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Subject: Duplicate variables?

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Dear All:

I am new to DHS data analysis, so please excuse what may be an overly simple question. I am using the child data from the three surveys in Ethiopia. So far, I have looked extensively only at the DHS 2010 dataset in which there seems to be duplicate variables, most of which contain the same data. However, there is one pair of variable (V415 and M38) which both seem to contain the responses to question 460 on the woman's questionnaire (Did (NAME) drink anything from a bottle with a nipple yesterday or last night?). Although the Recode Manual for DHS6 contains the same description of these two variables, the data in them are different, as demonstrated by a cross-tabulation (see attached file). Does anyone know what is the difference between the data in these two variables?

Thanks in advance for any help.

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### File Attachments

1) [Cross-tab V415 and M38.jpg](#), downloaded 1140 times

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