
Subject: Days of Neonatal Death Not Matching to DHS Further Analysis Report
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Dear DHS Representative,

I am working on determinants of neonatal mortality in Pakistan using PDHS BR file 2017-18.

Though in my previous queries on this forum you elaborately told me how to generate a time variable for neonatal Deaths.

Today I was making a table similar to your's Table A.1. Distribution of reported neonatal deaths by age at death in days, and percentage of early neonatal deaths (deaths occurring at age 0-6 days), among births in the five years preceding the survey, Rwanda 2000-2010.

(Ref: Trends in Neonatal Mortality in Rwanda, 2000-2010 Further Analysis of the Rwanda Demographic and Health Surveys)

Question: Your table includes days range from <1 to 30. While I Used the b6 variable its ranges from (DHS category code 100 to 128) ie days of neonatal deaths in my table goes from <1(100) till 28(128). What mistake I have done if any that my table days are not similar to yours. (I didn't have Day 29 & 30)

Should I have to include b6 category code 201 (ie deaths that occurred at exactly one month)?

Even if I include b6 category code 201 in my table still my counting of days will range from <1 to 29 days (29 here will actually be deaths recorded at 1 month).

This is causing big confusion, please reply soon because I defined neonatal mortality in my analysis as per DHS definition (0-30), however, I am not able to justify it using the variable b6.

Looking forward to your reply.

Best Regards

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