Additional file 1 Interval-scales and indicators

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| Interval-scale variable | Data Source | Period | Indicators |
| Education | The 5th pillar of the Global Competitiveness Index (GCI),World Economic Forum | 2005-2015 | Quantity of educationSecondary education enrollment, gross %Tertiary education enrollment, gross %Quality of educationQuality of the education systemQuality of math and science educationQuality of management schoolsInternet access in schoolsOn-the-job trainingAvailability of research and training servicesExtent of staff training |
| Governance | The Worldwide Governance Indicator (WGI), World Bank | 2004-2014 | Voice & AccountabilityPolitical Stability and Lack of Violence Government EffectivenessRegulatory QualityRule of LawControl of Corruption. |
| Health System | World Bank | 2004-2014 | Health workforce Density of physicians (per 1000 population)Density of nursing and midwifery personnel (per 1000 population)InfrastructureHospitals Bed (per 1000 population)Health expenditure per capita (current US$) |
| Income inequality | United Nations’ Human Development Index | 2010-2015 | Atkinson’s measure of income inequality |
| Wealth | World Bank  | 2005-2015 | GDP per capita, PPP (constant 2011 international $) |
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