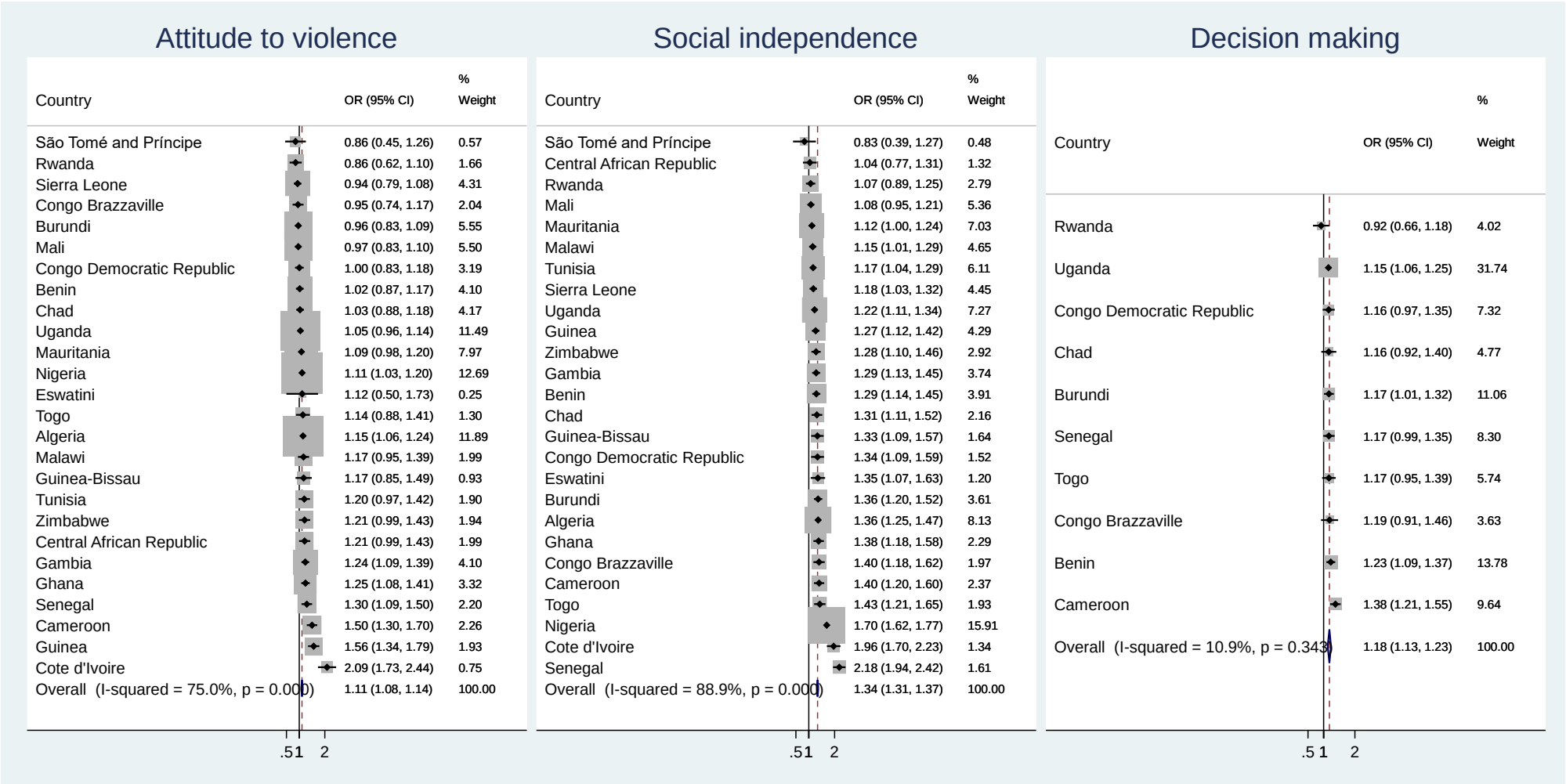


Figure S3. Association between *physical* development of the child and the mother's empowerment level for each SWPER global domain. Coefficients are the odds ratios (OR) for a standard deviation increase in the SWPER global score adjusted for wealth.

