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| **Table 4. Child maintenance and poverty (based on income after housing costs) by scenario for each of the four countries** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | UK | | US | | | AU | | | NZ | |
| ***Mary has no earnings (Scenarios A-D)*** |  |  | | |  | | |  | | |
| 1. Is Mary in poverty with various levels of CM? | | |
| * No CM (Scenario A) | | | Yes | | | | Yes | | | Yes | | | Yes | |
| * Low CM (Scenario B) | | | Yes | | | | Yes | | | Yes | | | Yes | |
| * Moderate CM (Scenario C) | | | Yes | | | | Yes | | | Yes | | | Yes | |
| * High CM (Scenario D) | | | Yes | | | | Yes | | | Yes | | | Yes | |
| 2. Decline in Mary’s poverty gap for every dollar of CM | | |  | | | |  | | |  | | |  | |
| * Low CM (Scenario B) | | | $1.00 | | | | $0.30 | | | $1.00 | | | 0 | |
| * Moderate CM (Scenario C) | | | $1.00 | | | | $0.30 | | | $0.73 | | | 0 | |
| * High CM (Scenario D) | | | $1.00 | | | | $0.30 | | | $0.59 | | | 0 | |
| ***Mary has part-time earnings (Scenarios E-G)*** | | |  | | | |  | | |  | | |  | |
| 3. Is Mary in poverty with various levels of CM? | | |  | | | |  | | |  | | |  | |
| * No CM (Scenario E) | | | Yes | | | | Yes | | | Yes | | | Yes | |
| * Moderate CM (Scenario F) | | | Yes | | | | Yes | | | Yes | | | Yes | |
| * High CM (Scenario G) | | | No | | | | Yes | | | Yes | | | Yes | |
| 4. Decline in Mary’s poverty gap for every dollar of CM | | |  | | | |  | | |  | | |  | |
| * Moderate CM (Scenario F) | | | $1.00 | | | | $0.43 | | | $0.73 | | | 0 | |
| * High CM (Scenario G) | | | $1.00\* | | | | $0.51 | | | $0.59 | | | 0 | |
| ***Mary has low-wage full-time earnings (Scenarios H-J****)* | | |  | | | |  | | |  | | |  | |
| 5. Is Mary in poverty with various levels of CM? | | |  | | | |  | | |  | | |  | |
| * No CM (Scenario H) | | | Yes | | | | Yes | | | Yes | | | Yes | |
| * Moderate CM (Scenario I) | | | No | | | | Yes | | | No | | | Yes | |
| * High CM (Scenario J) | | | No | | | | Yes | | | No | | | Yes | |
| 6. Decline in Mary’s poverty gap for every dollar of CM | | |  | | | |  | | |  | | |  | |
| * Moderate CM (Scenario I) | | | $1.00\* | | | | $0.71 | | | $0.73\* | | | $0.75 | |
| * High CM (Scenario J) | | | $1.00\* | | | | $0.71 | | | $0.59\* | | | $0.72 | |
| *Notes*: CM = child maintenance in Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) adjusted US dollars for 2014. See text/tables for definitions of scenarios and poverty.  *Source*: Authors’ calculations using given earnings levels and each country’s policies.  \* Some or all of the child maintenance is not decreasing the poverty gap because Mary moves out of poverty | | | | | | | | | | | | | |