
Subject: Re: Health literacy measures

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There are quite a few questions in the DHS related to how various diseases are transmitted, for example, HIV, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. Those seem like useful tools to evaluate health literacy.

Showing variables available in these areas in the IPUMS-DHS database, see:

For Tuberculosis: https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/group?id=tb_trans

For HIV: https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/group?id=hiv_trans

For malaria: https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/group?id=mal_trans

There are other more specific variables, such as whether the respondent is familiar with ORS to treat diarrhea and whether she knows how to prepare ORS:

https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/group/mater_or

And there are questions about beliefs about when a sick child needs treatment:

https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/group/mater_belief

Depending on your interests and the countries you are studying, these give you quite a lot of possible material on health literacy.

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