Subject: Re: Stillbirth calculation for Philippines Posted by Janet-DHS on Fri, 03 Mar 2023 19:30:56 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

This survey does not have a pregnancy history and it does not have any separate questions about stillbirths. The only way to get at stillbirths is with the calendar, specifically vcal_1. Stillbirths in the calendar are identified with 6+ months with "P", followed (chronologically) by "T". The calendar would have been used to calculate the perinatal mortality rate, which includes the number of stillbirths in the 60 months before the month of interview, but that's the only interval for which stillbirths are given.

We could provide Stata code to construct a variable which is the number of stillbirths each woman had in the past 60 months, but would that be useful to you? For the great majority of women it would be 0. Let us know.