

Dear User,

You have chosen to download Service Delivery Indicators (SDI) data. The team hopes that you will find the information useful for your work, whether it be research, policymaking, or advocacy. In releasing these data as a Public Use File, we have made two major sets of changes to the data as collected and cleaned.

First, the data have been harmonized to a reference questionnaire, which is the Tanzania 2014 survey. This involved a process of comparing each question in the survey data set to the Tanzania 2014 data set and making any necessary recodes to the survey data set to match that of Tanzania. In some cases, variables were not in the survey data set. They will appear as missing in the data set which you have downloaded; we did not impute missing variables. In a few cases, the survey had variables not in the Tanzania data set; we preserved those for future use. You can identify them by their names. In the case of education, the pupil evaluations were administered in both English and Kiswahili; the latter will not be available in other countries.

The second part of the process of making the data ready for release as a Public Use File is statistical disclosure control, which aims to protect the confidentiality of respondents while also allowing for data release. This is documented in the report which is included with the data set. The process preserves the vast majority of data and should be all that is required for most analyses.

Researchers who feel that they need non-anonymized data should contact sdi@worldbank.org with a statement of research objectives and a rationale for why they require such data. That will start the Research Use File discussion.

We kindly request your feedback on the data and any reports that you may produce from these data. Both will help us to better understand the possible uses and limitations of the data. We will then examine what can be fed into future SDI surveys.

Best regards,
The Service Delivery Indicators team