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Subject: Malawi

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Hi,

I'm using the Malawi 2010 DHS to estimate sampling for a household survey we are designing, yet I'm puzzled by the average number of under-5 children (U5) per household (HH).

Based on the DHS:

24,825 households were interviewed

4,880 children under-5 were measured for height and weight

This gives an average household response of 0.197 children U5/HH which seems very low especially given Malawi's relative high total fertility rate (5.7).

Was some additional sampling for children done - maybe children measured in every 3rd or 5th household rather than in every household interviewed?

Thanks in advance for any insights you can provide.

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