
Subject: Re: Variable regarding microcredit involvement.
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 11 Oct 2021 11:32:49 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

You must be referring to this paragraph, from "Materials and methods" in the article:

"This study follows previous literature from Bangladesh and other developing countries to select the determinants of delivery care service utilisation [13, 1822]. These include women's age at the time of survey, age at marriage, religion, number of children ever born (parity), history of pregnancy complications, at least four visits for antenatal care (ANC4+), exposure to mass media, involvement in microcredit and education. Education of husband is also included as the predictor of delivery care services [22]. Region and place of residence (rural/urban) are the geographic variables. Since BDHS does not collect information on household expenditure or income, the measure of socioeconomic status (SES) in this study is an asset-based wealth index [23]."

I have bolded "previous literature", "involvement in microcredit", and "BDHS does not collect information on household expenditure or income". The reference to microcredit is in a description of other literature. The BDHS's do not include such information