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Subject: Re: DHS Pakistan 2017-2018

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

DHS data are used all the time to analyze children and their mothers, sometimes with the children as the cases and sometimes with the mothers as the cases. In the IR file, the women are the cases. In the KR file, the children are the cases. The v variables always refer to the women, whether you are using the IR file or the KR file. If v201=0 then she has had no children. If v201>0 then she has had children. Other v2\* variables tell you whether she has living children, has children living with her, etc. Whatever definition of "mother" you may be using, you can apply it. I can't give more help. Maybe some other users can step in.

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