

Table 3 Multicollinearity statistics for independent variable

Characteristics	Bangladesh		Costa Rica		Ghana	
	Tolerance	VIF	Tolerance	VIF	Tolerance	VIF
Child age	0.983	1.018	0.982	1.019	0.988	1.012
Child sex	0.997	1.003	0.985	1.015	0.994	1.006
Residence	0.862	1.160	0.893	1.120	0.730	1.370
Maternal education	0.858	1.166	0.871	1.148	0.771	1.297
Economic status	0.745	1.342	0.775	1.290	0.614	1.629
Child nutritional status	0.973	1.028	0.993	1.007	0.986	1.014
Reading children's books	0.930	1.075	0.865	1.156	0.795	1.258
Maternal functional difficulties	0.997	1.003	0.979	1.022	0.992	1.008

VIF = variance inflation factor.