Subject: Re: Stunting indicators in KR vs. PR file Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Thu, 24 Feb 2022 12:25:00 GMT

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

Measurements of height and weight are taken during the household interview, for all children under 5 in the household and (usually) all women 15-49. That information goes into the PR file. Some households include children whose mother is not alive, or is alive but not living in the same household as the child. Then the eligible women are interviewed, and the data for the KR file is obtained. Height and weight are copied (during file construction) from the PR data to the KR data. The copying is limited to children who are living with their mothers.

Thus the calculation of stunting based on the PR file is representative of children in the household population, regardless of whether they are living with their mother. When based on the KR file, it is representative of children in the household population whose mother is alive and living in the same household as the child.