Contextual Variables at Country Level 2000-2009

Description of country-level variables used, Source and URL. All URLs were checked November 21, 2011

1. **Life expectancy at birth (years)**
   Full title: Life expectancy by age and sex [demo_mlexpec]
   Source: Eurostat

2. **Educational Index**
   Full title: Combined gross enrolment ratio in education (both sexes)
   Source: Human Development Reports

3. **Primary education, duration (in years)**
   Full title: Primary education, duration (years)
   Source: Worldbank
   URL: http://databank.worldbank.org/ddp/home.do?Step=2&id=4&hActiveDimensionId=WDI_Series

4. **Secondary education, duration (in years)**
   Full title: Secondary education, duration (years)
   Source: Worldbank
   URL: http://databank.worldbank.org/ddp/home.do?Step=2&id=4&hActiveDimensionId=WDI_Series

5. **Urbanization (Urban Population, % of total)**
   Full Title: Urban Population (% of total)
   Source: Worldbank
   URL: http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.URB.TOTL.IN.ZS
6. **Employment (Labor force, % of total)**

Full title: Labor force, total

Source: Worldbank

URL: [http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SL.TLF.TOTL.IN](http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SL.TLF.TOTL.IN)

7. **Gini coefficient**

Full title: Gini coefficient

Standard economic measure of income inequality, based on Lorenz Curve. A society that scores 0.0 on the Gini scale has perfect equality in income distribution. The higher number over 0 higher the inequality, and the score of 1.0 (or 100) indicates total inequality where only one person corners all the income. (Source: SILC)

Source: Eurostat


8. **GDP (Gross Domestic Product) Growth**

Full title: GDP growth (annual %)

Source: Worldbank


9. **Inflation (consumer prices yearly)**

Full title: Inflation, consumer prices (annual %)

Source: Worldbank


Sources were: Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union with a task of providing statistics at European level that enable comparisons between countries and regions.

The World Bank, which is a source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries around the world and offers – among other things – access to high quality national and international statistics.

The Human Development Report, which is an independent publication commissioned by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).