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Subject: How is the "head of household" determined?  
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Hi, I had a somewhat basic question:

How is the 'head of household' identified or determined in the DHS?

The household questionnaire, for example in the Bangladesh DHS of 2011, has a household roster right at the outset, but the question appears to be posed as "relationship to the head of the household" for all the individuals, meaning the head of the household has already been determined at this stage.

The 'identification' section that precedes the actual questions has a name of the household head field. So does that mean that the person in the household who is interviewed is first asked who the head of the household is, before starting the rest of the questionnaire? Or is that page filled up only later, and the household roster filled up first?

I understand that practices may differ and be imprecise, but I'd be keen to know how it is done in Bangladesh.

Thank you very much!

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