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Subject: Re: Missing observations in Mali BR  
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Thank you for your quick response Dr. Pullum.

I am aware of the differences between the BR and KR files, but how is that relevant to the Not Applicable values?

And thank you for correcting my misunderstanding about the dot in Stata, but if you could help me a little further - what does "Not Applicable" mean in the context of child health indicators? When a child has a dot under m19 how is their weight at birth "Not Applicable"? Either a child is weighed at birth, in which case their weight should be recorded in m19, or if they were not weighed it would be recorded in m19 as 9996 (Not weighed).

The same goes for the measurements such as height/age stdv and weight/height stdv. What does "Not applicable" mean in these contexts and why does it apply to nearly 80% of the total sample?

Lastly, is the generation of Not Applicable values randomly spread across the sample? Or when I run an analysis on the sample after the Not Applicable values are removed am I still running an analysis on a random sample of Malian households?

Thank you so much for your time and assistance Dr. Pullum.

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