Notes on Standardized Dataset

- We are always working to improve the quality and accuracy of our data and consider this dataset a work-in-progress. Please be certain to **make sure that you are using the newest possible version** of this dataset as we update it with corrections and additional countries as they become available.

- Wherever possible variables have been matched to the latest standardized questionnaire which is included in this file. As an example, you will not find variables **a4a** or **a4b** in the standardized dataset due to differences across countries and years.

- This dataset does not contain country or region specific questions that may be included in the original datasets.

- Due to methodological changes and evolution of the survey instrument it is not possible to match all variables in the dataset for every country.

- It is recommended that users thoroughly familiarize themselves with the questionnaires from each of the countries contained in the dataset and the original un-standardized data before proceeding with analysis.

- Most surveys conducted after 2006 use stratified sampling and contain weights based on this information. Prior surveys are likely to contain no information regarding weights.

- All surveys included in the standardized dataset follow the global standardized methodology. Please see the methodology page for further details