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Subject: Re: "SH" Variables

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

Most surveys include questions other than those in the core questionnaire or optional modules. Survey-specific variables from the household questionnaire have a variable name starting with "sh". "s" is used for survey-specific variables from the women's questionnaire and "sm" for survey-specific questions from the men's questionnaire.

Such questions can be preceded by a skip or filter, just like core questions. If a question is skipped, the variable gets a "Not applicable" code (a dot in Stata). For example, a question about schooling will not be asked about children who are younger than the entrance age for school.

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