
Subject: Re: Reproductive calendar

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 19 Mar 2014 18:18:25 GMT

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Dear RHS,

Here is a response from one of our experts, Guillermo Rojas:

Regarding the calendar in general (not just Ethiopia), the calendar should be used in conjunction with the date of interview. Row 80 in the calendar correspond to the beginning of the calendar and that is fixed for all interviews. In the case of Ethiopia it correspond to January, 1998 (Variable V017 = 1177 (1998-1900)*12+1). It is important to know that Ethiopia uses a different calendar, 2011 in the western calendar corresponds to 2003 in Ethiopia.

The first row with information in the calendar correspond to the month of interview for that woman. Variable V018 tells where the calendar begins for a particular case. In the case of Ethiopia, row 12 correspond to woman interviews collected in September, 2003. (V006=9, V007=2003, V008=1245). Row 11 to interviews made in August, 2003 (V006=8, V007=2003, V008=1244) and so on. By looking at the frequencies only 32 women were interviewed in September, 2003 and thus the number of blanks in that row.

Thank you for your post. If this does not answer your question, please feel free to post again.
