Subject: Re: DHS-8-PGSSC-Total\_Household\_Expenditure-Template Posted by dominiquevervoort on Fri, 15 Mar 2019 18:42:01 GMT

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On behalf of students and residents around the world, I encourage DHS to include total household expenditure on surgical care. Receiving surgery requires costs for the procedure, but also very much so transportation costs, food costs, sleeping costs, opportunity costs - all of which contribute to an enormous financial burden for individuals and families. Understanding how heavy this weighs on pushing patients (further) into poverty is essential to reduce catastrophic expenditure efficiently and work towards universal health coverage globally.