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Subject: Calculated rates of exclusive breastfeeding not matching rates in reports  
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We are attempting to calculate rates of exclusive breastfeeding among children 0-5 months for three surveys and are getting values near 0 after running code and tabulating, when DHS reports much higher values (which is what we expect to see in our calculations too).

We haven't been able to figure out where the issue is. It does seem like there is a lot of missingness on the food questions, which ultimately makes our sample size quite a bit smaller than that listed in the reports. The missing variables due to questions that weren't asked doesn't appear to be causing the issues we're having either.

The three surveys are Democratic Republic of Congo 2007, Mozambique 2003, and Rwanda 2005.

We are using the food diary questions from these child recode files: CDKR50DT, MZKR41DT, RWKR53DT

Any insight you can provide about what might be happening is very much appreciated.

Regards

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