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Subject: Philippines Migration and OFW  
Posted by [bkuang](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2014 19:29:44 GMT  
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Hello,

I am trying to identify households that have a migrant/overseas foreign worker (OFW) and I have two questions:

1) The 2013 Philippines household questionnaire has a prompt that reminds respondents to include OFW in the household roster, although nothing that indicates which members are OFW. However, OFW are unlikely to be either usual residents (i.e usually sleep and eat in the household) or have slept there the past night. Despite this, there are 0 household members who have a "no" marked for both the usual resident and slept here last night questions.

Would you be able to please clarify whether an OFW who currently works & lives abroad but still considered part of the household would be

a) considered de factor or de jure? b) considered a usual resident? c) considered a visitor if they happened to be home on vacation or between contracts?

Furthermore, it sounds like de jure members of the household are defined as people who usually eat and sleep in the household and de facto members simply describes visitors or overnight guests. This is a little different from my understanding of the terms where de jure means legal residence (i.e the home address of an OFW) and de facto means someone who usually sleeps and eats there. Could an OFW who is a legal resident of the household be considered de jure, even if they live and work abroad and did not sleep there the night before?

2) Women who are OFW are identified on the first page of the individual questionnaire by the "result of interview" question. Would it be possible to get a list of the individual id and household id of women who did not complete a survey because they are OFW? Information on women who did not complete the individual questionnaire because of OFW status is not available online.

Thank you so much,  
Bernice Kuang

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Subject: Re: Philippines Migration and OFW  
Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Sun, 19 Oct 2014 14:57:03 GMT  
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Hi,

I believe that the Overseas Foreign Workers (OFWs) are being treated as de jure (usual) residents. They would not be considered as de facto unless they actually slept in the household the previous night.

A clarification of de jure and de facto:

De jure means people who usually live in the household (de jure means "concerning law" or "by law").

De facto means people who slept in the household the previous night (de facto means "concerning fact" or "in fact"). These are not just visitors, but includes all de jure members who slept in the household the previous night.

Most household members listed are both de jure and de facto.

However a person can be a de jure member but not a de facto member if they are a legal or usual resident of the household, but did not sleep in the household the previous night.

Also, a person can be a de facto member but not a de jure member if they do not usually live in the household but slept in the household the previous night, e.g. a relative visiting and staying overnight.

I believe the OFWs are considered de jure but not de facto (unless they just happened to have returned and stayed in the household the previous night, in which case they are both de jure and de facto).

The result of interview is not really identifying OFWs, but providing the reason that an interview could not be completed. I'm sure some OFWs are coded with other reasons for not completing the survey, and a very small number may actually have been interviewed if they happened to have been there. The final dataset actually has OFW and "Other" combined together and there are only 72 of them, of which I would guess at least half come from "Other" so I don't think you are going to be able to separate this.

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Subject: Re: Philippines Migration and OFW  
Posted by [bkuang](#) on Sun, 19 Oct 2014 16:59:38 GMT  
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hi Trevor

Thanks for the input. I am trying to identify migrant households with what data the DHS does provide and I'm starting to feel like that might not be possible.

Can you confirm that there are no calendar data for any Philippines survey since 1998? That's what it has looked like to me but it seemed strange since the Philippines is a relatively high CPR country and calendar data were previously collected.

Thank you so much,  
Bernice Kuang

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Subject: Re: Philippines Migration and OFW  
Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Mon, 20 Oct 2014 03:38:56 GMT  
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There is a calendar in the 2003 survey, but not in later surveys.

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Hi Trevor

Unfortunately, it looks like 2003 is blank in the "moves & communities" column of the calendar, which is what I need.

Do you know if this data are available?

Best,  
Bernice Kuang

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If you look at the report (<http://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/FR156/FR156.pdf>) page 330, you will see that no data were collected on moves & communities in that survey.

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