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Subject: Re: Abortion section

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Dear User,

Country specific variables normally begin with the letter "S" and have the same question number as in the questionnaire. For example in Armenia DHS 2010, the woman's questionnaire has Q209A which asks about the number of abortions the woman has had (this is what I meant about the count). The Country Specific variable would then be S209A in the recode file. It would most likely be different in every other survey containing this type of information because the questions numbers would be different. The variable doesn't count the number of abortions. The number in S209A is used as the number of abortions she has had. I don't think you can determine definitively which of the terminations in the calendar are abortions, miscarriages, or stillbirths. Some surveys ask information about all three but I don't think you can definitely determine between the calendar and the country specific variable. That is why it is a country specific variable. When the data is distributed, we normally have a Word document which is distributed with the data. This document should contain all the country specific variables along with their descriptive label. Hope this helps to clarify.

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