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Subject: Re: Postnatal care attendance - Liberia 2013 vs 2019

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

A few days ago we posted a Stata program to construct the indicators for postnatal care for the mother and the newborn. The GitHub programs include a program for the PNC tables, but I think the program just posted is easier to follow.

The specification of the PNC indicators in the tables changed between the two Liberia surveys. You will see the difference if you look at the footnotes to the tables in the reports.

The 2019, report, following the current specification of these tables, gives the interval to PNC for the women/newborns who had a medically trained provider, and then gives the provider for intervals <48 hours. The 2013 report does not include the conditions (which I have put in italics).

The PNC duration variables in the data files DO NOT condition on the PNC having been provided by a medically trained provider, but the distribution of duration in the 2019 tables DOES condition on that. Similarly, the PNC provider variables in the data files DO NOT condition on the interval being <48 hours, but the 2019 tables DO condition on that.

To compare the 2013 and 2019 data, you would have to be consistent in whether the conditions are included or not included. Hope this is clear.

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