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Subject: Birth Variables - V212 (Tanzania 2012)

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I need to use the age at first pregnancy, however this variable V212 is not even available in the individual dataset for 2012 Tanzania. The DHS6 recode manual defines as "V212 Age of the respondent at first birth is calculated from the CMC of the date of first birth and the CMC of the date of birth of the respondent. BASE: All respondents with one or more births (V201 > 0)."

Since the birth history is given in sets of 20 variables, with the index being BIDX (ex. BIDX\_01-BIDX\_20), and Birth Order being BORD (BORD\_01-BORD\_20) with the most recent birth in the first variables \_01 and the first birth in the last variable (if 3 births the first birth would be in BORD\_03, from my understanding). This would require some complicated array processing in SAS to calculate the age of the respondent at the first birth - and to do this for each respondent. There is a variable V224 that is the number of births in the birth history). So I know I can use this somehow to determine which list to grab the first birth from.

But I wanted to check to see if there are any suggestions out there before I spend the time doing this.

Thanks

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