

Characterizing developing executive functions in the first 1000 days in South Africa and Malawi: The Khula Study

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Appendix 1

Life Events Questionnaire

Event	South Africa (<i>n</i> = 393)				Malawi (<i>n</i> = 407)			
	Lifetime Frequency		Past 12-Months		Lifetime Frequency		Past 12-Months	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1 Serious illness/injury	75	19.08	12	4.07	54	13.27	12	2.95
2 Serious physical attack/assault	52	13.23	12	3.56	14	3.44	5	1.23
3 Robbed or home burgled	156	39.69	46	12.72	33	8.11	10	2.46
4 Something valuable being stolen or lost	153	38.93	67	18.58	90	22.11	47	11.55
5 Death of anyone close	275	69.97	97	28.75	191	46.93	96	23.59
6 A separation from spouse or partner because of marital difficulties	110	27.99	40	12.47	62	15.23	21	5.16
7 The break-up of any other close relationship	120	30.53	53	14.25	69	16.95	32	7.86
8 Being fired from job	38	9.67	14	3.56	33	8.11	14	3.44
9 Retiring from a job when did not want to	59	15.01	21	5.85	16	3.93	5	1.23
10 Losing job for some other reason	39	9.92	11	3.31	28	6.88	12	2.95
11 Unsuccessfully searching for a new job for more than one month	220	55.98	106	29.77	78	19.16	41	10.07
12 Been in a major financial crisis	91	23.16	58	16.03	177	43.49	148	36.36
13 Problems with the police	14	3.56	4	1.78	7	1.72	4	0.98
14 Someone close have a serious illness, injury, attack, or assault	91	23.16	48	13.49	45	11.06	20	4.91
15 Had serious ongoing disagreements with any family members	84	21.37	48	13.74	54	13.27	44	10.81
16 Had serious ongoing disagreements with any close friend	66	16.79	43	11.7	44	10.81	41	10.07
17 Had serious ongoing disagreements with anyone at work	31	7.89	21	5.6	7	1.72	5	1.23
18 Serious problems at work	13	3.31	6	1.53	5	1.23	2	0.49
19 A natural disaster (such as a flood, hurricane, tornado, earthquake)	22	5.6	16	4.33	35	8.6	18	4.42
20 Chronic health problems or a life-threatening illness	90	22.9	23	7.63	8	1.97	3	0.74
21 Military combat or in military service in a war zone	1	0.25	0	0	1	0.25	0	0
22 Living in a neighbourhood that felt was unsafe	114	29.01	70	19.59	16	3.93	6	1.47
23 Murder of a close friend or relative	72	18.32	28	7.63	14	3.44	8	1.97
24 Unexpected loss of a confidant/loved one	174	44.27	60	16.28	59	14.5	36	8.85
25 Child(ren) had a life- threatening injury or illness	33	8.4	11	3.31	24	5.9	8	1.97
26 Abandonment by a partner, or divorce	83	21.12	26	7.89	68	16.71	25	6.14
27 Attacked with a gun, knife, or other weapon by intimate partner	18	4.58	6	1.78	4	0.98	2	0.49
28 Attacked without a weapon by an intimate partner	58	14.76	22	5.85	3	0.74	3	0.74
29 Attacked with a weapon by someone not an intimate partner	43	10.94	3	1.02	3	0.74	2	0.49
30 Attacked without a weapon by someone not an intimate partner	29	7.38	9	2.29	3	0.74	2	0.49
31 Sexually assaulted or raped	22	5.6	5	1.27	1	0.25	1	0.25
32 Stalked	24	6.11	9	2.8	80	19.66	45	11.06
33 An unplanned or unwanted pregnancy	139	35.37	103	28.5	122	29.98	78	19.16

34	Caring for children other than own because parents were unable	77	19.59	39	11.45	75	18.43	36	8.85
35	Own child(ren) raised by others because you were unable to	55	13.99	29	9.41	31	7.62	17	4.18
36	Job loss of a person that your household depended on	110	27.99	52	13.49	35	8.6	16	3.93
37	Failure or bankruptcy of a family business	22	5.6	11	2.8	169	41.52	123	30.22
38	Having inadequate financial resources to support family	167	42.49	113	30.28	122	29.98	99	24.32
39	Being homeless; living in a shelter or on the streets	4	1.02	1	0.25	2	0.49	0	0
40	Being homeless with temporary or unplanned housing	22	5.6	7	2.04	8	1.97	6	1.47
41	Being evicted from your home; or losing your home/land	24	6.11	10	2.8	7	1.72	3	0.74
42	Family member been in prison/jail	55	13.99	11	3.05	25	6.14	12	2.95
43	Witnessed family/friend being attacked with a weapon	40	10.18	13	3.56	5	1.23	2	0.49
44	Witnessed family/friend being attacked without a weapon	52	13.23	21	5.34	11	2.7	4	0.98
45	Witnessed someone not family/friend attacked with a weapon	105	26.72	69	18.32	5	1.23	3	0.74
46	Witnessed someone not family/friend attacked without a weapon	117	29.77	78	20.1	7	1.72	3	0.74
47	Witness violence between your parents or caregivers as a child	55	13.99	2	0.51	26	6.39	2	0.49
48	Abused as a child	24	6.11	0	0	28	6.88	0	0
49	Injured/killed another person (including against significant other)	4	1.02	2	0.51	1	0.25	0	0