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Subject: Re: Calculating pregnancy related maternal mortality by year using ETHIOPIA DHSs 2000-2016

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

The sibling histories are not limited to the past 7 years. They are intended to include all siblings ever born. The limitation to the past 7 years is imposed during the calculation of the rates. The past 7 years refers to the 84 calendar months before the month of interview and varies for women interviewed in different months. It does not refer to calendar years such as 2010-2016.

It would definitely be possible to calculate rates for different intervals before the survey or for calendar years. We don't normally do this except for data quality checks. Our GitHub site--includes a Stata program to calculate these rates. It can be modified for different intervals of time, but you should be careful with such modifications because the rates depend on exposure (the denominators) as well as the dates of the deaths (the numerators).

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