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Subject: Re: Sorting out respondents with certain categories in IDIR data file  
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

The number of miscarriages, abortions, and stillbirths before 2012 are given by s238aa,ab,ac. I don't see a variable for the number since January 2012 but it's given by the largest n for which s233n\_\* is not NA. The number of live births is v201. Currently pregnant is v213. I expect there is a variable "ever pregnant" in the file but if any of the variables I listed is >0 then the woman is "ever pregnant". You can probably identify women whose first pregnancy ended in a termination.

DHS is switching to collecting pregnancy histories rather than birth histories. This Indonesia survey collected birth histories and then had a rather complicated way of filling in pregnancies that did not end in a live birth. I believe the approach used in this survey was unique. We cannot give you further help but perhaps others who have used this survey can add more suggestions.