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Subject: Re: Which data file should I use for nutrition outcomes of children under 5 years of age

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I think a DHS mod will help here, but I have an ulterior motive...

1) I use the child recode too, but you may have to use the person or household member recode to get the exact numbers the DHS calculates. There is a post here with instructions and code: [http://userforum.measuredhs.com/index.php?t=tree&th=137&goto=262&#msg\\_262](http://userforum.measuredhs.com/index.php?t=tree&th=137&goto=262&#msg_262)

2) Which flags? Age flags? I would consider dropping those, since HAZ is computed including age, but there shouldn't be man. Or do you mean the 9999s or whatever you get when there is an invalid HAZ? Definitely drop those (they aren't Z-scores). Or are there some other flags you are curious about?

Unasked:

3) There are 2 different HAZs coded in the newer DHS rounds - the old CDC standards and the new WHO ones...the new WHO ones are generally better, but maybe not comparable to other studies done before 2007 or so.

4) Which determinants are you trying to estimate? This is totally a selfish question because I'm working on a methodology paper about estimating these, and you can get into some trouble estimating the determinants of HAZ if you use time-varying regressors...

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