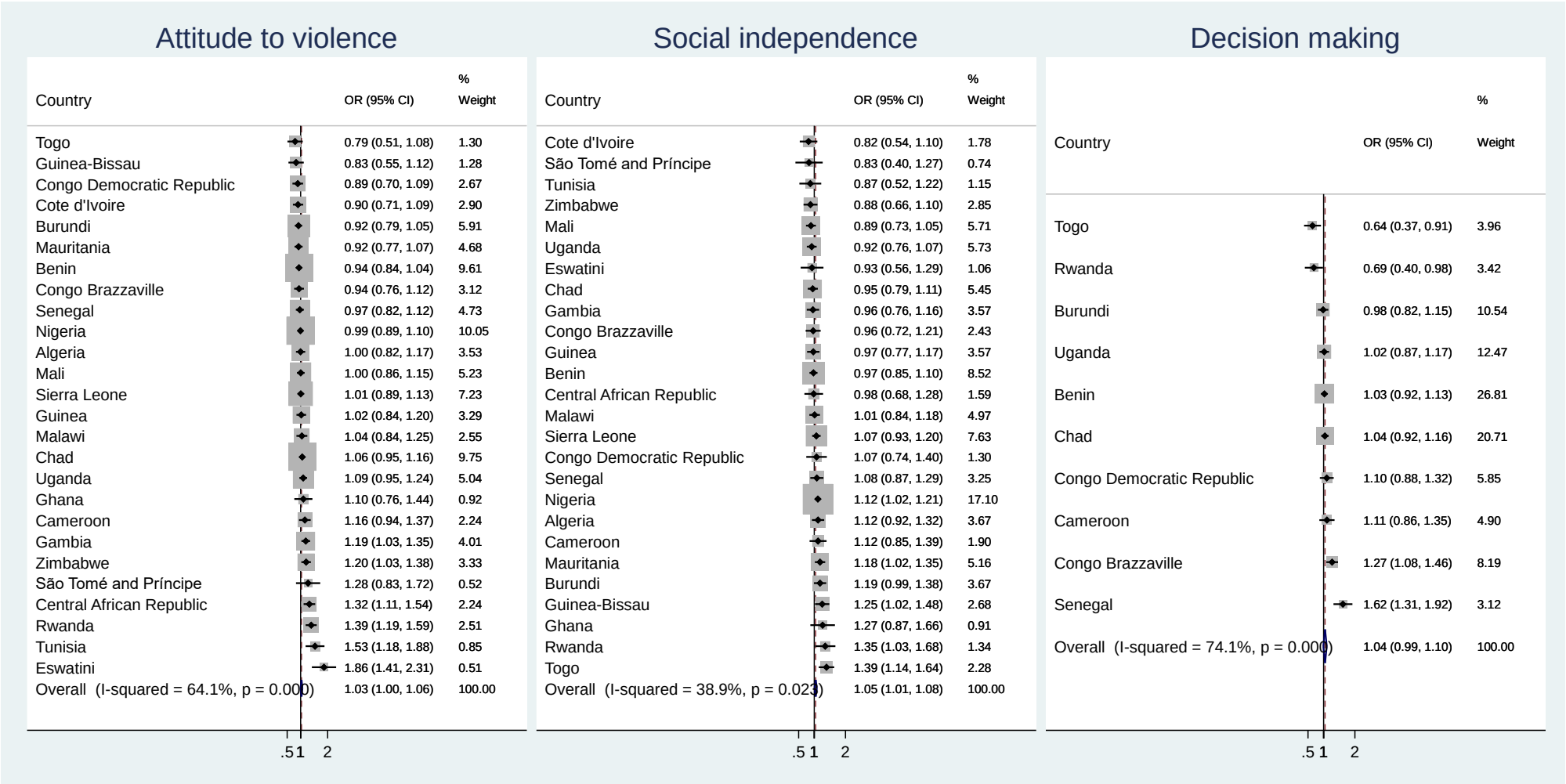


Figure S4. Association between *learning* development of the child and the mother's empowerment level for each SWPER global domain. Coefficients are the odds ratios (OR) for a standard deviation increase in the SWPER global score adjusted for wealth.

