
Subject: Re: Abortion

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

The Stata program CM_PMR.do runs on the calendar variables. In the NFHS-4 and -5, there are two calendar variables, vcal_1 and vcal_7. The relevant variable is vcal_1. It includes code T for terminations other than live births, but no distinction is made between abortions and miscarriages.

The final report includes a table that makes this distinction (table 6.15) but it is based on variable s234, which is the type of termination for the most recent pregnancy termination that was not a live birth. The cmc of that termination is given by v231. That is the ONLY termination (T) in the calendar that can be distinguished as to whether it was an abortion or a stillbirth.

If the calendar did include codes to distinguish between abortions and miscarriages--which many surveys do, typically with vcal_6--then you could do what you want, by breaking category 3 of "type" in the program into two separate categories. However, that is not possible with the India surveys.