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Subject: Re: STUNTING AND CODE BOOKS FOR DHS SENEGAL FOR THE YEARS 2017, 2018, and 2019

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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff members, Tom Pullum:

The variables hw5, hw8, and hw11 in the KR files are never used and should have been dropped years ago. They are based on an old CDC standard for child anthropometry. They have been superseded by hw70, hw71, and hw72, respectively, which are based on the 2005 WHO Child Growth Standards.

All six of these variables are the usual z scores MULTIPLIED BY 100. They also include special codes with values such as 9998. If the label for hw70 is HW70, for example, then in Stata you enter "label list HW70" to get the labels for those special codes. You have to omit cases with special codes in figures and most of the analysis. The Guide to DHS Statistics explains more about anthropometry in DHS surveys.

The prefix "hw" is used in the KR file. The same variables appear with prefix "hc" in the PR file.

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