Subject: Re: Women's Dietary Diversity Indicator Posted by DWiesmann on Thu, 03 Apr 2014 21:54:29 GMT

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I fully support the proposal by FANTA-III to add a set of questions to the DHS Woman's Questionnaire that is suitable for constructing a women's dietary diversity indicator. As Anna Herforth rightly pointed out, the DHS provide extremely useful data on health factors, caring practices, and nutritional outcomes, but for a full analysis of the causes of malnutrition, indicators of diet quality/food consumption are required as well. Including a woman's dietary diversity indicator in the DHS would be an important step towards overcoming the current constraints of the DHS data sets when it comes to analyzing the pathways leading to malnutrition.