
Subject: Sibling mortality in maternal IR files

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Hi DHS program.

I have recently encountered a question about a dataset: DRIR4BFL (Dominican Republic, 2002 Standard DHS). I found that not all women sampled have information on their siblings (around half of women sampled have this information). I am not sure if this information is collected randomly. That is, I wonder if the women who are missing sibship information are random sample.

- I checked the documentation of that survey, and I do not think the documentation specifically specifies the missing. Rather, the information I saw in the dataset does not seem to correspond with the documentation. However, the sample size of women having sibship information I found is exactly the same as a publication using the same data: Obermeyer Z, Rajaratnam JK, Park CH, Gakidou E, Hogan MC, et al. (2010) Measuring Adult Mortality Using Sibling Survival: A New Analytical Method and New Results for 44 Countries, 1974-2006. PLoS Med 7(4): e1000260. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1000260

- I also tried to retrieve information from the DR 2002 DHS Report; however, that report is in Spanish.

I wonder if anyone would kindly direct me to places / people where I can resolve this issue? Any help or directions are very much appreciated!

Thank you!
