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Subject: Re: Zimbabwe 2015DHS

Posted by [Tawo](#) on Fri, 16 Oct 2020 03:56:24 GMT

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Dear Bridgette-DHS

Thank you for your prompt reply and for providing some clues on what might explain this huge discrepancy. However, under your reply, I checked data for Tanzania and Malawi using 2015-2016DHS to verify if they exhibit the same trend as Zimbabwe. Restricting the sample size to 7 - 14 years and using the same command, for BR file I checked with variable b9 "Child lives with whom" and on PR file I checked with mother's line number HV112 "mother not in the household". I also calculated weighted means for both countries.

For Tanzania the gap between BR and PR results for children living without mother is not so big, (BR file=19%; PR file=28%; and maternal death=3.5 %.) However, for Malawi, the difference in the percentage of children living without biological is quite huge like for Zimbabwe. BR file=12%; PR file=29%; and maternal death=5%

I also did a double-check on Zimbabwe using 2010 data and the trend was the same. Children living without biological mother from BR file=20%; PR file=41%; and maternal death=13%.

Regards,

Tawo

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