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Subject: Re: Feeding Practices Question

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Great thanks this is helpful! Reading through the surveys, just had a couple follow up questions to make sure I'm understanding things correctly (I apologize if I'm restating something you already answered!):

The food questions are asked of the mother for the youngest child born within the last 3 years of the interview year. Once these questions are answered, they are then attached to all children in the family of this specific child in the birth recode file. Is there a flag that identifies which child the food questions specifically pertain to? Or is my best bet just seeing who the youngest child (born in the last 3 years) is in each family, and assuming the food questions apply to this particular child?

Like you said, it seems the survey questions slightly differ based on the country and year in question. For example, the standard recode variable in the manual you linked states that v414h will be the "meat" variable. However, in Kenya, this variable does not exist. Instead, there is a v414t (which looks to be country specific) variable that combines both "meats" and "fish" and "eggs." Does this mean I can't entirely rely on the recode manual to have consistent food responses for the food variables they do list, and that I'll have to go through the documentation of each country to ensure that I'm grabbing the correct variables? I'm creating a dietary diversity indicator, so I'm more looking at how many different food groups a child is getting.

Thanks for your help!

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