Subject: Re: Calculating cases for IYCF
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Dear DHS team and colleagues,
I recently analyzed the individual dataset for 2010 Malawi demographic and health survey and I used SPSS.I selected youngest children living with their mothers aged less than 24 months. I estimated the prevalence rates of child feeding practices but surprisingly my results didn't match those that are in the 2010 report. I found that Exclusive breastfeeding is at 95.5% instead of 71.4% and the rest of the other breastfeeding practices are also higher than expected. My concern is how can I go about to extract the variables for exclusive breastfeeding and predominant feeding since these were not clearly pointed out in the recode manual. Do I use current breastfeeding variable to estimate the exclusive breastfeeding rate? and for predominant feeding, do I compute some variables(drank plain water, juice and milk and breastmilk) to make one composite variable for predominant feeding? Also how do I manage the missing cases in these variables? I also tried the above suggestions to extract the appropriate sample size but still more there is a difference. Mine was 7333 and the report found a sample size of 7724.Any suggestions will be highly appreciated.

Thank you