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Subject: Unable to find recode values

Posted by [SonjaMM](#) on Mon, 15 Aug 2016 02:08:17 GMT

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Hi, I am working with the Mozambique 2011 datasets. I've downloaded the recode manuals and the Mozambique final report, but there are variables in the datasets that I can't seem to find their code meanings anywhere. For example variable HV228 = number of children that slept under a mosquito bed net and the codes are 0 - 3, but nowhere can I find what these numbers stand for. Also there are different values with the same meaning: HV228 and V460, both say number of children that slept under a bender the night before, but the numbers don't match each other? Any help with these issues would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

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Subject: Re: Unable to find recode values

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 16 Aug 2016 13:27:56 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

A count does not usually have a label, but (in general--I haven't checked these variables in this survey) you may have a code of 9 or 99, etc., that should be excluded from the calculation of a mean. You should always do something such as "tab hv228,m". The code "." in Stata will mean "Not applicable".

The difference between hv228 and v460 should be that hv228 refers to all children in the household and v460 refers to the woman's children. They will usually be the same, but if there are children from other mothers in the same household, then hv228 may be larger than v460.

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