

Table 2 Bivariate analysis of Early Child Development Index among children aged 36–59 months by selected background characteristics in Bangladesh, Costa Rica and Ghana

Characteristics	Children developmentally on track in at least 3 domains					
	Bangladesh		Costa Rica		Ghana	
	No (%)	Yes (%)	No (%)	Yes (%)	No (%)	Yes (%)
Child Age						
36–47 months	31.2	68.8	15.1	84.9	36.6	63.4
48–59 months	18.8	81.2	13.0	87.0	24.7	75.3
P	< 0.001		< 0.001		< 0.001	
Child Sex						
Male	28.5	71.5	17.4	82.6	34.9	65.1
Female	21.5	78.5	10.5	89.5	27.1	72.9
P	< 0.001		< 0.001		< 0.001	
Residence						
Urban	21.9	78.1	13.3	86.7	19.6	80.4
Rural	26.0	74.0	15.5	84.5	39.2	60.8
P	< 0.001		< 0.001		< 0.05	
Maternal education						
None	31.5	68.5	25.3	74.7	40.0	60.0
Primary	30.6	69.4	17.8	82.2	30.0	70.0
Secondary and above	21.7	78.3	12.6	87.4	12.9	87.1
P	< 0.001		< 0.001		< 0.001	
Economic status						
Poor	30.2	69.8	16.8	83.2	40.7	59.3
Middle	24.6	75.4	17.1	82.9	33.1	66.9
Rich	20.0	80.0	7.1	92.9	17.4	82.6
P	< 0.001		< 0.001		< 0.001	
Child nutritional status						
Severely malnourished	32.3%	67.7	55.6%	44.4	34.1	65.9
Moderately malnourished	27.2	72.8	12.9	87.1	37.7	62.3
Nourished	24.0	76.0	13.0	87.0	30.0	70.0
P	< 0.001		< 0.001		< 0.05	
Reading children's books						
≥ 3	14.3	85.7	8.9	91.1	12.9	87.1
< 3	26.7	73.3	20.2	79.8	33.5	66.5
P	< 0.001		< 0.001		< 0.001	
Maternal functional difficulty						
Yes	36.5	63.5	23.0	77.0	49.5	50.5
No	25.0	75.0	13.4	86.6	29.0	71.0
P	0.001		< 0.001		< 0.001	