
Subject: Re: SPA Missing Data - "Don't know" answers
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My question refers to why the "don't know" answers for these variables are being counted as a "Not functioning" or "Not present" answer for certain questions in the SPA recode datasets. So, if I want to determine the percent of hospitals in a country with the indicator "Glucometer is used, observed, and in working order", the answers that are "don't know" for whether or not the glucometer is functioning are going to be counted as a "No" in the DHS recode datasets, as they are aggregated with the answer "not functioning". This would allocate the don't know answers as a "No" response in the numerator. Thus, I am wondering what the rationale is for counting a "Don't know" answer as a "No" in the numerator for the DHS-SPA recode data. This has been the case for what I have viewed in the Afghanistan 2019, DRC 2017-18, Malawi 2013-14, Nepal 2015, Tanzania 2015, and Haiti 2019 SPA recode datasets for the indicators I mentioned above.
