
Subject: Re: Still Birth in India DHS-VII

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 27 Sep 2023 13:26:59 GMT

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

Are you referring to vcal_7, rather than the entire birth history? Not sure why you want to do this, but I'll sketch out how I would do it. I would select some other letter or symbol that does not appear in the calendar, for example "#". Using the regexr function, I would loop through vcal_7, 6 times should be enough, as follows:

```
for values li=1/6 {  
  regexr(vcal_7,"B","#")  
  regexr(vcal_7,"TPPPPP","#####")  
}
```

This will replace the B's with # and replace TPPPPPP (a stillbirth) with #####. You have to repeat 6 times because regexr only changes the first occurrence of the string. But, as I said, I'm not sure what this will accomplish, because vcal_7 does not include miscarriages or abortions.
