
Subject: Re: Alignment of vcal_1 and vcal_2 codes in the data

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Hello DHS experts,

On reading the calendar data, i understand the vcal_1 codes should align well with vcal_2 data codes. I am specifically talking about the gaps between the vcal_2 to match with vcal_1. However, it appears that the months between two discontinuations is not related to the duration of use/non-use of a contraceptive method (the misalignment) in the data. For now i am using the Uganda DHS 2011 but this problem appears to run through other DHS where vcal_1 and vcal_2 data were collected. When you browse the data, all the first codes for discontinuation are placed in the first column from right to left. For example, for a woman who stopped using a method after 7 months, should have no code for vcal_2 in the first 6 months from right and it should appear in the seventh month as you move to the left and so on. However, this code appears in the first column of Vcla_2. Clearly, the gaps are not matching with the vcal_1 data.

I have gone through a thread of reproductive calendar on this forum but have not found a solution.

Hoping for a response

Thanks

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