
Subject: Re: not in the universe

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Good luck with your research, Eunice. The only variables we have included when household members are the unit of analysis are variables included in the PR/Household file, and while the PR files have biometric data for children whose mothers were not surveyed, the PR files lack many other child health variables of interest that were collected as part of the woman's survey.

Perhaps someday IPUMS-DHS will try to link the women's and children's information back to the household files, but that is a long-run rather than short-term goal. I understand from posts on the User Forum that the very skilled staff at ICF have not been able to link back children from the KR files to the household PR files for some older years, so I doubt that IPUMS-DHS would succeed on that either. If you need a wide range of child health information then working with the KR files are indeed your best option. We've tried to make that easier by linking the mother's and mother's household files and variables to the child/KR files in IPUMS-DHS.

Best wishes,
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