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Subject: FGM module Mali2012

Posted by [ewa.b](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2016 13:41:07 GMT

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Hello,

I am using the FGM module in Mali2012 survey. After some initial analyses I have noted that there exist entries in the FGM history (as identified by the index to birth history variable) which correspond to a given index child who is a male. I have identified 36 such cases (for example women caseid "39280 2" according to birth history never had a girl child, yet for the same woman in the FGM history there is information that one of her daughters was circumcised). Have anyone ever noted issue like that in this, or other survey?

I am not sure what to do in that case: which module to trust more - birth histories or FGM? Should I exclude such cases from the FGM history assuming that these children were boys and the information was incorrectly collected? Or might that be that a boy reported in a birth history was a girl?

I would be greatful for you help.

Best wishes,  
Ewa

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Subject: Re: FGM module Mali2012

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Following on the previous question, I would like to ask one more regarding the FGM module in Mali2012.

In the recode there is a variable g108 (number of daughters circumcised). I would like to know how this variable is obtained. In the questionnaire for that survey (at the back of the final report) there is no variable/question which directly asks women about the number of daughters circumcised. However, the FGM status is asked about all daughters born after 1997 still alive. Is that variable computed on the basis of these histories?

I am interested in this information because I am trying to figure out the meaning of missing values in the FGM history. There are cases where e.g. a woman has three daughters alive born starting 1997 yet there is information about the FGM history only for two of them (there is no information for the third daughter). Then, the variable g108 states that a woman has two daughters circumcised. Was that obtained from these histories meaning that the FGM information for the third daughter is missing OR I can infer from the g108 that if only two daughters were circumcised the third one for who there is no information was not circumcised?

Thank for your help.

Best wishes,

Ewa

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Subject: Re: FGM module Mali2012

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 29 Jun 2016 02:36:34 GMT

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Dear User,

A response from data processing specialist, Mr. Nouredine Abderrahim:

Quote:

"Inconsistency between the birth history and the FGM module: You need to trust the birth history. This problem of the child's sex must have happened after correcting the birth history, during the data editing. The FGM module was not corrected according to the changes in the birth history. Please disregard these cases".

"The number of daughters circumcised in the recode data file is just a count of the number of answers "yes" to the question 1111."

If you have additional questions, please feel free to post again. Thank you!

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Subject: Re: FGM module Mali2012

Posted by [ewa.b](#) on Wed, 29 Jun 2016 17:05:09 GMT

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Thank you very much for the clarifications.

Ewa

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