Subject: Re: Pregnancy outcomes in India DHS 2019-21
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

In the IR file, vcal_1 gives terminations (T) but does not break them down by miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth (MAS). The file includes two variables that are relevant to the last pregnancy. One is v231, which gives the cmc of the last pregnancy termination that was not a live birth and s234, a survey-specific variable, which gives the MAS breakdown. The cmc of the last birth (B) is b3_01. These variables (v231, s234, and b3_01) should be sufficient to calculate table 6.15, which refers only to the most recent pregnancy in the past five years and gives the full BMAS breakdown. However, when I try to construct table 6.15, I do not get a match. The percentages are close but the N is very different. I am checking with other DHS staff but have not heard back from them. We will post a full response, with Stata code, as soon as we can.