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**Table 3. Country Ranking of Selected HI Indicators**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Literacy (a)</th>
<th>Health access to attention (a)</th>
<th>Share of white collar in group EAP</th>
<th>Extreme poverty (a)</th>
<th>Poverty (a)</th>
<th>Most frequent ranking</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bolivia</td>
<td>2 (0.8)</td>
<td>2 (0.8)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3 (2.7)</td>
<td>1 (1.1)</td>
<td>2 (3 times out of 5)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Guatemala</td>
<td>3 (0.7)</td>
<td>3 (0.7)</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2 (4.1)</td>
<td>3 (1.7)</td>
<td>3 (4 times out of 5)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Peru</td>
<td>1 (0.9)</td>
<td>1 (0.9)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3 (4.4)</td>
<td>2 (1.4)</td>
<td>1 (3 times out of 5)</td>
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(a) Ratio of indigenous to non-indigenous shown in parenthesis.

Table 4. Indicators of Horizontal Inequality across the CRISE Countries

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Most recent year</th>
<th>HI in Women’s education (a)</th>
<th>HI in child mortality (b)</th>
<th>Wealth indicator (c)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bolivia (1998)</td>
<td>2.69</td>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>6.61</td>
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<td>Guatemala (1998)</td>
<td>3.07</td>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>3.79</td>
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<td>Ghana (2003)</td>
<td>2.39</td>
<td>1.44</td>
<td>4.39</td>
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<td>Ivory Coast (1999)</td>
<td>2.65</td>
<td>1.12</td>
<td>1.78 (1994)</td>
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<td>Nigeria (2003)</td>
<td>3.57</td>
<td>1.66</td>
<td>2.71</td>
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<td>Indonesia (1995)</td>
<td>2.25 (1990; see fn. 11)</td>
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<td>Malaysia (1990)</td>
<td>2.3</td>
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(a) Ratio between average group values for each country. The lower the value the greater the inequality.
(b) Ratio between average group values. The higher the value the greater the inequality.
(c) This is a composite index of ownership of assets and quality of living quarters (e.g. radio, TV, telephone, bicycle, motor cycle, water supply). We are giving the ratio of two ratios: (i) the ratio between the proportion of people from each group belonging to the bottom quintile and (ii) the ratio between the proportion from each group belonging to the top quintile. The higher the figure, the greater the inequality.


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