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Subject: Migration

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1. What is the information needed?

Migration.

2. What questions will elicit this information?

Have you moved from your place of birth? NO. If yes, when did you move? month, year.

Is your current residence different from the place you moved first? No. If yes, when did you move? month, year.

3. How will the resulting information be used?

Migration is given very little emphasis while being an important demographic variable. In the DHS the questionnaire includes information only on place of birth and current residence leaving out the date of migration. Including date of move completes the questions on migration which are so important in themselves and as predictors of outcomes such as child health, HIV-infections, and employment among others.

4. What is the priority of suggested additions compared with what is already in the questionnaires?

Very important. Lindstrom DP and White M in their chapter on international migration in the book "Handbook of Population" mention weaknesses of the DHS in collecting migration data. The questions suggested here might help in strengthening the questionnaire.

5. If suggesting more than one addition, what is the priority among the suggested additions?

Not applicable.

6. Should the additional data be collected in all countries, or only in selected types of countries (e.g., countries with a particular type of program, countries with prevalence of a particular infection >5% or 10%)?

All countries.

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