
Subject: Re: Problem with dates in the Ethiopia datasets
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Hi,

Sorry to bring up this issue again.

I'm currently working on all the available Ethiopia DHS data on Stata. Reading the conversation I saw a few possible solutions to convert the Ethiopian date to gregorian.

I am mainly interested in the year and month of the interview since I am merging these datasets with external climatic data and thus, I would like to obtain the most precise date possible.

Trying the following commands shared by Bridgette-DHS:

```
gen vg008=v008+92  
gen vg007=int((vg008-1)/12)  
gen vg006=(vg008-12)*v007  /// I included parenthesis in here  
replace vg007=vg007+1900
```

This strategy works for the year but not for the months(since it does not give months' values). I saw that other users have simply assigned the same month to the CMC, which I think is not the right approach.

I also checked with 2000 and 2005 rounds that include gregorian dates and the gen "vg006=(vg008-12)*v007" do not respect the distribution of the months in gregorian format.

Did anyone solve this problem?

Thank you very much in advance!

Best,

Victor
