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Subject: Benin 2011-2012 Daughter's circumcision status

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I am using data from the Benin 2011-2012 survey on the respondent-reports of daughters' female genital cutting (FGC) status. The survey asks respondents to report FGC status for daughters up to age 15, but there is information for daughters up to age 32.

The following are caseids with FGC status reported for daughters that are over 15:

"8 5 2"

"28 14 7"

"28 20 3" - gidx (the variable that links the daughter to the respondent's birth history variable, bidx) has 3, 5, 11, 12, but the respondent's children in bidx 1, 4, 8, and 9 are also female. So did the respondent not report FGC status for those daughters? She reports the FGC status for 4 daughters, and her fourth youngest daughter does meet the cutoff for FGC reporting: she's 14. But child in bidx place 12 (for whom gidx is reported) is 26 years old.

"34 17 2" - gidx has 3, 6, 7, but kid 5 is also female. Kid 3 is 18 years old and Kid 7 is 23.

"31 13 2" - gidx has 1, 10, 11, but kids 2 and 5 are also female. Only girls 1 and 2 meet the age requirement. Kid in bidx 5 is 19 years old and kid 11 is 31.

There are other caseids, but I think those give a good idea of the issue.

Is it the case that some enumerators ignored the age restriction (which would not a problem for my project), or do you think there could be an issue with the gidx/bidx matching (more concerning for my project)? There are multiple enumerators with this issue in Benin 2011-2012, but no other datasets have this issue. That is, other datasets are consistent with the age restriction stated in the survey.

Thanks for your help!

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