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Subject: Re: underfive children HW data: why missing a lot in IR files

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 11 Mar 2022 18:08:14 GMT

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

I don't have time to go through your Stata code, but it is simply not efficient to analyze anthropometry for children using the birth histories or the calendar in the IR file. If you want to link children and mothers, do it with the KR file. Children in the KR file have most of the mother's data, including her own anthropometry, on the same record. And if you want to use the IR file to identify births, it's much easier to use the birth histories than to use the calendar. Linking children in the PR file to births in the calendar just doesn't make sense to me because of the availability of the KR file, which already contains all the anthropometry data, except for children who were not in the household on the day of measurement, either because they had died or because they lived elsewhere.

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