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Subject: Help regarding the variable

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Hello everyone,

I'm using the DHS dataset from the 2014 survey in Kenya. I'm interested in the survival of children.

As I was looking through the dataset I'd downloaded, I noticed that some files contained variables that I couldn't find in the recode manual. Those data started with the letter S (for example, in the birth recode dataset I see the following: s101c s101d s101e s307a s611a s613b s613c s617a)

From the "Bed net usage in the 2014 DHS" subject, it seems to me that those variables beginning with "s" would be country specific.

My questions are the following:

- Is it correct that they are country specific?
- Do you know where I can find a description of the variables? I've looked through the website but I wasn't able to find anything

I also have a question regarding the variable hc61 (mother education). In the household recode file, I can see that there are several sub numbers for this variable (in my case 7). I was wondering if with this we meant that:

- the education of the mother in the household (for example "mothereduc\_1" would be the education of the mother of the children in the household)

or

- the education of the person in the household (or is it mothereduc\_1 the education level of the mother of the head of the household)?

I'm sorry if my questions seem basic, I'm just starting out with DHS data.

Best regards,

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