Subject: Egypt 2008 DHS: IR data file versus OR data file Posted by catherine3h on Wed, 25 Feb 2015 20:53:34 GMT

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Hello all,

I am conducting an analysis using data from the 2005 Egypt DHS and the 2008 Egypt DHS. I want to look at overall demographics and the indicators that cover HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C during these two years. I noticed that the IR file from 2008 (N=16,527) contains the information from the women's questionnaire. It contains some health information, but no indicators related to HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C. In contrast, the OD file from 2008 (N=12,008) contains information from men and women, and it covers demographic information as well as information on HIV/AIDS and Hep. C.

Why doesn't the 2008 IR file contain information on HIV/AIDS and Hep. C? Ideally wouldn't I need this information to compare the responses from the sample of women in 2005 to the sample of women in 2008? I could stratify the 2008 OD file by gender, but this would greatly reduce the sample size.

Any help or insight on this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.
Catherine