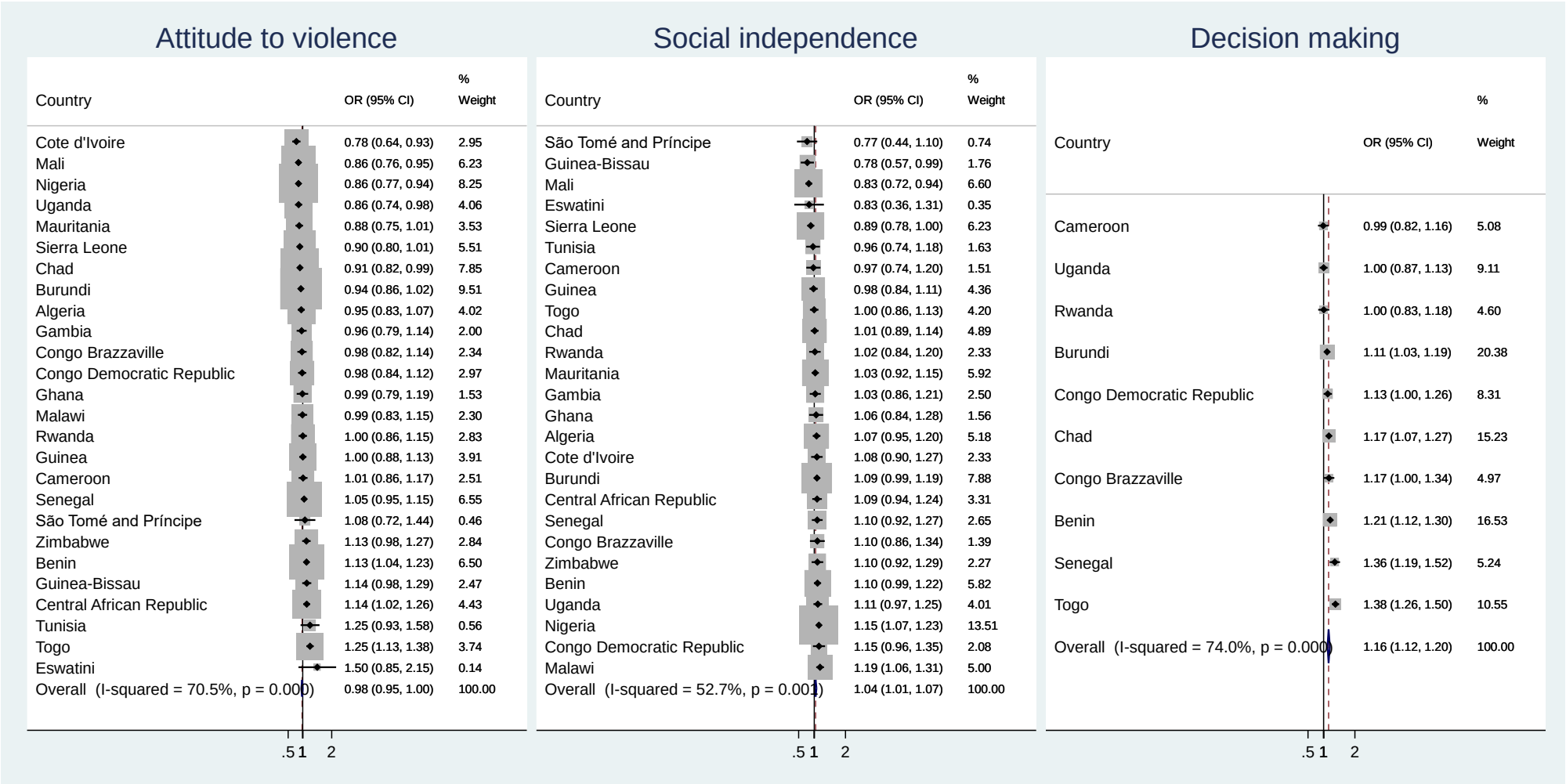


Figure S5. Association between *socio-emotional* development of the child and the mother's empowerment level for each SWPER global domain. Coefficients are the odds ratios (OR) for a standard deviation increase in the SWPER global score adjusted for wealth.

