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Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716  
Posted by [Ilari](#) on Mon, 28 Nov 2016 11:32:08 GMT  
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Dear Liz,

Thank you for the quick reply. I have now taken a closer look at all of the resources you mentioned. I also made a list about the missing labels and compared it to the list that Sebastian posted earlier. His list is accurate and I would be interested to know if there is any way to find information on the missing labels of v716 mv716 and v704.

While investigating the labels I also found some inconsistencies in the grouped occupation variables (v717 and mv717). It seems that some occupations are categorized into different occupation groups depending on a country and a round of the survey. Here is an example:  
Benin 2012 BJMR61FL.DTA mv716 Chauffeur categorized into mv717 Services.  
Benin 2006 BJMR51FL.DTA mv716 chauffeur categorized into mv717 sales.  
Mali 2013 MLMR6HFL.DTA mv716 Chauffeur categorized into mv717 Skilled manual.

Now, I would like to compare changes in the occupation groups over time in one country and between countries. However, if same occupations are not categorized consistently across the surveys, I will run into a problem. I could go around this problem by doing my own categorization based on the labels, but since they are not available for all, I would lose plenty of data.

Maybe I am missing something or whoever did the v717 and mv717 variables had some additional information. However, because of these concerns I would like to ask if variables v717 and mv717 can be used to compare different surveys. Furthermore, I would appreciate any additional information on the missing labels of v716, mv716 and v704 as presented in Sebastian's list.

Best,  
Ilari