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Subject: Re: Wanted Total Fertility Rate in DHS  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Tue, 24 Jun 2014 19:05:14 GMT

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Dear User,

Here is a response from one of our technical experts, Dr. Shea Rutstein:

Here is the STATA instruction given:

A preceding child (let's say j) is considered living at the time of conception of the child i if:

\*\*C1) j is born before the date of conception of i, That is:  $b3\_j < dconcep\_i$

\*\*C2) j is living at the time of the survey, That is:  $b5\_j == 1$

\*\*C3) OR j died at or before the date of conception of i, That is:  $b3\_j + b7\_j \leq dconcep\_i$

But a child who died at or before conception of the next child is dead at the time of conception.

The correct code should be

\*\*C3) OR j died after the date of conception of i, That is:  $b3\_j + b7\_j > dconcep\_i$

Shea

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