Subject: Re: Clarification on variable on agriculture in MRfile
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Tue, 19 Jul 2016 21:14:42 GMT

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

Hi Lukresha--
In a situation like this, you can look for related variables and then cross-tabulate them. I did "tab mv717 sm604b,m". Apparently there is a skip such that sm604b is only obtained from men who are in category 4 of mv717, "agriculture, self-employed".

There are 237 cases that have mv717=4 but sm604b=. or NA. That's only about 8% of the number of cases with mv717=4 but it's not negligible. The next step, which I leave to you, would be to go to the man's questionnaire in the appendix of the main report and search it for the actual question behind sm604b. When you find it, you may find other filters leading to that question--for example, depending on whether the man is working or not, has an occupation or not, etc.

Please note that for country specific questions, the variables are generally named and coded in the same way as they were on the questionnaire. The variable will have a leading "SH" if the question was asked at the household level, a leading "S" if asked at the women's level, and a leading "SM" if asked at the men's level. Please see below for question 604/604B in the man's questionnaire.

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