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Subject: Re: Women's Dietary Diversity Indicator  
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On behalf of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the CGIAR, I would like to indicate my strong support for including questions in the DHS surveys that would allow the computation of the women's dietary diversity indicator. This indicator is increasingly recommended as an indicator to track progress in improving nutrition through agriculture and other nutrition-sensitive programs. It is also the only indicator currently available that has been validated and shown to accurately reflect the micronutrient adequacy of the diet (an important dimension of diet quality) of women in developing countries. The regular collection of data on women's dietary diversity is critically important for development practitioners, program implementers and policy makers to measure the impact of their investments and track progress in improving access not only to adequate quantity of food but also adequate quality for all, and most importantly for nutritionally vulnerable women from the developing world.

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