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Subject: Re: Binary Variables Expanded to Six Categories

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Amira,

I would strongly advise you to read the DHS Recode Manual (link:

[https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode6\\_DHS\\_22March2013\\_DHSG4.pdf](https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode6_DHS_22March2013_DHSG4.pdf)) and the questionnaires at the end of the DHS Final Report for Egypt to familiarize yourself with the data. This is what I personally do whenever I'm stumped about what variable to use or the correct way to use a variable I'm interested in. There is a lot of good information in there you can use: what questions were asked, how were they stored in the dataset, what the \_1, \_2, \_3 in a variable name mean, why some variables have missing values for all observations, etc.

The answer to your question is answered in the DHS Recode Manual.

RHS

NB. FYI, typically the antenatal and postnatal care variables are asked only of the most recent birth, instead of ALL of the births in the last 5 years presumably to improve the reliability of the response and minimize recall bias.