
Subject: Re: Check ups after delivery - interviewed population

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While data on children most commonly refers to children born in the 5 years before the survey (age 0 to 4), quite a few samples from the early 1990s in particular asked about children born in the past 3 years or the past 4 years. For the 117 samples currently included in IPUMS-DHS (available at idhsdata.org), you can do a quick check of the age range of the children by consulting the page on sample characteristics, here:

<https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs/samples.shtml>

Furthermore, consulting the variable-specific documentation for variables of interest in IPUMS-DHS, by looking at the "Universe" tab after clicking on a variable name, will help you determine whether there were restrictions on which children the question relates to--such as only last-born children, surviving children, etc. If I look at the universes for M50_X, I see that the women included in the question about postnatal care vary by survey, with some surveys asking about all women who gave birth in a given interval, some asking about only those who gave birth in a health facility, and so on. The IPUMS-DHS staff empirically checks what the universe was for each sample in each variable, so you can view that information online.

IPUMS-DHS currently includes the DHS samples for Cameroon. We do not have the samples for Comoros and Burundi yet in the database, but I expect those will be added within a year.

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