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Subject: Re: Questions "wife beating": Missing values and district level info: NFHS 4 and 5 v/s NFHS 3

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

In this survey, 1/6 of households were selected for the interview of men. There is a variable in the HR and PR files called hv027, "household selected for male interview". In households with hv027=1, all males were interviewed. Otherwise, no males were interviewed.

In the IR and KR files, there is another variable called ssmod, "household selected for the state module". This is exactly the same as hv027. It would have been helpful if the same variable name and variable label could have been used, but that was not done.

The variables you are using are NA, or not applicable, for the women with ssmod=0. You will see this if you enter "tab v744a smod, m".

So what you are seeing is due to subsampling. The "missing" cases are actually "not applicable" cases because the women who lived in households not selected for the male interview were not asked the questions about wife beating. Your analysis must be limited to the subsample, approximately 1/6 of the total sample, in which the relevant questions were asked.