
Subject: Anthropometric corrections to DHS data
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Hi DHS users and team,

I am hoping to clarify whether publicly available DHS datasets already corrects for mismeasurement of child length and height?

WHO released a technical report in 2019 that recommends applying an adjustment of +/-0.7cm to estimates when children were measured lying (when they should've been measured standing) and children were measured standing (when they should've been measured lying). The report can be found here: <https://www.who.int/nutrition/publications/anthropometry-data-quality-report/en/>

Is the above correction or any other adjustments for other variables related to stunting or child growth applied to DHS datasets prior to public release? Have DHS datasets prior to 2019 been back-corrected at all based on WHO recommendations?

Any insight on whether this is included in standard DHS protocol is greatly appreciated. Thank you.