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Subject: Variable Verification in Zim DHS 2010-11  
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Hi All,

I think that the data in the women's questionnaire for the 436 and 437 variables (m62 and m66) variables in the Zim 2010-11 DHS dataset at the birth level have been switched. I.e. the recode manual says that 436 - did anyone check up on you before you left the facility - is supposed to be recoded as m62 and that 437 - did anyone check up on you after you left the facility - should be recoded as m66, but they are reversed in the actual data. I figured this out by checking some skip patterns in the questionnaire. For example, the qx says that "No" responses on 437 / m66 should skip down to 446. So, 442 - did the baby receive a postnatal checkup within 2 months of birth (recoded as m70) - should have all missing values for instances where m66 == 0. However, if you run `tab m70 if m66 == 0,m` you get a number of different responses BUT if you run `tab m70 if m62 == 0,m` you get all missing values, as you should get if m62 was actually variable 437, not 436. Could someone either confirm that these variables are switched for me or show me the error of my ways? :) Thanks a ton!

-Sean

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