Subject: Re: Caste in NFHS-1

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The "other" category for castes/tribes in NFHS-1 includes everyone who is not a member of a scheduled caste or a scheduled tribe. This is the case for household heads, female respondents, and male respondents. The "other" category is not broken down into "OBCs" and "others" in the questionnaires for households, women, and men. There is also a category response category for "No caste." It is not possible to break out "Other backward classes" separately. Note that none of the tables in the NFHS-1 final report have a separate category for OBCs (see Tables 3.6, 3.7, 3.14, and 3.17. The text in Chapter 3 also does not make any reference to OBCs.