Subject: Re: Measuring postnatal care for baby (M70)
Posted by kingx025 on Sat, 21 Apr 2018 23:34:45 GMT
View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

While I see that Tom Pullum answered your specific question, as a broader solution you may wish to check the "Universe" tab for variables of interest on the IPUMS-DHS website (at idhsdata.org). If you go to "select data" on the website, choose "children" as the unit of analysis, and then search for the variable m70, you can click on the variable name to get detailed documentation on the variable, including a "Universe" tab that specifies, for each sample, who is included in the coverage for this variable. In general, M70 is limited to last born children, but some samples include additional limitations.
For example, here's one of the more complicated universes for this variable:
Pakistan 2006: Last-born children under age 5 born to ever-married women age 15-49 who either a) delivered this child away from a medical facility, or b) if delivery took place in a medical facility, received a health check after leaving the facility.

The IPUMS-DHS staff has empirically checked all reported universes for all samples in all variables included in the database, which now covers 117 samples and 28 countries. Checking the universes for variables and samples of interest on IPUMS-DHS's website can save you time and help you avoid inadvertent errors.

Miriam King