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Subject: Re: DHS v302a-- Ever Use in Phase 6  
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As mentioned in my prior post, DHS used to collect information individually about 15 or so different methods and whether each method was ever used - see the DHS5 women's questionnaire page 9, question 302. V302 was a summary of this information. Since phase 6 of DHS, this information about ever use of each individual method is no longer collected, and instead a single question (question 314) is asked - see DHS7 women's questionnaire page 14, question 314.

The DHS questionnaire also includes a calendar of births, pregnancies and contraceptive use for the past 5 years (see DHS7 women's questionnaire page 75). In the calendar there is information on whether the respondent used various method. "Yes, used in calendar" means method use within the period covered by the calendar, and "Yes, used outside calendar" means method use prior to the period covered by the calendar.

I don't see the connection with the SDGs. The SDG indicators that refer to modern methods are about current use of modern methods of contraception, not ever use, and that information continues to exist in variable V312 and V313.

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