Subject: Malaria Service Readiness Index Posted by cbdolan on Thu, 26 Jan 2017 17:23:59 GMT

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Hello,

In the Malawi SPA report there is reference to a Malaria Service Readiness Index described as Facilities having malaria diagnostic capacity (unexpired malaria rapid diagnostic test (RDT) kits or else a functioning

microscope with relevant stains and glass slides; staff member recently trained in either RDT or microscopy, and malaria RDT protocol available in facility; see Table 11.3), malaria treatment guideline, first-line medicine, and personnel recently trained in malaria diagnosis and/or treatment available.

Is this index available in the Malawi SPA data and/or is there a publication that describes the variables used to create the index?

I have pulled the 'Inventory Questionnaire' and see the 'Malaria' specific questions outlined in section 17. What I haven't located is additional information on what exactly was used to create the index and/or if it is already included in the data, maybe similar to the wealth index in the DHS?

Thanks in advance for your time.

Carrie