
Subject: Parental Survival Histories

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We suggest collecting parental life histories in the "Maternal and adult mortality" module, and by adding questions on the survival, years of death and ages at death of parents.

The DHS questionnaire also makes it possible to estimate adult mortality from questions on the survival and residence of parents. Proportions of non-orphans classified by age can be converted into probabilities of dying through standard demographic techniques [1-5]. However, this question is currently restricted to children up to age 17 in DHS, which greatly limits its use for mortality estimation. The collect of such information on adults would enable to complement estimates from sibling histories, especially for older ages not well covered through sibling histories. Worldwide most deaths occur at age over 50, and DHS sibling histories do not provide sufficient information on mortality at older ages.

[see attached submission template for details]

File Attachments

1) [Orphanhood_Template+for+Requests_DHS-8_2019-03_UNPD.pdf](#),
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