Subject: Re: Where is the original questionnaire?
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You are working with a standard recode data, and as a result, the numbers in the questionnaires will not match the variable names in the datasets. In order for the datasets to be as similar as possible across all surveys, DHS generates "standard recode" datasets, which contain the same data as the raw datasets, but in a standardized format. In the "standard recode" datasets, the variable names and definitions are, wherever possible, consistent across all surveys. However, each survey is different, with questions that diverge from the standard. These questions are included in the standard recode datasets, either as computed standard variables or as variables that are specific to that survey. For country specific questions, the variables are generally named and coded in the same way as they were on the questionnaire. The variable will have a leading "SH" if the question was asked at the household level, a leading "S" if asked at the women's level, and a leading "SM" if asked at the men's level. The process of recoding involves consistency checking and comparisons between the standard recode and raw datasets.

The questionnaire can be found in the appendix of the final report. For more information, please reference the description of the recode data in the recode manual, the step-by-step introduction to analyzing DHS data, the Data Tools and Manuals, and the country specific documentation within the .zip file you downloaded.