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Subject: Re: Data analyses on ANC, delivery and post natal care

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

If you are studying children born in the past 5 years and children for whom the health questions were asked, it is easier to use the KR file. The BR file has that information, plus some information (the "b" variables) about ALL births, but I think the KR file will meet your needs.

The variables for postnatal care of children and for mothers can be difficult to distinguish, because their labels are similar. Also, in some surveys, there are different variables for home births and facility births. I don't think that distinction was made in Chad.

In the Chad 2014-15 survey, it appears that m60-m62 describe post-natal care for the mother and m70-m72 describe post-natal care for the child. Time after delivery is m61 for the mother and m71 for the child. As you say, these are only given for the most recent birth in the past 5 years (bidx=1).

The time variables have a complex coding that includes the unit of measurement. It is described in the Guide to DHS Statistics ( <https://www.dhsprogram.com/Data/Guide-to-DHS-Statistics/index.cfm>).

Let us know if you have difficulty interpreting the codes.

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