Subject: Re: Timing of first postnatal checkup for the mother and new born Posted by Janet-DHS on Fri, 22 Mar 2024 20:04:54 GMT

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

The numbers in the fact sheet are supposed to be extracted from tables in the final report. They should not require any additional programming.

For indicator 46, the relevant table in the final report is table 8.22, next-to-last column, rows for urban, rural, total. The three percentages in table 8.22 are 62.4%, 60.8%, and 61.2%. These differ from the percentages in the fact sheet, which are 84.6%, 75.4%, 78.0%. The program I posted will reproduce the numbers in table 8.22. I have no idea why the percentages in the fact sheet are different.

For indicator 46, the relevant table in the final report is table 8.24, next-to-last column, rows for urban, rural, total. The three percentages in table 8.24 are 86.7%, 79.6%, and 81.6%. The percentages in the fact sheet are 85.7%, 76.5%, 79.1%. The percentages in the fact sheet are different from those in the final report, but they are close.

Indicator 74 describes treatment for fever or symptoms of ARI. In the final report, table 9.7 refers to ARI and table 9.9 refers to fever. I do not see a combined table for fever OR ARI. In table 9.7, column 3, the percentages are 55.8%, 56.1%, and 56.1%. In table 9.9, column 3, the percentages are 81.3%, 79.1%, 79.6%. We can compare these with the percentages in the fact sheet, which are 72.7%, 67.8%, and 69.0%. The fact sheet is consistent with the final report in the sense that the %s for "fever or ARI" are in between those for fever and those for ARI (for example, 72.7% is between 55.8% and 81.3%).

Indicator 74 deviates from the normal requirement that indicators in the fact sheet should link back directly and explicitly to indicators in the final report. There should have been separate indicators or fever and ARI, especially since the report shows that children are much less likely to be treated or ARI than for fever.

DHS has had no funds to support followup on the India surveys for more than two years. In that time there have been far more questions about the NFHS-5 than about any other survey. If you still have questions, you could direct them to the implementing agency, IIPS.