
Subject: Re: Antenatal care utilization

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

A very useful command in Stata is "lookfor", which searches variable labels for key words. For example, if you open the IR file, MWIR7AFL.dta, which has one record per woman, and enter "lookfor visit" you will find that m14_1 through m14_6 give the number of antenatal visits. The subscripts _1 through _6 identify births, up to 6 of them, in the past 5 years. The most recent birth has subscript _1. It will be easier if you work with the KR file, which has one record per child, and think of the number of antenatal visits as a characteristic of the pregnancy or birth, rather than the woman. You will have to recode m14 into an indicator for 4+ (or 8+, which is another benchmark).

You can get a list of all the related variables with "describe m*_1". You will see that m13 is the variable for timing of the first antenatal visit. (If you use the IR file then you will have subscripts _1 through _6.)

The wealth quintiles are given by v190 in the IR and KR files. There is no pre-constructed variable or set of variables for multidimensional poverty. That would be a household-level variable. I suggest just using the wealth quintiles or the major components of the wealth quintiles. There is a great deal of information about the construction of the wealth quintiles on the forum, elsewhere on the DHS website, and in DHS methodological reports.
