Subject: Re: N for DV module MFHS-5

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Information on the domestic violence sample selection and completed interviews is provided on Page 640 of the NFHS-5 national report (see below).

"In accordance with the World Health Organization's guidelines on the ethical collection of information on domestic violence, only one eligible woman per household was randomly selected for the module, and the module was not administered to eligible woman age 18-49 if privacy could not be obtained after at least three attempts during the survey. In total, 72,056 women completed the domestic violence module. Only 4 percent of women eligible for the domestic violence module could not be successfully interviewed with the module because privacy could not be obtained or for other reasons. Special weights were used to adjust for the selection of only one woman per household and to ensure that the domestic violence subsample was nationally representative."

Note that the age range for eligibility in NFHS-5 is 18-49, whereas it was 15-49 in NFHS-4. Tables 15.1, 15.4, and 15.5 in the NFHS-5 national report are all based on 72,056 women. The number of eligible women for the domestic violence module would have been much larger is women age 15-17 had been included in the base. Overall, 7.2% of de facto women age 15-49 in the household were age 15-17.

It is also important to note that in NFHS-5 the domestic violence module was included only in the "state module," which is a subsample of 15 percent of households. A similar procedure was used in NFHS-4.