
Subject: Maternal height: strange patterns

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I have observed, for at least Tanzania and Rwanda at this point, that there is a strange pattern in women's height between 2005 and 2010. It decreases by ~1 cm, which is a lot! Overall, the trend on either side of this gap is toward taller women. We've looked at this by region, by birth cohort, and still see the decline. Are there any hypotheses for why this is happening? I am suspect that it might be attributable to different types of height boards being used between these two waves. I have observed that some don't fit together well after multiple uses. Alternatively, were the training/techniques for measuring maternal height improved during this time period?

Any thoughts on this?
