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Subject: Re: Nutritional status of women

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Following is a response from DHS Chief of Data Processing, Guillermo Rojas:

The "Mother's nutritional status" background variable in the table is very complicated to replicate. The table is calculated using the PR file and there is no need to merge it to the KR file. The base of the table is the de facto children (HV103 = 1) under age five (HC1 = 0-59). Variables HC70, HC71 and HC72 are used to determine the height and weight z-scores. The problem is identifying the mother. The mother is also in the PR file, but in a different record within the same household. To know who is the mother it is necessary to identify the mother's line number. Variable HC60 has the line number of the mother if the mother is a de facto woman successfully interviewed. If the mother wasn't successfully interviewed (or interviewed but not de facto) but she is a household member, then the mother's line number comes from variable HV112. Once the line number is established, BMI variable HA40 of that line (record) should be used to determine the mother's nutritional status.

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