Subject: BORD not the reverse of BIDX Posted by odagnelie on Tue, 04 Jun 2019 22:12:41 GMT

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Dear all,

I am working on a number of African DHS datasets and have noticed something strange regarding maternal history in the following surveys: MZBR71 and TZBR6A.

BORD is supposed to be the reverse order from BIDX, meaning that BORD + BIDX = total number of kids (of a mother) +1.

Yet this equality is not respected in numerous cases in these 2 datasets.

For instance, in the following example, "verif" should be equal to 0 for this equality to be respected.

As you can see, it is not always the case.

caseid bidx bord nb kids verif

mother1 1 3 3 0

mother1 2 2 3 0

mother1 3 1 3 0

mother2 1 4 1 3

mother3 1 1 1 0

mother4 1 2 2 0

mother4 2 1 2 0

mother 5 1 5 3 2

mother5 2 4 3 2

mother 5 3 3 3 2

mother6 1 2 1 1

mother 7 1 2 2 0

mother7 2 1 2 0

mother8 1 3 1 2

mother9 1 6 2 4

mother9 2 5 2 4

Could you let me know how BORD should be understood in this example? Thank you very much in advance!