Subject: Re: Feeding Practices Question

Posted by Liz-DHS on Fri, 30 Oct 2015 20:13:33 GMT

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Dear User.

Here is a response from our Nutrition Expert, Dr. Monica Kothari and Data Processing expert, Mr. Noureddine Abderrahim:

Quote: Please note that IYCF questions are asked only for the youngest child living with the mother who is less than 2 years old. Therefore, you can only get the dietary intake response for one child in the family, who is the youngest, and living with the mother. Unfortunately, there is no single variable that marks the child as being the youngest living with the mother. You will have to find it by looking at the children born to the mother (Children who have the same mother's identification (same CASEID, I hope you had a chance to browse through the documentation and particularly the DHS Recode Manual)) and living with the mother (recode variables B5 and B9), starting with the last one (which is the first child included in the list (BIDX)) and going back.

- There are standard dietary recode variables in DHS (please see attached), but we always recommend to review the country questionnaire food list and see if all the food items have been captured in the recode. Also, if a dietary food item is not asked in the standard DHS way, it gets recoded as a country specific code and for analysis you want to make sure that you have included that in the analysis.
- In old DHS surveys, meat, fish, and eggs were asked in the same question so they cannot be separated in the analysis. If this person is looking at the old Kenya survey then they cannot be separated. In the recent DHS surveys eggs, organ meats, and other meats have a separate recode.
- It is highly recommended to review the dietary questions asked in the country before the analysis.
- Below is the list of standard variables used, in DHS 5 and 6, to define the indicators Infant and Young Children Feeding practices (IYCF). This list is a subset of the already posted list of the variables foods given in the last 24 hours in addition to the variable M39 (number of feedings):

Dietary Variables (for DHS V and DHS VI):

Plain water v409
Juice or juice drinks v410
Soup v413a
Milk (tinned, powdered, fresh) 411

Infant formula v411a
Any other liquids v414a
Yogurt v414a

Any brand of cereal, fortified baby food v412a

Bread, rice, noodles v412b

Pumpkin, carrots, squash yellow or orange inside v414i

While potatoes, white yams, cassava etc v414f Any dark green leafy vegetables v414j Ripe mangoes, ripe papayas v414k Any other fruits or vegetables v414l Liver, kidney, heart, or other organs v414m Any meat, beef, pork etc v414h

Eggs v414q Fresh or dried fish v414g Beans and lentils v414o

Cheese or other foods made from milk v414p Any foods made with oil, fat, or butter v414q

Any snake, snail, frog, rat, insect v414b (country specific) Any sugary foods such as pastry, cakes, chocolates, v414r (DHS V)

Any other solid, semi-solid, or soft food? v414s

Number of times variable m39

File Attachments

1) IYCF reference table.doc, downloaded 780 times