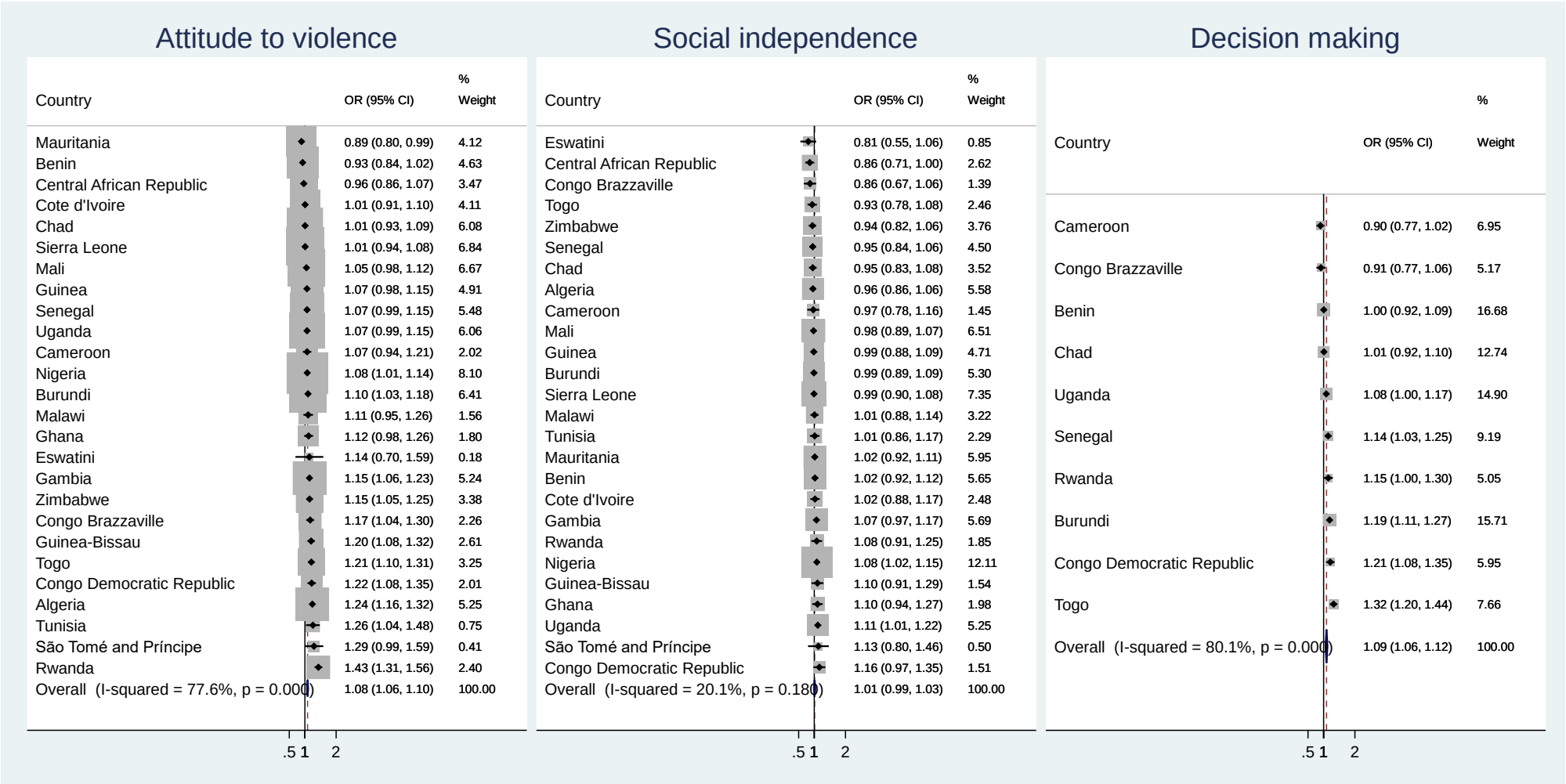


Figure S6. Association between the composite *early childhood development index* and the mother's empowerment level for each SWPER global domain. Coefficients are the crude odds ratios (OR) for a standard deviation increase in the SWPER global score.

Figure S7. Association between the composite *early childhood development index* and the mother's empowerment level for each SWPER global domain. Coefficients are the odds ratios (OR) for a standard deviation increase in the SWPER global score adjusted for wealth.