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Subject: Re: Birth weight measurement

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 15 Dec 2014 22:39:16 GMT

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Dear User,

Here is a response from one of our data processing experts, Mr. Nouredine Abderrahim"

Quote:M19, the birth weight of children is stored in the recode data file as weight in kilograms with three implied decimals or weight in grams. Implied decimals means that to use the variable in the unit indicated in the data description file or dictionary, you need to divide the number by the number of implied decimals.

The country may elect to collect data a number of decimals other than three decimals. However, in the distributed data file, which is the recode data file, the value collected is converted into three decimals to make it comparable across surveys.

In all the surveys conducted in Malawi, the birth weight is collected either in Kilograms or in grams. No rounding was made for this value. The only explanation is that the clustering was done by the respondent when she recalled the birth weight of her child.

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