**DHS Questionnaire Review**

**Individual Women’s Questionnaire**

In the Nutrition Section:

* After asking Q457, **add a new Q458**: “Was (NAME) ever given water or anything else to drink or eat other than breast milk?”

Possible answers: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No (if answer is NO, no need to ask Q459).

* **Add a new Q459**: “How many months old was (NAME) when you first started giving him/her any food or liquid other than breastmilk? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Months.

Justification: Exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months of life is the key preventive strategy to save lives of children under five. The Aquino administration expanded the “Garantisadong Pambata” program that includes promotion of early and exclusive breastfeeding. The program seeks to reduce infant and child morbidity and mortality which is in line with the achievement of millennium development goals 1 (eradicate extreme hunger and poverty) and 4 (reduce child mortality). It also aims to provide access to health care for all children including those living in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas. This information will help policy-makers in the Philippines monitor the progress of the intervention and identify areas that need improvement.