
Subject: Revised unmet need calculation for Tanzania 2010

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Hello all,

I am trying to calculate revised unmet need for Tanzania 2010 using the survey specific code for Stata available from <http://dhsprogram.com/topics/Unmet-Need.cfm>. I have not been able to get a comparable estimate for married women to that found in the Analytical Study 25: Revising Unmet Need for Family Planning

by Bradley, Croft, Fishel, and Westoff, 2012, published by ICF International

measuredhs.com/pubs/pdf/AS25/AS25.pdf or StataCompiler (should be 25.3%). I get 22.3%.

Furthermore, when I tabulate v626 (the previous version of unmet need which is available in the Tanzania 2010 dataset) for married women I get 21.3% which also does not match the published reports. According to the revising unmet need publication, the total unmet need among currently married women is 25.3% for both the revised and original definition of unmet need.

I see in the individual recode documentation for Tanzania it says that corrections were made to the 2nd release of the data, and that the values of V626 have changed slightly due to a change in the recode program. Does anyone know what the new values should be for this variable or have any suggestions what the problem may be with calculating the revised unmet need measure?

Thanks very much!

Erin

INDIVIDUAL RECODE DATA ALERT (VERSION 63)

Corrections have been made to the Individual Recode data file (TZIR62). The changes implemented in the new version of the data (TZIR63) are as follows:

V361	values slightly changed, due to a change in the recode program.
V362	values slightly changed, due to a change in the recode program.
V624	values slightly changed, due to a change in the recode program.
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V626	values slightly changed, due to a change in the recode program.

File Attachments

1) [Revised unmet need.do](#), downloaded 1328 times
