Codebook: Variables and corresponding SHARE questions

This codebook lists all variables used in the analysis and the SHARE/SHARELIFE questions (item codes) from which they are constructed. Waves: SHARE Wave 8 (outcomes, controls), SHARELIFE Waves 3/7 (childhood relationship).

Variable	SHARE code(s)	Coding / construction
OUTCOME VARIABLES		
Any care	sp008_, sp009_1–sp009_3	1 if respondent helped a (step)parent outside the household in the last twelve months; 0 otherwise
Daily care	sp008_, sp009_1–sp009_3, sp011_1–sp011_3	1 if help to a (step)parent was provided almost daily in the last twelve months; 0 otherwise
CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONDENTS		
Age group	dn003_ (year of birth; age in 2020)	Categories: 50–54, 55–59, 60–64 (base), 65–69, 70–74, 75–79, 80+
Welfare regime	country	1 Social Democratic, 2 Mediterranean (base), 3 Eastern European, 4 Continental
Education	isced1997_r	1 Low (primary or less), 2 Middle (base), 3 High
In poor health	sphus	1 if self-rated health is poor; 0 otherwise
Employed	ep005_	1 if employed; 0 otherwise
Sibling	dn036_, dn037_	1 if has a living brother/sister; 0 otherwise
Married	dn014_	1 if married and living with spouse, or living with a partner; 0 otherwise
Female	dn042_	1 if woman; 0 otherwise
Household can cover unexpected expenses	co206_	1 if household can cover unexpected expenses without borrowing; 0 otherwise. Answered by the household respondent; copied to other household members
Distance to parent(s)	dn030_1, dn030_2	1 same building, 2 up to 5 km, 3 more than 5 km away (base); distance to the closest parent
CHARACTERISTICS OF PARENTS		
Poor health parent(s)	dn033_1, dn033_2	1 if any parent in poor health; 0 otherwise
Both alive	dn026_1, dn026_2	1 if both parents alive; 0 otherwise
POSSIBLE MOTIVATORS		
Childhood relationship	cc722_1, cc722_2 (SHARELIFE)	Average of ratings for mother and father (scale reversed so higher = better); categories: 1 Poor/Fair (base), 2 Good, 3 Very

		good, 4 Excellent; single parent's rating used if only one available
Gift 250€ to parents	ft003_1–ft003_3	1 if financial gift ≥ 250€ given to parents in the last twelve months; 0 otherwise
Gift 250€ from parents	ft010_1–ft010_3	1 if financial gift ≥ 250€ received from parents in the last twelve months; 0 otherwise
Help from parents	sp003_1–sp003_3	1 if received time-consuming help from parents in the last twelve months; 0 otherwise
Close with parents	sn005_1–sn005_7, sn009_1–sn009_7	1 if very or extremely emotionally close to parents; 0 otherwise
OTHER		
Country fixed effects	country	Country indicators
Survey weight	cciw_w8_main	SHARE calibrated cross-sectional individual weight, Wave 8