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Subject: Breastfeeding status

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Hello,

I have three small doubts.

(1) The questions on breastfeeding in the NFHS questionnaires pertain to the last birth. This last birth doesn't correspond to the one born in the 2 years before the survey, right? I'm confused because the calculations related to breastfeeding in the reports restrict the age of the last birth to the 2 years before the survey?

(2) I want to create a variable on the duration (months) of breastfeeding. For the 'never breastfed' category, how should I assign the value? Can I club it with the '0' category?

(3) Here: [https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG1/Guide\\_to\\_DHS\\_Statistics\\_DHS-8.pdf](https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG1/Guide_to_DHS_Statistics_DHS-8.pdf) on page 11.28, why don't we exclude 0 as a response from ever breastfed (it excludes 94 and 99 (is it don't know?))?

Thanks

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